

Foreign cigarettes worth ₹1.5L seized, one arrested

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Chennai: The city police on Monday raided a shop in Mannadi and seized 1,050 bundles of imported cigarettes, worth ₹1.5 lakh, that had been stocked.

A police team visited the shop based on a tip and found the cigarettes imported without proper bills.

Police registered a case and arrested the shop owner, Nagoor Meeran, 31, of Periyar Nagar in Avadi, as he failed to produce documents required to legalise the con-



The seized cigarette cartons

signments from abroad.

On being questioned, he claimed to have placed orders through agents operating in the Burma Bazaar market for a lower rate. Meeran

told the investigation officers that he placed orders based on specific requests, as many customers demanded such imported brands.

He was produced in a magistrate's court and remanded in Puzhal prison.

Meanwhile, police personnel arrested 23 people for gambling at a house on Dr Natesan Road in Ice House on Sunday. Cash, including ₹79,000 in Indian currency, 10 US dollars and one Saudi riyal, was recovered from the gambling den. A case has been registered.