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Coimbatore: A 44-year-old farmer was jailed on Thursday for making illicit arrack at Pathi Gounder Thottam at Palathurai on the outskirts of the city. Police have seized raw materials to make 25 litres of illicit arrack from him.

An investigation officer identified the accused as V Ganeshan, of Palathurai near Madukkarai.

Pointing out that Ganeshan had taken five acres of agricultural land on lease for three years from a woman in Singanallur, the officer said the accused was using the land to make illicit arrack.

“He found people are ready to buy liquor at exorbitant prices as all the Tasmac outlets and bars, and private bars are closed due to lockdown. He was taken up by the prospect of making some quick buck and started making illicit arrack,” the officer said.

However, based on a tip, Prohibition Enforcement Wing (PEW) police inspector K Baskaran, Perur police sub-inspector Thirumalaisamy and team raided his farmland on Wednesday night and arrested him after they recovered raw materials to make illicit arrack.

Preliminary inquiry revealed that he had already made five litres of illicit arrack a week ago. “He was selling one litre at Rs 3,000. He had kept 700ml in a bottle for his own use and we have seized that also,” the officer said.

Ganeshan was booked under various sections of Tamil Nadu Prohibition Act and produced before a judicial magistrate on Thursday. Later, he was lodged in Avinashi sub-jail under judicial custody.

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