

Architect arrested for using pirated software

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AHMEDABAD: An architect was arrested on Thursday by city crime branch officials on charges of using pirated versions of Autocad software.

The city police raided the office premises of two architects in the city after Bangalore-based Autodesk India Private Limited lodged a complaint.

The company is associated with Autodesk Incorporation, California, and is responsible for sale of softwares like Autocad in India.

Police officials said that the company had learnt about the use of pirated software in Ahmedabad through its own intelligence network.

Based on this information, a team of crime branch raided the premises of ...

...Dutta and Dutta Associates on C G Road and Samir Sengupta Associates in Paldi.

The cops seized nine computers from premises of Dutta and Dutta and another eight from the other company.

All the 17 computers worth Rs 1.9 lakh were allegedly found to be running on pirated softwares.

While Samir Sengupta was arrested, his partner Aniruddh Dutta could not be arrested as he was not in the city. "The software is quite popular among architects and civil engineers.

Each copy of the software costs around Rs 85,000 to Rs 1 lakh.

It is surprising that such renowned firms were using pirated softwares which is in gross violation of Intellectual Property Rights and also of Copyright Act," ACP (Crime) N K Amin said.

Crime branch officials have booked the architects under Copyright Act and various sections of IPC.

"More arrests are likely. We are tracking down those people who had installed the pirated softwares," Amin added.

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