

Hyderabad: Illegal foreign cigarette racket busted

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HYDERABAD: Taskforce police busted an illegal foreign cigarette sales gang and arrested one person in Hyderabad. The cops seized Rs 16 lakh worth foreign cigarettes.

The West Zone team of Taskforce sleuths arrested businessman Sandeep Singh Baweja, for procuring, transporting and selling the banned cigarettes from a shop in Goshakat Street, Jummerath Bazar.

The accused, Sandeep, is a native of Delhi. He worked in different transport companies, before starting his own transport service, Nagpur Bhopal Transport in Jummerath Bazar in 2019.



"During the past year, Sandeep has been transporting all general items from Delhi to Hyderabad through his cargo carriers. But his earnings were not sufficient to meet his expenses and he decided to purchase banned foreign cigarettes from Delhi and sell them to customers in Hyderabad," Taskforce inspector Gattu Mallu said.

According to police, Sandeep Baweja was buying a cigarette packet in Delhi for Rs 20 and selling the same in Hyderabad for Rs 40.

"Sandeep Baweja has been fraudulently procuring cigarettes to avoid customs duty and also to avoid GST which is causing wrongful loss to the government. The accused along with the seized Rs 16 lakh worth cigarettes, were handed over to Shahinayatgunj police for further investigation," the inspector said.

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