

Nongin chicks hatch at 2nd Sangai home

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Imphal, November 11 2011: Two Nongin chicks have hatched at the captive breeding facility installed inside the Sangai second home at Langol. Meanwhile, Manipur Pollution Control Board Chairman MLA E Dwijamani has handed over a male Nongin to Manipur Zoological Garden today. The male Nongin was bought by MLA Dwijamani at Rs 1000 from Phumlen Pat where it was found caught. Though Nongin (Mrs Hume Pheasant) is a State bird, it has become a very rare species in Manipur. Once it was considered that Nongins had disappeared completely from the State. Manipur Zoological Garden Director S Dhananjoy said that the zoo has a pair of Nongins. Saying that two male Nongins cannot be kept together, Dhananjoy iterated that the male Nongin handed over by MLA Dwijamani would be kept in Nongin captive breeding farm inside the Sangai second home.

The captive breeding farm has 11 Nongins and one female has hatched two chicks. Another female is completing its incubation period soon, Dhananjoy said. Informing that the Central Zoo Authority has identified Manipur Zoological Garden as a medium zoo, the Director said that an enclosure for keeping Rhinoceros would be constructed soon. Moreover, five Emus presented KVK Hembung have been already brought to the zoo.



A Nongin at the captive breeding centre