

Thane: ₹88,000 Worth of Banned Vapes, Foreign Cigarettes Seized Near Hiranandani Meadows

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A police raid near Hiranandani Meadows in Thane uncovered an illegal sale of banned e-cigarettes and foreign-made cigarettes from a paan shop. Nicotine products worth ₹88,000 were seized, and the shop operator was booked under the Electronic Cigarettes Act.

The Anti-Extortion Cell of Thane Police has uncovered an alleged illegal trade in banned electronic cigarettes operating from a local paan shop near Hiranandani Meadows Circle. During the operation, police seized foreign-made cigarettes and nicotine-containing e-cigarettes worth ₹88,000. The action was taken after police received information that banned e-cigarettes were allegedly being sold near Sachin Paan Shop in the area. A case has been registered against 35-year-old shop operator Anil Ravi Karkare at Chitalasar Police Station. Police have booked him under provisions of the Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes Act, 2019. **The seizure included different brands of nicotine products and foreign-made cigarettes**, which have been taken into custody as part of the investigation.

Police Lay Trap After Receiving Tip-Off

Acting on information about the alleged sale of banned e-cigarettes near Hiranandani Meadows Circle, a team from the Anti-Extortion Cell laid a trap in the area on Monday evening. The operation was conducted under the guidance of Senior Police Inspector Shailesh Salvi and Assistant Police Inspector Bhushan Kapadnis. Police monitored the area before intercepting the suspected shop operator. During the operation, officers stopped Anil Ravi Karkare while he was carrying a khaki-coloured box. The police then searched the box and allegedly found foreign-made cigarettes along with several nicotine-containing e-cigarettes. The products were seized during the raid and secured as evidence. The police action was based on the information that banned electronic cigarettes were being sold illegally from the area.

Foreign Cigarettes And Multiple Vape Brands Seized

During the search, police recovered foreign-made cigarettes of the ESSESE brand valued at ₹21,800. Officers also seized nicotine-infused e-cigarettes worth ₹66,000. The seized e-cigarettes included products from brands such as IGET, Elf Bar Raya D1, Lost Mary and Yoto Lens. Together, the foreign-made cigarettes and nicotine-containing e-cigarettes were valued at ₹88,000. According to the information provided by police, the products were found while officers intercepted Karkare carrying a khaki box during the operation. The seized material has now been secured by the police as evidence in the case. Samples from the seized contraband have also been sealed as part of the procedure. The police are continuing to investigate the source and intended sale of the seized products.

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