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Red sanders worth Rs 1 crore seized

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red sanders smuggling racket was busted and four culprits were arrested from different locations in the city on Thursday. Task Force police also seized 2.5 tonne of red sanders worth Rs 1 crore from their possession.

Task Force police arrested N Radha Krishna (40), a realtor from Ameerpet, K Chandra

(34), a driver from Anantapur in Andhra Pradesh, N Chennaiah (25), a junior artist from Panjagutta, and Ram Sevak Kumar (32), a watchman from Bihar.

Krishna and Chandra, both natives of Anantapur, had transported red sanders logs from Lankamalla reserve forest in Kadapa to Pedda Shapur in Rangareddy, Hyderabad police commissioner Anjani Kumar, said. The red sanders logs were hidden in Ram Sevak's room. He is a watchman at a farmhouse at Pedda Shapur.

Task Force team nabbed Krishna, Chandra and Chennaiah at Panjagutta when they were waiting to meet a customer to show samples of red sanders. Based on their confession, the cops raided Ram Sevak's room and seized red sanders logs. Krishna spent about Rs 10 lakh on purchase and transportation of 118 red sanders logs from Kadapa to Hyderabad, Task Force inspector S Raghavendra said.

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