

Injured python treated at Kalaigaon PS



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An Indian python with serious head injury was rescued by a few nature loving villagers near Kalaigaon on February 19. The injured python (7 feet 7 inches long, weighing 8 kg) was brought to Kalaigaon Police Station for treatment before handing over to forest officials in the evening. According to information a group of minor boys had seen the reptile on a tree at Rupatol village at 2 PM. Mistaking it to be a monitor lizard, they attacked the python with catapults causing head injury. The boys were about to kill it. Fortunately a few nature loving villagers of Majorchuba namely- Phatik Sargiary (45) and Udai Sahari (32) had arrived at the spot and carried the injured python to the house of one Sasti Ram Boro before informing Chandra Hazarika, the Gaonburah. The matter was also reported to Dinomani Das, Circle Officer, Kalaigaon Revenue Circle and In-charge of Kalaigaon Police Station. Later the injured python was brought to Kalaigaon Police Station, where necessary veterinary treatments were given in the evening. Several doses of antibiotics and pain killer were injected in presence of forest officials. Jayanta Kumar Das, Member Secretary, Barnadi Wildlife Sanctuary Monitoring Committee was also present at the time of treatment. This had been the first case of treatment of a python in the area. The python was later handed over to Bharat Deka, a forest official at 7 PM to be released in the Khalingduar Reserve Forest.

Nature loving people of Kalaigaon have expressed satisfaction at the safe rescue of the python and thanked Habibur Rahman, Officer-Incharge Kalaigaon Police Station for his timely action in rescuing it. It needs mention that unabated destruction of forest has rendered most of the reptiles and birds homeless causing untold damage to ecology in Udalguri district.

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