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**PRESS NOTE**

A 1.95 mtrs. male crocodile, which lost its way and entered a pond in the Ograbraj village was captured by the Forest official of Tushnabad Range on the night of 14.07.2019 evening. The reptile had entered into the pond of Shri M.V.Babu, R/o.Ograbraj on 12.07.2019 and was causing panic among the residents/ villagers.

The owner of the pond when noticed some movement under water and upon realizing that it was a crocodile, informed the Forest Department. On getting information, the Forest Department swung into action and immediately dispatched a team led by Shri Jainal Abdin, Range Officer, Tushnabad, Anand Prakash Tirkey, Head Forest Guard, Shri P.K.Mohammed Shafique, Forest Guard and other workers to the spot to ensure villagers as well as the reptile's safety. The team immediately placed traps with dead chicken as bait in the pond and finally on the night of 14.07.2019, it got captured in the trap. With the help of wildlife personnel, the crocodile was safely shifted to the Biological Park, Chidiyatapu on the next day for providing further care.

  
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