

3 held with 'spurious scotch



Patiala: An organised module of liquor smugglers was busted by the Punjab excise department and district police Fatehgarh Sahib. The gang was involved in smuggling cheap liquor from Chandigarh and then filling it into bottles of expensive imported Scotch brands. Three members of the gang were arrested with 10 cases of fake liquor. Joint excise commissioner Naresh Dubey said, "With coordinated efforts of the Special Operation Group (SOG) of the excise department and district police Fatehgarh Sahib, intelligence inputs were gathered. Two days back, the team got a tip-off that the accused, Kundan Visht of Kajhedi village, Chandigarh, would supply the fake scotch liquor along with his gang members. In order to catch the accused red handed, teams of special operations group of excise and police swung into action and a special nakabandi was set up. The teams got success when two cars were intercepted at the naka and three members of the gang, Kundan Visht of Ambala, Pardeep Singh of Nariangarh and Jasmin Kaur of Sangrur were arrested from the spot. The team also seized 10 cases of fake scotch liquor from the spot." Police said that during interrogation, the gang members revealed that they smuggle cheap liquor from Chandigarh and fill it in expensive scotch bottles at their rented residence. Later, the team raided the rented residence of Pardeep Singh and Jasmin Kaur in Madanpur, Mohali, and recovered several empty scotch bottles, along with their caps.

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