

Three held for trading sand boas and snake venom

Police Station - Local Crime Branch

District - Satara.

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Brief Fact :

The Satara police have arrested three persons in connection with the illegal possession of two sand boa snakes and snake venom on Saturday. According to the crime branch officials, the two snakes are estimated to be worth rupees 1 crore to 50 lakhs and snake venom worth rupees 1 lakh for 1 ml in the international market and in great demand.

Arrested have been identified as Vinod Vijay Raut age 26 resident Kawdewadi Tal. Koregaon Dist. Satara, Sagar Ravindra Sathe age 26 resident Bhawpur Tal. Haweli Dist. Pune, Rohit Arjun Kayangude age 21 resident Sultanpur Tal. Wai Dist. Satara. Based on the received information that the three will be arriving with the snakes and snake venom at Molach Odha dist. Satara, a team of crime branch laid a trap and arrested the suspects.

The snakes belonged to sand boa species commonly known as Mandul in the local parlance. It is a non-venomous snake protected under schedule IV of the Wild Life Act of 1972 and trading in it is illegal.

