Ivory Probably of Chitwan Park Nepal Origin Seized from Champaran Border

- DRI seizes over 19 kg elephant ivory in West Champaran, Bihar, near Indo-Nepal Border in a joint operation with Bihar State Police; four persons apprehended

- ***Joint Operation:*** *Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), in coordination with Bihar State Police, seized* ***19.39 kg of elephant ivory*** *and arrested four persons on 25 November 2026.*
- ***Location:*** *West Champaran district, Bihar, near the Indo-Nepal border.*
- ***Operation:*** *Acting on intelligence, officers intercepted four persons travelling on two two-wheelers. One suspect was carrying a bag containing elephant ivory. All four were apprehended after attempting to flee and resisting officers.*
- ***Legal Provisions:*** *Ivory was seized under the* ***Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972****.*
- ***Wildlife Protection:*** *Elephants are listed under Schedule I of the Act and Appendix I of CITES. International trade in elephant ivory is prohibited.*
- ***Significance:*** *The operation highlights DRI's efforts to combat illegal wildlife trafficking through intelligence-led enforcement and coordination with state police.*

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In a major crackdown on illegal wildlife trafficking, the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), in a joint operation with Bihar State Police, has seized 19.39 kg elephant ivory and apprehended four persons involved in its illegal trade in West Champaran district of Bihar, near the Indo-Nepal border.

In an intelligence led operation, DRI officers, in coordination with Bihar State Police, intercepted four persons travelling on two two-whelers on 25 November, 2026. One of the suspects was carrying a bag suspected to contain elephant ivory. The suspects attempted to flee and resisted the officers but were successfully apprehended. On examination, 19.39 kg elephant ivory was recovered and seized under the relevant provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.



Elephants are protected under Schedule I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, and are listed in Appendix I of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). Trade in ivory is prohibited under Indian law, and illegal trafficking poses a serious threat to elephant conservation and biodiversity.

The operation underscores DRI’s commitment to combating wildlife trafficking and dismantling networks involved in the illegal trade of protected species through intelligence-led enforcement and close coordination with other law enforcement agencies.