

MANAGEMENT LESSON: THEORY 'ASN'
The Fifth Lesson: Asoma Susoma Nirupoma

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The obstacle in the path of Assamese People.

In ancient times, there was a tribal King named Jungal Balahu in middle part of Assam. His capital was in Jungal Balahu Garh near Raha, in Nagaon district. The subjects of Jungal Balahu became lethargic but used to criticize the king for poor condition of roads and other amenities every day. One day the King placed a boulder on a roadway. Then he hid himself nearby and watched to see if anyone would remove the big boulder to make the road free for movement of people and vehicle. Some of the king's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it. Many loudly blamed the King for not keeping the roads clear, but none did anything about getting the stone out of the way.

Then a peasant came along carrying a load of vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to move the stone to the side of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded. After the peasant picked up his load of vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the King indicating that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway. The peasant learned what many of us never understand. The middle-class Assamese people always criticize the Government and think that everything is the responsibility of the Government and they don't have to do anything for society. But obstacles in the path of Assamese society is to be removed by people and Government can't do everything for them. If the Assamese people realize it from the story of the poor peasant on day most of the problems of Assamese society will vanish.