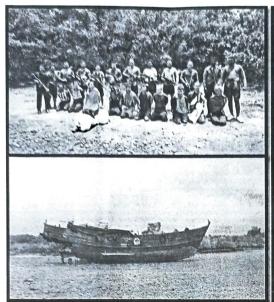
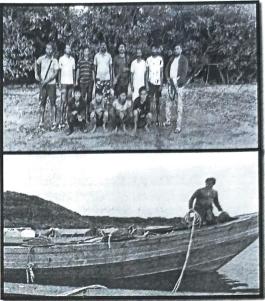
PRESS RELEASE

MASSIVE ANTI-POACHING OPERATION LAUNCHED BY A&N POLICE: 14 POACHERS APPREHENDED





Acting on credible intelligence inputs, the Andaman & Nicobar Police launched a large-scale anti-poaching operation on 24/08/2025 to curb illegal poaching activities in the vulnerable areas of the North & Middle Andaman district.

Dedicated teams from Police Stations Diglipur, Kalighat, Mayabunder, personnel of LOPs, staff from IRBn, PMF, APU etc. were swiftly mobilized and deployed to conduct intensive combing operations across sensitive forest areas and vulnerable coastal belts, with the primary objective of dismantling organized poaching networks operating in the region.

During the sustained search operations, the teams achieved a significant breakthrough by apprehending 14 Myanmarese poachers from the dense jungles of Nappi Ghope. In addition, the teams seized two engine-powered dinghies and approximately 550 kg of sea cucumbers, thereby crippling the poachers' logistics, mobility, and capacity for the illegal exploitation of marine wealth. The search and combing operations are still ongoing in the remote forested stretches of N&MA District to ensure that no remnants of these poaching groups remain undetected and that the fragile marine and forest ecosystems of the region are comprehensively safeguarded.

These successive and meticulously planned actions underscore the unwavering commitment of A&N Police towards protecting fragile marine ecosystems, preserving ecological balance, and curbing the unlawful exploitation of natural resources. The operation has been done in close coordination with other coastal security stakeholders like A&N Command, Forest Dept. Fishermen communities etc.

The A&N Police reiterates its zero-tolerance policy towards illegal poaching and exploitation of marine resources and assures the public of

continued vigilance and strict enforcement to safeguard the Islands' unique biodiversity.

The general public is requested to pass and share any credible information pertaining to any crime or illegal activities to their nearest Police Station or over phone No.100, 112 & 03192-273344. The identity of the informers will be kept secret and will also be suitably rewarded.

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