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Jaipur: An organized counterfeit stamp paper and ticket racket was unearthed on Saturday, after the city police arrested a 40-year-old trader from Vaishali Nagar and seized fake stamps worth over Rs 6 lakh from him.

Govind Singh, a resident of Nityanand Nagar in Vaishali Nagar, was arrested during a raid by a team of crime branch

which included Manendra Singh and Purshottam Sharma.

The police said that several months ago, the Jhotwara police had arrested one Rakesh, a native of Uttar Pradesh and recovered several fake stamp papers and tickets. According to Manendra Singh, Rakesh was one the members of the fake stamp paper gang involved in supplying counterfeits. Following Rakesh's arrest, the police began tracking down Govind Singh.

The crime branch handed over the accused to the Vaishali Nagar police station. The sleuths recovered 127 fake stamps of Rs 100, Rs 50. Cops also found 146 fake tickets and stamps of Rs 500; and 1,418 tickets and stamps of Rs 100, and other forged documents too.

At least 15 bottles of expensive foreign brands were also recovered. "We have filed a case under Sections 420 (cheating), 467 (forgery of valuable security), 471 (using as genuine a forged), 472 (making or possessing counterfeit seals) of the IPC," an official told TOI, adding that a case has also been filed against him under the excise act after foreign liquors were recovered.

The police said that Singh owned shops in Nursery Circle in Vaishali Nagar area of the city. The police are now zeroing in on other member of the gang involved in printing and circulating fake documents.

"His arrest is likely to fetch us details of the leading members of the gang that have been distributing fake stamps," an official told TOI.

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