

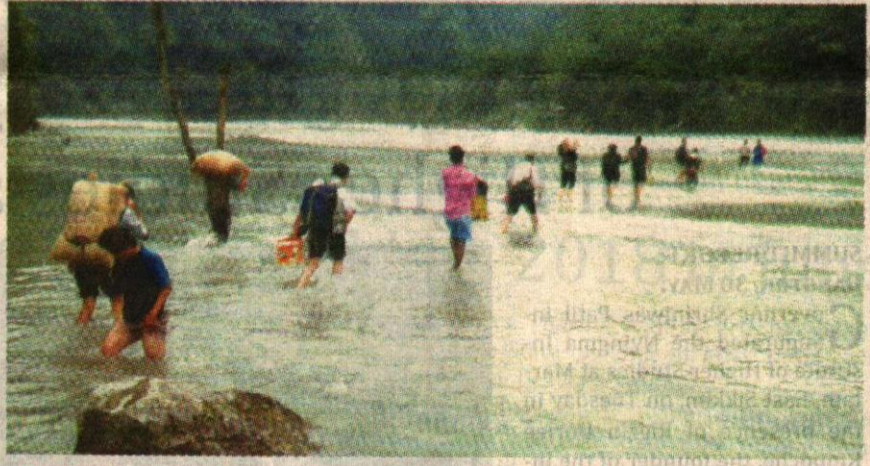
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Rainfall damages Mantam bridge, motor boats pressed into service

**WANGCHUK BHUTIA
DZONGU, 30 MAY:**

Due to heavy rainfall since last few days at Mantam, the bamboo bridge had been partially damaged by huge wooden logs carried downstream by high speed current of the Rongyong river. The bamboo bridge could have been repaired by now however due to excess rainfall and strong water current at Mantam lake, workers are facing difficulties in restoring the bridge, the SDM Dzongu informed.

As such the District Administration, in order to ease the burden, has started using motor boats at Mantam lake. As per directions from the higher authorities the timing of boat service shall be from morning 8 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. Beyond the scheduled time the boat shall



Residents wading through Mantam lake in order to reach the sliding bridge to cross over. With a slight pause in rain today in Upper Dzongu, the water level reduced, making it impossible for motor boats to ferry people. The sliding bridge was earlier submerged. To avoid this adventure will require people to undertake a 3 hour trek from Ruklu Kayam to cross Rongyong river to reach the cut off left bank villages.

not be put to service considering the bad weather conditions and strong water current at Mantam lake at present.

However, in case of medical emergency at night one can contact the following phone numbers:

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| Tshering | Dor- | Guard) 9083510487 |
| jee Bhutia [SDM Dzongu | 9434409281, | Lhakey Sherpa (Home Guard) 8001759007. |
| 9083414429 | | It is also informed |
| Lalit Subbha (QRT) | 8370870846 | that the labourers engaged in the construction of Foot Suspension Bridge at Mantam who |
| Mangal Subba (Home Guard) 8116007715 | | turn to pg02 |
| Buddha Subba (Home | | |

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were stranded on the left bank of Mantam lake since the last two days have been ferried to the right bank of Mantam lake on a rubber boat to expedite the work.