

# Smuggled cigarettes seized, two arrested

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The Commissioner's Task Force (Central) caught two persons on charges of selling smuggled foreign cigarettes and seized property worth Rs 90,000 from them.

Acting on a tip-off, the team caught Ahmed Alam Khan (35), a general store owner from Nampally, and Milan Kumar Jain (30), a supplier from Goshamahal.

P Radha Kishan Rao, DCP, Task Force, said Jain procured Paris, Win, ESSE and other cigarettes through some persons from China and Bangladesh. After getting the consignment in the city, he supplied

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it to different shops. "Black marketers make a huge profit by selling the smuggled cigarettes as they do not pay import duty and other taxes. Moreover, the cigarettes seized by us do not have pictorial warnings as mandated under the COTPA 2003," said the official. The duo was handed over to Habeebnagar police.