

# Thane: 77 seized fake smart card licences had same address

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THANE: Investigations into the fake license case revealed that of the 253 licenses seized from the accused, nearly 77 had the same address of Angaon Bhiwandi and Kalwa area.

The police had on Tuesday recovered as many as 253 fake licenses made by accused Sunil Chaudhari who is the proprietor of the

Chaudhari Driving School based in Mulund.

The police had seized huge set-up with nearly 50 plain smart cards, 20 plain rubber stamps, a laser printer, two color printers, a lamination machine, two computers, an internet router, a machine to make rubber stamp, and 253 RTO fake smart Ids as well as 131 police tax invoice stamps, and one letter head paper.

A police team led by Ashok Mane, constable Chandrkant Walunj, Sanjay Babar, Ravindra Katkar and Sandesh Choudhary are burning midnight oil to compile the addresses and the names found on the smart cards licenses, said Nitin Thakre the senior inspector of crime branch unit-1.

Mane told TOI that compilation of the licenses revealed that 49 licenses with different names had only one address of Angaon Bhiwandi and 28 licenses had the address of Shivaji nagar, Kalwa.

“This disparity of the address gave up accused Chaudhari to the crime branch as the complainant Rashid Khan, a rickshaw driver from Ghatkopar and two other friends wanted to get the driving licenses,” said Katkar who was approached by Khan.

Later, through the mutual contacts, he came to know about Chaudhari and was told that he issued license for Rs 11,000. Hence, Khan and his two other friends gave the money and asked for the licenses in the next few days. But the accused gave them photo copies which bore different addresses. Khan then got it verified in the RTO only to find that it was fake and the number on the license belongs to someone else, informed Babar.

On the other hand, the police have started the hunt for the other 700 people who have been issued with the fake licenses.

“These people who have fake licenses may lead to unwanted situation as they are not officially authorised to drive or ride on the road. Also, if they are caught or involved in the mishap they shall be in big trouble,” said a police officer.

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