



Shift in Wildlife Trafficking: The NE-Myanmar Corridor

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News Context: Reports in early 2026 from the **Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB)** indicate a definitive shift of poaching syndicates (from MP and Maharashtra) toward the **Mizoram-Manipur-Myanmar** route.

The "New Silk Road" of Illegal Trade

- **The Geographical Pivot:** Surveillance at the Indo-Nepal border (specifically the Siliguri corridor) has intensified. Consequently, traffickers now use **Champhai (Mizoram)** and **Moreh (Manipur)** as gateways.
- **The Myanmar Instability Factor:** Since the 2021 coup, the lack of governance in Myanmar's borderlands has allowed the **Mong La market** (near the China border) to flourish as a hub for Pangolin scales, Rhino horns, and Tiger parts.
- **Organized Crime Nexus:** This route overlaps with **Insurgent groups** and **Narco-trafficking** in the "Golden Triangle," posing a severe Internal Security threat to India's "Act East" policy.