SSB seized 05 nos. Deer Musk and 01 Boa Snake in Gangtok (Sikkim)

New Delhi- (09 January, 2018) – Sashastra Seema Bal has foiled attempt of wildlife smugglers on 08.01.2018. Based on an specific input a operation was conducted by the joint teams of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) and Forest Department, Gangtok (Sikkim) at Tadong, Gangtok (Sikkim) at around 1930 hrs on 08.01.2018 and seized 05 Nos. of Deer Musk (Kasturi) and an endangered four feet long Boa Snake alongwith three apprehensions. The details of apprehended persons are as follows:-


All three apprehended persons hails from Mangan (North Sikkim) and Preliminary Interrogation have revealed that all apprehended persons are of suspicious backgrounds indulging in illegal activities.
Deer musk is a substance with a persistent odour, obtained from the gland of the male deer. The substance has been extensively used as a perfume fixative, incense material and medicines since ancient times. It was and still is one of the most expensive animal products in the world. Killing for musk has made the Musk Deer an endangered species.

Whereas, Sand Boa snakes have many unfounded social beliefs attributed to them because of their double-headed appearance such as, bringing good luck, curing AIDS etc. It is a protected species under Schedule IV of Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 of India.
All three apprehended persons along with seized wildlife items have been handed over to Forest Authorities, Gangtok (Sikkim).

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