Padmashri Jadav Payeng

The story of my life











Forest Man of India











The President of India will confer the decoration of Padma Shri

at an Investiture Ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi on Wednesday, April 08, 2015 at 1130 hrs.

> The presence of The Jadar Peyang

is requested for receiving the Award.

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Payeng to explain to the world: How green has his island been

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ON September 24, among the 900 specialists who would assemble at the seventh global conference of the international forum for sustainable development at Evian in France, a man from Assam who spent his days planting trees for the past 33 years is expected to steal the limelight.

Jadav Payeng, who grew a 1300-acre forest at an isolated sandbar of Brahmaputra river in Jorhat district, has been invited to the global conference to be held from September 22 to 24 to present his views on his singlehandedly created forest.

Payeng, popularly known as



A file photo of Jadav Payeng.

Mulai, would leave for Paris on September 17 with Jitu Kalita, credited with giving exposure to the man who created the now-famous "Mulai Kathoni" (Mulai forest).

Speaking to Seven Sisters

Post, Kalita said that Payeng has been invited to participate as a special guest speaker at the conference. "The conference has been organised under the patronage of the representation in France of the European Commission," he said.

Along with Payeng, Kalita too has been invited to participate in the conference. The conference, initiated in 2007, connects major leaders and thinkers to implement initiatives with a positive social and environmental impact. The conference also serves as a communication channel between opinion leaders, businesses, experts, NGOs and the media.

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Payeng to explain...

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Payeng started work on the land at the sandbar in 1979 after a scheme was launched at that time by the social forestry division of the district, involving the planting of trees on only 200 hectares.

After completion of the project after five years, Payeng stayed on and single-handedly looked after the trees. He continued to plant more seeds and saplings in the forest, which eventually expanded to 550 hectares.

The forest has now become so thick that it is now habitat to four tigers, three rhinos and more than a hundred deer, rabbits and apes. "There are several varieties of birds in the forest and a herd of about 100 elephants is known to visit the place every year for six months," said Payeng.

Payeng is, however, a bit concerned about the recent killing of a rhino in the forest. "Considering the remoteness of the place, animals in the forest fall easy prey to poachers. I hope that the government would take steps to control poaching in the forest," he said.

Payeng was recently honoured by the Jawaharlal Nehru University in recognition for his efforts, which also conferred the title "Forest Man of India" on him. Payeng was also given an award for his contributions to the conservation of environment by former President Abdul Kalam in Mumbai in July this year.



























হাতী-মানুহৰ সংঘাত





''বনাঞ্চলৰ পৰা হাতী ওলাই অহা সমস্যা ৰোধ কৰিবলৈ হাতীৰ বসতিপ্ৰধান এলেকাত কলগছ, ঔটেঙা, বাঁহ আদিকে ধৰি হাতীয়ে খাদ্য হিচাবে গ্ৰহণ কৰা বিভিন্ন গছৰ পুলি প্ৰচুৰ পৰিমাণে ৰোপণ কৰাটো অত্যন্ত জৰুৰী।"

> যাদৱ পায়েং অৰণ্য মানৱ

ঘন বসতিপূৰ্ণ ঠাইত হঠাৎ বনৰীয়া হাতীৰ মুক্ত বিচৰণ পৰিলক্ষিত হ'লে কি কৰিব ?

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- জুই দেখুওৱাই, ফটকা ফুটাই হাতীক ভয় খুওৱাৰ পৰা বিৰত থাকক
- তৎকালীনভাৱে বন বিভাগৰ লোকক খবৰ দিয়ক
- শীঘ্ৰে নিৰাপদ ঠাইত আশ্ৰয় লওক
- লাঠী, জোং অথবা যি কোনো সামগ্রী গালৈ দলিয়াই হাতী খেদিবলৈ চেষ্টা নকৰিব
- জুম বান্ধি কোলাহলৰ সৃষ্টি নকৰিব
- উৰা বাতৰি প্ৰচাৰ নকৰিব









The big story of a small man



Jadav Molai Payeng is a highly capable person born in a nomadic tribe of Assam. Born in 1963, he is working as a forest worker since the age of 16 years. Once, large number of snakes died in the flood of Brahmaputra River flowing by the village. As a preventive measure, Molai planted 20 bamboo plantlets. In 1979, the local Social Forestry Department began a social aforestation project on 200 hectares of land. 'Molai' was one of the few forest workers who were looking after that project. Molai continued to plant the trees even after completion of the project. As a result of his continuous work of planting and caring for the trees, the barren area witnessed the forest cover over the 1360 acres.

Today, this jungle in Kokilamukh of Jorhat district of Assam is the result of the hard work for 30 years. He has been awarded with the prestigious 'Padmashree' award by government of India for this unparallel work. Now, it is well known as 'Molai Jungle'. Many people come together to destroy the forest, but a single person, if determined, can establish a new forest!

Environmental Conservation and Biodiversity

Most harmful effect of the environmental pollution occurs on the living organisms.

Have you seen some examples of this in your grants on the living organisms.









