Operation P- Hunt ; 12 arrested in State

Kerala Police have conducted raids across the State titled ‘Operation P-Hunt’ in search of people who are viewing and sharing nude photos of children in cyber world. Raids were conducted in 21 locations. 12 people have been arrested including a minor and 20 cases have been registered. The Police action was focused on various groups and 126 individuals. It is the third raid police have conducted across the state to find people who share nude photos of children. Active groups and the members in WhatsApp, Facebook, and Telegram are under the police scanner.

Biju Prasad, a native of Karipur in Nedumangad and Muhammed Fahad, a native of Pullampara are arrested from Thiruvananthapuram Rural. Sreejesh, a native of Vallikkodu in Pathanamthitta and Sujith, a native of Vadassserikkara are also arrested. Similar arrests have been made in other districts also.

Electronics equipments including Mobile Phone, Laptop, Modem, Hard Disk, Memory Cards and Computers have been seized from the arrested. WhatsApp groups sharing nude photos of Children have also been identified.
Manoj Abraham, ADGP and Nodal Officer, Cyberdome has issued directions for the raid. Starmon R Pillai, Inspector, Hi-tech Crime Enquiry Cell and his team including cyber experts have participated in the raid conducted in various districts. District Police Chiefs led the raid in the districts concerned. The raid began at 6 AM and on Friday got finished by late night. The Interpol has been cooperating with the Kerala Police to take action against people who spread nude photos of children.

Viewing or sharing or collecting of nude photos of children is a severe criminal offence and may get five years imprisonment with Rs 10 Lakhs as Fine. Kerala Police have also asked the Public to alert the Police against those engaged in such criminal activities to the Cyberdome or Hi-tech Crime Enquiry Cell.