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Pune : International brand of cigarettes seized in raids

Pune, May 4 (UNI) The city police have seized more than 11 brands of international cigarettes collectively worth lakhs of rupees during raids on over a dozen shops in city.

The raids were conducted by the Anti-Extortion Cell and Narcotics Cell of police on more than 15 shops over past few days following a tip-off, police said and stated that they have recovered the goods

in huge quantity.

Police inspector Ragnath Jadhav of AEC told reporters that more than 11 brands of international cigarettes, including Green Apple, Strawberry, Super Smile, Esse Light and seven others, were recovered from different shops.

The contents in these cigarettes were found to be very harmful to human body after consumption, he informed and said they were harmful to youths.

The packets of these cigarettes did not carry the statutory warning of Indian Health Ministry, he informed.

These cigarettes were being sold illegally in India, he said and added that they have booked the shop-keepers under the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act.

PI Jadhav has appealed the people to inform police about sale of such types of cigarettes in Pune jurisdiction.

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