

Two more wild elephant calves died in Udalguri



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The unnatural death of two more wild elephant calves in a single night at two different places in Udalguri district have caused serious concern among nature loving people of the district. Interestingly both the calves had to die due to human activities. The three months old male wild elephant breathed its last at section No.26 of Coramore tea garden from falling into a deep tea garden treanch laid by garden management for prohibiting wild elephants' entry in to the tea gardens. In the other incident another 18 months old male wild elephant was found dead in a field on the bank of Bhola river near Bongurum Reserve Forest last night. Eye witnesses said the calf was bleeding profusely from its mouth and anus suggesting consumption of poison.

Frequent deaths of wild elephants have now been a serious concern in the district. According to a nature loving people,insurgency infested Udalguri district had been paid less attention by BTC authority. Major environmental NGOs too have stopped working deep inside the forest due to insurgency and extortion as alleged by a few environmental workers. In the mean time unabated destruction of forest in Khalingduar Reserve Forest has too been causing destruction of green cover in the district. Small numbers of untrained and aged forest personnel too have been responsible for the loss of flora and fauna. Deployment of more young trained forest officers only would be able to work successfully,what common people feel.

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