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INDIA

1. 1,600 LITRES SPIRIT, THREE BURNERS DESTROYED IN AJMER

Link: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/ajmer/illicit-liquor-1600l-spirit-three-burners-destroyed-in-ajmer/articleshow/80307038.cms>

Two teams of district excise department on Saturday raided the foothills of Boraj and destroyed 1,600 litres of spirit and three burners used for preparing illicit liquor. When the raid party reached the spot, the accused fled from the scene. Looking to the incidents of deaths in Bharatpur due to illegal hooch, a team of district excise department raided the foothills of Boraj on a tip-off. The team recovered three burners and wash filled in drums for preparing liquor.

2. EXCISE TEAMS SEIZE 26k LITRES OF ILLICIT LIQUOR IN A WEEK IN UP

Link: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/videos/city/hyderabad/ap-govt-launches-9260-mobile-dispensing-units-in-vijayawada/videoshow/80390919.cms>

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy flagged-off the Mobile Dispensing Units (MDUs) in Vijayawada on January 21. These MDUs are being deployed for distribution of rice and other essential commodities under Public Distribution System (PDS). All the MDUs will have a GIS fitted, which will help to keep a track of the live location. State government had procured 9260 vehicles on the cost of Rs 539 crores. Andhra Pradesh becomes the first state to launch door-delivery of rice under PDS.

3. FAKE JOHNSON AND JOHNSON SUTURES RACKET BUSTED IN MUMBAI

Link: <https://mumbaimirror.indiatimes.com/mumbai/crime/fake-johnson-and-johnson-sutures-racket-busted-in-mumbai/articleshow/80351565.cms>

In a major swoop, the Mumbai Police Crime Branch has busted a racket involving sale of fake sutures of pharma giant Johnson & Johnson Co and arrested five persons, an official said here on Tuesday. Following a complaint lodged by the Griffin Intellectual Property Rights Service Pvt Ltd on behalf of J&J Senior Manager (Global Brand Protection) Milind Palany with the Crime Branch, the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) launched an investigation.

4. CYBERCRIME UNIT IN DELHI BUSTS TRANS-NATIONAL MALWARE AND FRAUD SYNDICATE, ARRESTS 12

Link: <https://zeenews.india.com/india/cybercrime-unit-in-delhi-busts-trans-national-malware-and-fraud-syndicate-arrests-12-2336110.html>

The Cyber Crime Unit (CyPAD), of Delhi Police, took note of various WhatsApp messages getting circulated, wherein the recipients were being induced and enticed to download an App through the link given in the WhatsApp messages. The inducement was regarding daily commission earning of up to Rs.3000 in less than 30 minutes of time spent on the App. As per the messages being circulated, the stated task being performed through the app was of promoting internet celebrities on Facebook, YouTube and Instagram.

5. SIX HELD WITH FAKE CURRENCY WORTH Rs 30.65 LAKH IN KHARGONE DISTRICT IN MADHYA PRADESH

Link: <https://www.freepressjournal.in/indore/madhya-pradesh-six-held-with-fake-currency-worth-rs-3065-lakh-in-khargone-district>

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Khargone police on Wednesday arrested six people and claimed to have busted a gang involved in printing and circulation of counterfeit currency in the district. Fake currency worth Rs 30.65 lakh was also recovered from them. Those arrested include Jitendra Bhati, 23, of Anandikheda in Agar, Sanjay Jogi, 30, of Bhikangaon, Sahil Panwar, 20, of Borgaon village under Pandhana police station limit, Narendra Panwar, 39, of Bamnala, Vijay alias Kanha Singh, 28, of Temarni under Gogawan police station limit and Jagdish Tomar, 32, of Lasudiya, Indore.

6. STF ARRESTS FOUR PERSONS WITH COUNTERFEIT NOTES OF Rs 2.11 LAKH AT INDORE

Link: <https://www.freepressjournal.in/indore/indore-stf-arrests-four-persons-with-counterfeit-notes-of-rs-211-lakh>

The Special Task Force arrested four persons with counterfeit currency notes with a face value of Rs 2.11 lakh on Wednesday. Two of their accomplices are on the run and they are being searched by the STF team. Interestingly, the accused were printing the counterfeit notes at a house in Khargone district. A four-wheeler vehicle, a bike and mobile phones were seized by the officials and two of their accomplices are being searched.

7. PUNJAB & SIND BANK REPORTS FRAUD OF Rs 94 CRORE IN NPA ACCOUNT

Link: <https://www.indiatvnews.com/business/news-punjab-sind-bank-fraud-rs-94-crore-npa-account-679603>

Punjab & Sind Bank on Thursday reported a fraud of Rs 94.29 crore in an NPA account of Supertech Township Projects. In a regulatory filing, the state-owned lender said it has reported the fraud to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). "...it is informed that an NPA Account, viz M/s Supertech Township Projects Limited with outstanding dues of Rs 94.29 crore has been declared as fraud and reported to RBI today as per regulatory requirement," the Delhi-headquartered bank said. The account has been fully provided for as per the existing RBI norms, it added.

8. HARYANA POLICE ARREST 89 PEOPLE, RECOVER Rs 112 CRORE IN GST FRAUD SCAM

Link: https://www.business-standard.com/article/current-affairs/haryana-police-arrest-89-people-recover-rs-112-crore-in-gst-fraud-scam-121011700579_1.html

In a well-coordinated operation against Goods and Services Tax (GST) scamsters, Haryana Police on Sunday said it busted four major gangs related to issuing or registration of bogus firms involved in fake invoice bills scam which defrauded the government exchequer to the tune of over Rs 464.12 crore. The nexus of the fraudsters was active not only in Haryana but across the country. The crackdown on GST fake invoice scam has also led to the recovery of over Rs 112 crore and unearthing of fake GST identification numbers (GSTIN).

9. ED ARRESTS FIRM DIRECTOR IN Rs 100-CRORE LOAN FRAUD IN HYDERABAD

Link: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/hyderabad/ed-arrests-firm-director-in-rs-100-cr-loan-fraud/articleshow/80307323.cms>

The Enforcement Directorate, Hyderabad, on Saturday arrested Narendar Kumar Patel, director of Jay Ambe Gowri Chem Ltd, in connection with a Rs 100 crore bank loan fraud. According to the ED, Patel has been absconding since 2015. Two CBI cases of loan fraud are pending against Patel. ED sources said the key accused was arrested in Ahmedabad International Airport after he landed there.

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10. GST FRAUD WORTH Rs 140 CRORE UNEARTHED, 2 HELD IN MEERUT

Link: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/meerut/gst-fraud-worth-rs-140-crore-unearthed-2-held-as-probe-spans-4-states/articleshow/80306211.cms>

Central GST Meerut has unearthed a case of issuance of fake GST invoices without actual supply of goods and passing on the said fraudulent input tax credit (ITC) to other firms after circulation of invoices through other non-existing firms. In all, the two arrested brothers- Anshul Agarwal and Archit Agarwal, both residents of Moradabad- are charged with issuing fake billing worth Rs 140 crore and taking benefit of Rs 25 crore worth ITC.

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Link: <https://www.twincities.com/2021/01/14/405k-of-counterfeit-designer-accessories-headed-to-st-paul-seized-by-customs-officers/>

Authorities seized a shipment this week headed to St. Paul containing more than 170 counterfeit designer handbags and wallets worth about \$405,000. The shipment, which was sent from Laos, was seized Tuesday by U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers in Minneapolis. The parcel was inspected to determine if the goods were compliant with customs regulations, but officers found 173 various handbags and wallets with logos from designers including Gucci, Louis Vuitton and Chanel. If the items were authentic, they would total \$405,975 at retail value, according to authorities. Due to inconsistencies and poor quality, authorities determined that the items, which were addressed to a St. Paul residence, were counterfeit.

2. NIKE SUES MORE THAN 1,000 WEBSITES AND OTHER PARTIES OVER ALLEGED COUNTERFEITING IN MANHATTAN

Link: <https://www.pymnts.com/news/retail/2021/nike-sues-websites-other-parties-over-alleged-counterfeiting/>

Nike is suing 589 websites, the owners of 676 social media accounts and more than 100 unidentified companies and individuals for allegedly selling counterfeit versions of its Nike and Converse shoes online. Nike wrote in a lawsuit filed in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Manhattan that its trademarks “are among the most widely recognized trademarks in the United States and around the world, as well as among the most popular with consumers. The fame and popularity of plaintiffs’ marks adds enormous value to the authentic ... Nike products and Converse products.”

3. COUNTERFEIT SUPER BOWL AND NFL SWAG INTERCEPTED AT PORTS AND AIRPORTS ACROSS FLORIDA

Link: <https://www.abccactionnews.com/news/local-news/i-team-investigates/counterfeit-super-bowl-and-nfl-swag-intercepted-at-ports-and-airports-across-florida>

The pandemic may have shut out most of the fans, but the criminals who make big money selling the fake memorabilia are flooding Florida’s airports and seaports with shipments leading up to game day. Here in Tampa Bay, federal agents say January brought a spike in imports of everything from counterfeit NFL masks and jerseys to championship rings.

4. CBP SEIZES COUNTERFEIT HEATERS WORTH \$261,000 IN US

Link: https://www.ifallsjournal.com/news/public_safety/cbp-seizes-counterfeit-heaters-worth-261-000/article_4e176c8a-70fb-5739-860d-638d3fb76d56.html

Counterfeit infrared heaters bound for Ranier were seized from a rail car Friday by U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers in International Falls. The 780 infrared zone heaters were valued at \$261,000, had the goods had been genuine, reported CBP. “CBP is focused on identifying and intercepting counterfeit merchandise and products. The enforcement of trade laws at U.S. ports of entry remains a high priority for us,” said Anthony Jackson, International Falls port director, in a news release. “Counterfeiting adversely affects the ability of lawful copyright holders to profit from their original ideas. Counterfeiting also harms consumers because manufacturers of forged products have little motivation to use safe, high-quality materials in their products.”

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5. CUSTOMS SEIZES \$8 MILLION IN COUNTERFEIT CARTIER BRACELETS, RINGS IN CINCINNATI

Link: <https://www.foxbusiness.com/retail/customs-seizes-8-million-in-counterfeit-cartier-bracelets>

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officials stopped two separate shipments from Hong Kong containing more than 800 counterfeit Cartier jewelry products valued at a total of \$8.72 million. The first shipment, halted and inspected by CBP officers in Cincinnati, Ohio on Thursday, included two parcels heading to a residence in West Palm Beach, Florida which included over 400 of Cartier's designer bracelets. "This is a significant seizure for CBP, but unfortunately, CBP officers see counterfeit shipments like this every day," Cincinnati port director Richard Gillespie said in a statement. "I'm extremely proud of these officers determination in stopping illicit shipments, and our commitment to protecting the American economy."

6. THREE JAILED OVER £12M COUNTERFEIT CASH CONSPIRACY IN UK

Link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/amp/uk-england-kent-55748604>

Police found one of the men at a printing unit surrounded by fake £20 notes totalling £5.25m. A further £5m was found by a dog walker, while £200,000 was scattered on a railway line. £1.6m was taken out of circulation by the Bank of England. Kent Police said it was "believed to be the biggest conspiracy of this kind in the history of UK policing". When officers raided a warehouse in Kent House Lane, Beckenham, south London in May 2019, they found Phillip Brown printing money, alongside piles of counterfeit cash, police said.

7. SENIOR KDF OFFICER'S PREMISES RAIDED IN COUNTERFEIT STAMP RAID IN KISUMU

Link: <https://www.the-star.co.ke/news/2021-01-21-senior-kdf-officers-premises-raided-in-counterfeit-stamp-raid/>

A senior KDF officer's company has been raided for manufacturing bottled water and affixing counterfeit excise stamps in Luanda, Kisumu. The officers had raided the water manufacturing plant, JG2 Hydrovisions Ltd, located off Luanda-Ramula road. It is alleged that the 'Marina Splash' branded drinking water is affixed with fake excise stamps and is bottled at night and delivered to events early in the morning. Officers led by Daniel Wanyoike warned the officer, Joseph Omondi Ochieng, that any tax evader found to be affixing counterfeit excise stamps will be prosecuted.

8. HONG KONG CUSTOMS SEIZES 333,000 FAKE N95 RESPIRATORS IN CITY'S LARGEST CONFISCATION OF COUNTERFEIT MASKS

Link: <https://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/law-and-crime/article/3118306/hong-kong-customs-seizes-333000-fake-n95-respirators>

Hong Kong authorities have made their biggest ever seizure of counterfeit surgical masks, a consignment worth HK\$8.5 million that was intercepted in the city on its way overseas. The record haul of about 330,000 bogus 3M-brand N95 respirators was confiscated from a logistics company's warehouse in Kwai Chung last week, the Customs and Excise Department revealed on Tuesday. It was customs' third such seizure in as many months, amid the world's ongoing fight against the Covid-19 pandemic.

9. BRAZILIAN OFFICIALS STEP UP EFFORTS TO STOP COUNTERFEIT PRODUCTION

Link: <https://www.coinworld.com/news/us-coins/brazilian-officials-step-up-efforts-to-stop-counterfeit-production>

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The foundation InsightCrime is dedicated to the study of organized crime, which it says is the principal threat to national and citizen security in Latin America and the Caribbean. The group recently turned its attention to Brazil where authorities have recently dismantled several large, sophisticated counterfeit cash rings who used their technological know-how to print fake bank notes. In December, some Brazilian websites were discovered selling fake notes of 50-, 100- and 200-real denominations (convertible to \$10, \$20 and \$40), according to an investigation by a technology website, TecMundo. The perpetrators advertised their counterfeit currency “as a way to increase your income,” bragging that their counterfeiters had “nine years of experience,” so their notes would pass counterfeit pen and ultraviolet light testing. Google was one of their promotional strategies.

10. POLICE SEIZE MORE THAN 33K COUNTERFEIT E-CIGARETTES IN DALLAS

Link: <https://www.cspdailynews.com/tobacco/police-seize-more-33k-counterfeit-e-cigarettes>

U.S. Customs and Border Police (CBP) officers seized 33,681 counterfeit e-cigarette units resembling the Puff Bar brand at the Dallas Fort Worth International Airport. The effort was made in conjunction with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as part of an initiative to intercept counterfeit or other violative e-cigarettes, including ones that do not meet the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act requirements. CBP found more than 93,500 units of e-cigarettes in fiscal year 2020 that did not meet federal regulation. “Many counterfeit, unapproved or unauthorized products are likely produced in unregulated facilities with unverified ingredients posing a serious health concern to consumers,” said CBP Port Director Timothy Lemaux. “It is especially alarming when these types of counterfeit and unauthorized products find their way into the hands of children as studies indicate. We will continue to take every opportunity to work with our partners at the FDA to intercept and seize products that threaten U.S. consumers.”

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