

Wild life awareness campaign held

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Imphal, December 24 2011: Chief Wild Life Warden Dr Anil informed that head count of Sangais inhabiting in Keibul Lamjao National Park would be started soon. Dr Anil was speaking at an awareness campaign for promoting wild life protection organised by Wild Life Wing of Forest Department in collaboration with local clubs held at Phoubakchao Awang Leikai Muslim Community Hall today. He maintained that according to the Wild Life Institute of India, around 100 Sangais are inhabiting in the park. Highlighting that Forest Department is not the only responsible body of the park, the Chief Warden further mentioned on the importance of promoting the lifestyle of peoples inhabiting around the park. In the campaign, Dr Kh Samungo and Principal Kumbi College K Jugeshwor who were attended the campaign as resource persons spoke on the necessities of protecting Sangai as well as lake dwellers of the region. Act and rules on Wild Life protection were also explained properly to the participants by Deputy Conservator of Forest Park and Sanctuary L Jaykumar. As a part of the campaign, a fisherman, who was also engaged in hunting wild animals in the national park, appealed the people of the region to stop butchering wild animal and birds as it could compromise the ecology of the park and surrounding areas. The campaign also lauded Dr Samungou for selecting him as Dear Specialist by IUCN. Attended by Pradhan of Phoubakchao and Komlakhong gram panchayats Md Jeimul Abedin and A Sandhyarani as guests of honour, Forest Department also distributed blankets to the old age people of the area. Sangai Protection Forum and Wild Life Wing also organised a cycle rally under the theme as Save Sangai from Keibul Lamjao National Park to Phoubakchao Mayai Leikai.