

Jumbos crushed to death by train



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HOJAI: Four full grown wild jumbos died a [tragic](#) death when a speeding train rammed into a herd of wild elephants in Hojai on Saturday sending huge shock and anger across the [state](#).

The incident took place in the evening at Hawaijan area where the (Guwahati)bound passenger train from Silchar rammed into a herd of wild elephants as it crossed the railway tracks.

The hit was so massive that a few compartments of the train jumped out off the [rails](#). But there was no report of injury to the passengers.

Another elephants is said to have been battling with death after it sustained serious injury in the incident.

"As I was walking on the road I came to hear a queer sound which mingled with the noise of the moving train. Half an hour later I got to know it. Tragic indeed," said Rajani [Das](#), a local resident.

"I [don](#)'t have proper word right now since the full grown jumbos were moving in search of food as they were crossing the tracks. I am utterly shocked. We are quite inefficient event to protect the wild elephants," said Divya Thousan, a wild life activist.

Local residents here blamed it all on the forest department for failing to [follow](#) these elephants. "I would blame the forest department since they could have followed the elephants. These incidents could have been averted," said Tezaul Haque.

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