

**Banned cigarettes worth Rs 8 lakh seized, man arrested**



**NEW DELHI:** A 40-year-old interior designer has been arrested for his alleged involvement in the illegal trade of prohibited foreign cigarettes, police said on Thursday. Over 80,000 cigarettes of five international brands, valued at Rs 8.04 lakh, were seized from his possession.

The accused has been identified as Mohammad Danish, a resident of Hauz Qazi. He holds a graduate degree from a Delhi college and runs a fish aquarium shop in Maujpur. In addition to working as an interior designer, Danish reportedly started the illegal cigarette trade around two years ago to earn quick money, police said.

“A tip-off was received about a large stock of prohibited cigarettes in the Lal Kuan area of Hauz Qazi. Acting on the information, a raid was conducted on Tuesday at a flat in the locality, where multiple brands of prohibited cigarettes were recovered,” said Deputy Commissioner of Police (Crime) Aditya Gautam.

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