

Delhi Police busts fake Tata Salt factory, one arrested

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The Delhi Police busted a fake Tata Salt factory in Barwala area of the national capital. The 33-year-old factory owner Mahesh alias Tony was arrested in the case. The factory was involved in bulk production of ‘fake’ Tata Salt. They used to pack inferior or cheap quality salt in duplicated Tata Salt packaging and sell it in order to make extra profits. The most surprising quality of the recovered fake Tata Salt was that the duplicated packaging had a QR code that led to Tata’s official website.

The racket was exposed when Deputy Commissioner of Police Outer-North District Rajeev Ranjan Singh instructed his team to crack the nexus of food adulterators after learning that food adulteration had risen to alarming levels. The police team focused specifically on salt since it is a mandatory part of every family’s kitchen.

Sanjay Kumar, an authorized representative of Tata Consumer Products Ltd, had given a complaint regarding the manufacture of fake Tata Salt in outer north district of Delhi. On receipt of this complaint, local intelligence was developed and the facts of the complaint were ascertained.

The police team conducted the raid at the factory being run in Jain Colony, Barwala in Delhi. A huge quantity, that is 2,640 kg, of duplicate Tata Salt as well as lots of fake packing material, two electric weighing machines, two electric sealing/packing machines and one sewing machine were recovered.

During interrogation, accused Mahesh revealed that he had been at the office of a property dealer when he came in contact with one Master Ji. Master Ji was in the business of trading packed food items and allegedly instigated the accused to start his own business of duplicate salt.

Accordingly, one year ago, the accused started his fake Tata Salt factory at the rented premises in Barwala.

The accused revealed that he used to purchase duplicate packing material from a source in Naya Bazar in Delhi at the rate of Rs 2 per 1 kg pack. He said he used to pack only Tata brand because everyone has faith in the brand and Tata Salt is one of the most highly selling items. Mahesh also said that he used to sell the duplicate Tata Salt in different parts of Delhi and the national capital region.

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