

प्रभागीय वन अधिकारी का कार्यालय

दक्षिण अण्डमान, विम्बर्लीगंज

**OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER  
SOUTH ANDAMAN, WIMBERLYGUNJ**

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**PRESS NOTE**

Acting on a tipoff, the Forest Officials of South Andaman Division conducted a search in the house of Mr.Raghunath Prasad, S/o. Late Ram Avatar Prasad, R/o.Nayabasthi on 07.10.2019 and found about 0.5317 cbm.(19 pieces) hand sawn timber of padauk species collected from illegal source. As he failed to produce any valid documents for the timber, he was arrested for violation of the provisions of Indian Forest Act, 1927 and later released on bail.

The team was led by Mr. Ismale Kujur, Range Officer, Mannarghat and assisted by the Forester Shri Abdul Gafoor, Forest Guards Mr. Abdul Saleem, Rakesh Ram, Neelamani and a Police Constable Tameemun Sidique and other forest workers.

The Divisional Forest Officer, South Andaman has, further, appealed to the general public to pass on credible information pertaining to illegal activities related to forest & wildlife over phone No.256178(Mobile Squad), 255344(Mannarghat Range), 224540 (Tushnabad Range), 287336(Manglutan Range), 252334(Garacharma Range), 281585(Jirkatang Range) & 255228(Divisional Office). The identity of the informer will be kept secret.

Divisional Forest Officer,  
South Andaman.

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