

Enchroachment causes man-elephant conflict



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The cause of men-elephant on the Indo Bhutan area is enchroachment of forest land. This was observed by Rihan Daimary State Minister PHE, Food and Civil Supply at Panery Durga Mandir premises on Wednesday. More than 50 persons died in the attack of wild elephants on the Indo Bhutan area in [Udalguri](#) district during the period of 2014 [2016](#) till date. Six persons were killed this year itself.

To pay the ex-gratia to the [victims](#) families the Dhansri Forest Division of [Udalguri](#) held a cheque distribution meeting at the Panery Durga Mandir today. Madhurjya Sarma the DFO presided in the meeting. Attending in the minister Rihan Daimary said that the main cause of man-elephant conflict is encroachment of forest land. Such encroachment destroyed the forest land and deforestation occurred. He said that the department must take necessary action to evade the forest land. He requested the department to arrange awareness programme in context of forestation [as](#) to provide fodder to wild jumbos and thereby minimize the casualties. More than 30 victim families were given cheques of one lakh each [as](#) ex-gratia [compensation](#) and 15 to 20 thousands cheques were distributed among the injured persons. The persons whose Crops were damaged and houses vandalized will be paid compensation [soon](#). DFO Sarma said that more 400 hector bighas land is encroached in Bornodi [Wildlife](#) Sanctuary and 1660 bighas land is encroached in Khalingduwar reserve forest. Many nature loving persons were present in the meeting.

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