

Gutkha, cigarettes worth ₹20.27L seized

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The City Chowk police and Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in a joint operation, seized gutkha and cigarettes amounting Rs 20.27 lakh from a godown at Raja Bazar on Tuesday night. The police have arrested the owner and his servant in this connection. The arrested have been identified as Dilip Parasmal Sancheti (Raja Bazar) and

Shaikh Afroz Shaikh Feroz (Rengtipura).

According to the details, PI Sambhaji Pawar received the information that tobacco products and foreign cigarettes are being sold secretly at Raja Bazar in a godown where a board of Subhash Flour Mill has been highlighted. The City Chowk police team, FDA food safety officer Prashant Ajintheekar, S V Kulkarni and M M Syed conducted a raid on the godown. Accused Deepak

Sancheti and his servant Afroz Shaikh were present there. During the search, it was found that tobacco products and cigarettes were kept in several gunny bags and boxes. All the articles were seized after conducting a panchanama. The seized articles including cigarettes amounting Rs 11.16 lakh, Gutkha amounting Rs 5.61 lakh and scented tobacco product worth Rs 2,22,925, all amounting Rs 20,27,179.