

Udalguri wildlife activist to be awarded



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[Wildlife](#) activist Rajen Boro of [Bhutiachang](#) in [Udalguri](#) district has been selected for the 1st Bijoy [Krishna](#) Handique Memorial [Award](#) for leadership in wildlife conservation instituted by [Development](#) Foundation of Assam (DFA). The objective of the [award](#) is to honour the unsung heroes from different parts of NE region who have selflessly contributed towards carrying out wildlife conservation activities. The selection panel constituted by DFA decided to confer the [award](#) to Rajen Boro in view of his significant role in mitigating man-elephant conflict through [community](#) mobilization, collaboration with local youth, administration in various parts of [Udalguri](#) district, particularly in [Bhutiachang](#) area under the programme "Elephants on the Line" during 2014-16.

It may be mentioned that [Udalguri](#) district has been vulnerable to man-elephant conflict resulting in the loss of 89 people and 40 wild elephants during last seven years, which is among the highest in Asia for a single district. The award carries a [trophy](#), citation and a cash entitlement of rupees one lac. It will be conferred at a ceremony at ITA, Machkhowa, Guwahati on July 30, commemorating the second death [anniversary](#) of former union Minister BK Handique.

People of [Udalguri](#) have expressed satisfaction at the selection of Rajen Boro of the district for wildlife conservation.

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