

Over two days, Ghaziabad's fake liquor factory unravels

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Karawal Nagar.

Surendra's son Ravi is absconding at present.

The first unit was being run from Sobha Ram's house in Hayat Colony. Sobha Ram and Arvind, who were present at the unit at the time of the raid, were arrested. Spurious country-made liquor was being manufactured at the unit. Around 1,000 litres of concentrated ethyl alcohol, around 50 cartons of spurious liquor, thousands of empty bottles, wrappers and stickers of country-made brands and equipment used in its production were recovered from the spot.

Police said 1,000 litres of concentrated ethyl alcohol can be used to manufacture around 40,000 litres of spurious liquor.

During questioning, Sobha Ram and Arvind gave details about another illegal liquor unit in Loni, this time in Ankur Vihar, which was being run by Surendra and Ravi. Police conducted a raid and nabbed Surendra.

Both country-made liquor and Indian-made foreign liquor were being produced at the illegal unit.

A reward of Rs 25,000 has been announced for Ravi's arrest by Ghaziabad SSP Vaibhav Krishna. "The Ankur Vihar factory had been producing spurious liquor for the past six months. Besides running the illegal factory, Ravi also obtained licences to operate liquor shops in Ghaziabad and Delhi, where he used to sell the liquor. He was also sending the stock to several licenced shops across Delhi-NCR," the SSP told TOI.

The arrested accused have revealed that they used to brew spirits with added flavours and colours, thus faking brands like Royal Stag, Royal Blue, McDowell's No 1 and Goa Rum, among others.

They also manufactured country-made liquor under the brand names of Raseela Santra and Mister India.

The illegal units was busted by a joint team comprising Ghaziabad's special squad — Beta — and Loni police following a tip-off. The accused have been booked under sections 272 (adulteration of food or drink), 273 (sale of noxious food or drink) and 420 (cheating) of the IPC and sections 60 and 63 of the Excise Act at Loni police station.

On Wednesday, the Noida police had busted an illegal liquor manufacturing unit in Tronica City and arrested five persons. Nearly 15,000 litres of spurious liquor were also seized. The factory was being run from a two-storey building in Sector B-2 of Tronica City industrial area at the behest of dreaded gangster Amit Bhoora and his Delhi-based brother Vineet Malik.

GHAZUABAD: A day after police busted an illegal liquor manufacturing unit in Tronica City, three persons were arrested on Thursday for running two more similar units in Loni's DLF area.

The accused have been identified as Surendra alias Ompal and Sobha Ram, both residents of Loni, and Arvind Singh, a resident of Delhi's