

# Bengaluru: Fake water filters seized, one held

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BENGALURU: Poor drinking water quality and rising anxiety levels among health-conscious Bengalureans are being exploited by those selling counterfeit products. The latest to join the bandwagon is fake replacement water filters.

J P Nagar police raided a shop selling water purifiers and related accessories and found fake replacement filters being sold with the logo of a popular

brand. "With most households installing filters fearing poor quality of drinking water, the market for replacement water filters is huge. Counterfeit operators are taking advantage of this and selling fake reverse osmosis (RO) filters," a police officer said.

JP Nagar shop owner Muniraj has been arrested for allegedly stocking ordinary filters, membranes and other spare parts and selling them by putting the logo and stickers of reputed companies. Police seized fake stickers of Kent water filters along with 19 kits - each comprised an RO membrane, carbon filter, sediment filter, post carbon filter & UF membrane. Police said Muniraj operated through a distribution network that specialised in fake RO products.

Commenting on the seizure, a spokesperson of Kent RO said counterfeit products pose a health hazard since they don't remove contaminants effectively.

## Fake filter weighs lighter

Officials said one should buy water filters from an authorised seller instead of any random shop in the locality. A fake filter usually weighs lighter and the material is of cheap quality.

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