

**PRESS NOTE**  
**“Forest Offence detected by the Forest team”**

On a credible information received at Range Office, Mobile Squad on 03.02.2024 regarding occurrence of a forest offence inside the Jirkatang RF area, a team of Mobile Squad comprising Shri Uttam Kumar Mistry, Forest Guard, Shri Keshabananda Ganguly, Forest Guard, Shri Paul Mark, Mazdoor, Shri Ganesh Sahoo, Mazdoor and two DRMs was constituted and pressed into search operation for detection of the Forest Offence. The team carried out intensive search in the suspected area and found a fresh Machan, 17 pieces (0.4815 cbm) of hand sawn Padauk timber and a 6” pit saw from the spot. Though the offenders could not be apprehended, a case has been registered under relevant sections of IFA, 1927 and investigation is on to nab the offenders.

In another instance, the Forest officials of Mobile Squad, Wimberlygunj, acting on a tip off, seized a fresh dug out portion of timber with the frame work of a dinghy concealed near the bank of Malapuram Nallah, Mannarghat on 01.02.2024. However, no offenders were found on the spot. A case has been registered under relevant sections of Indian Forest Act, 1927 and is under investigation. This was possible due to the hard work and concerted efforts of the Forest officials namely Shri John William, Range Officer, Shri Uttam Kumar Mistry, Forest Guard, Shri Keshabananda Ganguly, Forest Guard, Shri Paul Mark, Mazdoor, Shri Ganesh Sahoo, Mazdoor and two DRMs.

The Divisional Forest Officer, South Andaman has requested the general public to pass credible information on Forest & Wildlife offence if noticed in their locality in the Phone Nos. 256178, 252334, 255344, 224540, 287336 and 281585. The identity of the informer will not be disclosed.