

Tragic death of an Indian wild Gaur



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Frequent deaths of wild animals in the state has been a growing concern for the nature loving people. The causes of deaths had been- reckless driving of trucks and trains, illegal poaching, poisoning by villagers living near reserve forests and accidental deaths caused by forest officials etc. Such an incident occurred on October 6 in Udalguri district when a tranquilized male Indian wild Gaur in the process of its rescue operation. The animal was spotted at Daflapota near Gelabil (Orang) on October 4. Hundreds of fun making villagers started chasing the innocent wild animal who had strayed away either from Bhutan and Arunachal Pradesh jungles. A team of experts from CWRC (Conservation of Wildlife and Rehabilitation Centre) Kaziranga NP under WTI (Wildlife Trust of India) arrived, at the request of Bankim Sarma, DFO, Dhansiri Forest Division, Udalguri on October 6. The exhausted and empty stomached wild animal finally took shelter at Betali TE near Mazbat where it was tranquilized by Dr. Anil Deka of CWRC, Kaziranga NP. Five people including Dr. Deka got injury in the process of rescuing the animal. The animal was arranged to be released at Sikaridanga in Bhairabkunda Reserve Forest on October 7. But it breathed its last before regaining sense. Environmentalists said that the animal was too weak, exhausted and empty stomached at the time of tranquilizing. They also appeal people not to chase away or disturb wild animals coming out to locality in search of food.

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