

Lightening Incident on March 4th 2008 in Sagar-Bakanje

Incident



It was around 3 o'clock, all the students of Sagar Bakanje left for home after taking their final exam. Teachers were examining the students answer sheet in office. People of Sagar Bakanje were gathered at the monastery where Daki's last funeral was being done. And Jangbu was preparing his brother's, who died in India, funeral there at the same time. Out of the blue, rain and thunder started and after few minute lightening started. First it took place in the forest of the lower Goyum, second time it had taken place just 12 m below the late teacher Jangbu's house which killed him on the spot and injured many people of Sagar Bakanje Village. After that it took place 500 m below Jangbu's house and last it had taken place in Sagar Danda Village which caused the lot of distruction, killing two goats and injured many people in Sagar Danda. It also damaged both eyes of Bujuli Basnet's wife, she can't see now. It also damaged 3 houses completely and several house partly in Sagar Danda. Lightening took place the day before as well but no harm.

Cause of the destruction

There was mismanagement of the electric wiring at the houses and it caused the additional destruction. There was no fuse connected in the house no earthen. Naked wire was touched with live tree and in the surface of the earth. When lightening was taking place current followed through wire to all the houses and blasted the bulb, tube and plug, and caught the people by current. It might be the reason that brought great disaster.

When lightening was taking place, Late Jangbu was just standing in his kitchen house where electricity plug was exploded by uncontrollable electricity power and killed him.

Superstitious believe



Doing funeral in this Monastery was unusual and most probably it was the first time that they were doing funeral in Monastery. So, People believe that god of the Sagar-Bakanje monetary was unsatisfied with these activities and brought the disaster in the village. Another interesting story is that Daki was just passed away when Dumji was supposed to be started and according to the religion it is believed to be inauspicious dying someone in the village when holy festival starts. So they had to adjourn the date of Dumji festival for next month which they can't as it has fixed date of starting. Second time Jangbu's brother died but they continued the festival as it was already started.

Jangbu used to perform ritual dance in the Dumji wearing one of the god masks. When he was performing in the yard of the monastery Dawa's Sister Kami Kanchhi, mad girl, came with stick hit the mask and broke down it in to piece. Late Jangbu was very much disappointed after that. So people believe that this all because god was unsatisfied.

Woman whose lost her eyesight



This woman is Dansari Basnet, wife of Bejuli Basnet. Her both eyes have been damaged in lightening incident. She can hardly recognize things which very close but can't see the distance. She has been eye hospital for treatment but no avail. Now she is taking rest at home. She was advised by doctor that her eye won't be better as in side root has been damaged and it can be recovered again.

Excusatory Puja

Village People held the excusatory Puja in the monastery for mistake. They had collected the money from all the villagers and held the excusatory puja in the present of Lama of Serlo Gumba.

Condition of Sagar-Bakanje electricity

Electricity of the Sagar Bakanje was damaged by lightening. Electricity operator doesn't know which of the generator was damaged. Management Committee of this electricity held a meeting and concluded the meeting with decision of bringing a high level technician from electricity authority office Kathmandu to repair it. But until now nobody has taken initiation for that. Villager put all the wire off from the houses

Compensation for Late Jangbu's family

Late Jangbu was partly deployed by election commission (EC) of Solukhumbu for the voter education of constituent assembly that was held on April 10, 2008. He was insured the value of Rs.1.000.000 by EC. So, his dead body was taken to the Phaplu hospital for medical examination. After the examination, hospital forwarded the report to the EC. His wife has applied for the insurance to the insurance company through EC.