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**Lightning kills
woman in
Lingmoo**

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NAMCHI, April 19: A 42-year-old woman was struck to death by a lightning Tuesday afternoon at Lingmoo, Namchi District during an intense spell of thunderstorm.

The victim, Romila Chettri, had been immediately taken to Singtam hospital after the incident which took place at around 1:30 pm. However, she was declared brought dead at the hospital.

According to authorities, the woman was in the kitchen when lightning occurred near her house. The village panchayat reported to the district authorities about the incident.

The incident took place due to thundering and lightning, more details are further awaited, said Namchi DC M. Bharani Kumar. He would be visiting the village tomorrow.

If the death is confirmed due to natural calamity, the family members would be handed ex-gratia as per norms.