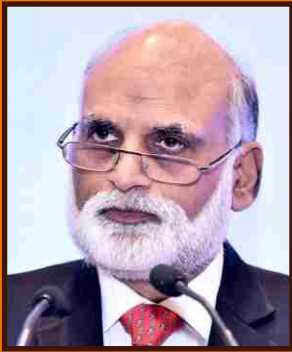


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CHAIR'S MESSAGE



Anil Rajput
Chairman
FICCI CASCADE

It gives me immense pleasure to present this edition of the FICCI CASCADE newsletter which highlights our activities over the past few months, brings the latest news and relevant articles on the subject. In India, FICCI CASCADE (Committee Against Smuggling and Counterfeiting Activities Destroying the Economy) is at the forefront of generating awareness on the detrimental impact of smuggled, contraband and counterfeit products and has been working extensively and intensively with various stakeholders in achieving superior results as far as public awareness on this issue is concerned. This is well captured in this edition. We are also greatly encouraged by the overwhelming support received for our work from all quarters. This reflects the growing recognition of the harm caused by such unscrupulous activities and keeps us motivated to work with greater vigor in addressing this socio-economic scourge.

Our annual international conference, MASCRAGE - Movement Against Smuggled and Counterfeit Trade was held on 22-23 September 2022 in New Delhi. The theme for this year's conference was 'Unleashing the Power of Consumers in the fight against Smuggling and Counterfeiting'. Shri. M Venkaiah Naidu, Former Vice President of India, who inaugurated the 8th edition of MASCRAGE, rightly emphasized on the need of consumer awareness and said that it must be taken as a mission with a passion for the sake of the nation to bring about a real change.

We are happy to share that senior officials from World Customs Organization (WCO), World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), INTERPOL, United Nations Office for Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Organization for Economic Corporation and Development (OECD), US Homeland Security, Australian Border Force along with policy makers from the Indian government, Supreme Court of

India and industry leaders actively participated during this two-day international symposium. With several recommendations made during MASCRAGE 2022, I am sure that in the times ahead, we will be able to make significant progress in denting the damaging impact of illicit trade on the socio-economic health of our country.

On this occasion, a study on 'Illicit Markets: A Threat to Our National Interests' was also released. The report focussed on the size and scale of illicit market in five key Indian industries namely, FMCG Household and Personal Goods, FMCG Packaged Foods, Tobacco Products, Mobile Phones and Alcoholic Beverages. It assessed its impact on individual industries, employment, government tax collection, the overall economy and suggested possible solutions to make compliance and related processes more robust, with the overarching objective of arresting the spread of illicit trade.

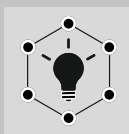
We also made great strides in working with enforcement agencies across the nation. In order to sensitize them on their role in preventing crimes related to smuggling and counterfeiting and assigning adequate priority to such cases, we organized capacity building programmes for police officers in Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Haryana and Karnataka where over 400 officers of ranks SIs, ASIs, DSPs, ACPs and DCPs were sensitized. The programmes were addressed by several dignitaries including Dr. A Amalraj, IPS, Additional Director General of Police, Tamil Nadu & Director, Tamil Nadu Police Academy; Mr. Saurabh Tolumbia, Deputy Inspector General of Police, CID (Crime and Railways), Gujarat; Dr Arun Kumar Singh, DIG, Haryana Police Academy and Shri Anupam Agarwal, Director, Karnataka Police Academy.

I have always been of the firm opinion that the youth of our country can play an important role in the fight against illicit trade. With the objective of empowering our future

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consumers & creating a learning ecosystem that can nurture youngsters to fight against the menace of smuggling and counterfeiting, FICCI CASCADE organised its annual Inter-School Meet: ZERO -EVASION highlighting the 'Role of Youth in Making India Free of Illicit Trade'. We were happy to see an overwhelming participation of students from 60+ leading schools from Delhi and NCR.

To highlight the enormity of the problem of illicit trade, FICCI CASCADE has been tracking its media coverage through its monthly Media Monitor. It is also pertinent to mention that over the past few months, several media reports have stated that the enforcement agencies have been able to catch illicit operators and seize smuggled and fake goods such as gold, cigarettes, liquor, electronic goods worth crores on a regular basis. FICCI CASCADE congratulated the enforcement

officials and issued statements applauding them for their exemplary work.

I am assured and confident that with the sincere efforts of the CASCADE Think Tank, and with the cooperation of our stakeholders, we will continue to work assiduously to raise greater awareness on this bane of smuggling and counterfeiting on our economy and the society at large.

I'm confident that you will find this a meaningful read. I also look forward to your comments and feedback, for any improvements, if required for our future endeavours.

Jai Hind
Anil Rajput
 Chairman
 FICCI CASCADE

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THE STATESMAN

Need to strengthen laws to fight menace against illicit trade & smuggling: Ex-VP Naidu



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 NEW DELHI, 22 SEPTEMBER

Former Vice President M Venkiah Naidu today said that it is imperative for all stakeholders to reform, perform and transform in order to end the menace of counterfeiting and smuggling. "There is a need to strengthen the existing laws. Unless all of us join together, the fight against illicit trade and smuggling cannot be won," he emphasised.

Addressing the 8th edition of FICCI-CASCADE "MASCRADE 2022", Naidu asserted that sharing of ideas, experiences and sharing of views in formulating a more effective legislation with implementation is required to create awareness and industry to play a critical role in the "Transformation of the system, society, governance,

is required for the happiness of the people and is required to create awareness among the consumers," he added.

Former Vice President also stated that it is imperative to protect the rights of the consumers. "Consumer awareness has to be taken as a mission with a passion for the sake of the nation and then the real change will come," said Naidu, adding, India is on the move and one of the fastest growing economies in the world and we must all join together to end the menace of counterfeiting and smuggling.

Sandeep Kumar, member, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs said, "Due to technology advancements, the industry today has the opportunity to create tools that can empower consumers to take on smuggling and counterfeiting. This, along with strong

enforcement can make a big difference on the ground. The fight against illicit trade has to become a mass movement," Sanjiv Mehta, president, FICCI said. "Strong cooperation between different stakeholders and innovative action is required to free India of illicit trade. Smuggling and counterfeiting is all pervasive and industry, government and society directly bear its brunt." He further added that the Consumer Protection Act is a stepping-stone towards empowering the consumers.

Anil Rajput, chairman, FICCI-CASCADE said, "Smuggling is the deadliest form of illicit trade. Besides causing severe damage to the exchequer, in the form of loss of revenue, proliferating terrorism by allowing terror groups to get funds, and impacting consumer health and safety, it also leads to large scale unemployment by export-

ing jobs out of the country." During the event, FICCI-CASCADE-TARI report 'Illicit Markets: A Threat to Our National Interests' was released. The study examines the size and scale of illicit markets in five key Indian industries and assesses its impact on individual industries, employment, government tax collection, and the overall economy.

According to the study, the illicit market in 5 key Indian industries, including mobile phones, FMCG-household and personal goods, FMCG-packaged foods, tobacco products, and alcoholic beverages is valued at Rs 2,60,994 crore. The combined FMCG industry — household and personal goods, and packaged foods — accounts for 3/4th of the total illicit value of goods in these industries. The study finds that illicit trade leads to an estimated legitimate

employment loss of 15.96 lakh, with the combined FMCG industry accounting for about 68.5% of job losses.

The estimated tax loss to the government due to illicit goods in these industries is Rs 28,521 crore, with two highly regulated and taxed industries, tobacco products and alcoholic beverages, accounting for nearly 49% of the overall tax loss.

In terms of the percentage of the illicit market, the FMCG-household and personal goods industry is ahead of the other four sectors at 34.25%. This means that out of every 100 household and personal goods, nearly 34 were traded illegally. The sector is followed by FMCG-packaged foods industry at 25.09%, tobacco products industry at 20.94%, alcoholic beverages industry at 19.87%, and mobile phones industry at 7.56%.

THE TIMES OF INDIA

Gujarat: DRI seizes foreign cigarettes worth Rs 33 crore at Mundra Port

October 21, 2022



AHMEDABAD: The Ahmedabad zonal unit of Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) seized a container full of foreign made cigarettes worth Rs 33 crore from Mundra Port. This is the second seizure of cigarette container in a week.

The consignment was declared as readymade garments to evade duty. A total of 1150 cartons of three foreign brand cigarettes were seized under Customs Act, "said a senior official. Officials said that it's the fifth major seizure of cigarette/e-cigarettes by DRI Ahmedabad this financial year. The total value of the seizures has exceeded Rs 135 crore.

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8TH Edition **MASCRADA 2022** **MOVEMENT AGAINST SMUGGLED & COUNTERFEIT TRADE**

Unleashing the Power of Consumers in the fight against Smuggling and Counterfeiting

22-23 September 2022 | Hotel Shangri-La Eros, New Delhi

Counterfeiting and smuggling are highly pervasive across countries and sectors, representing a multi-billion-dollar industry globally that continues to grow and impact commerce and industry, governments, economies, and the society at large. With the Indian economy aiming to reach the target of a \$5 trillion economy and becoming a global powerhouse by 2024-25, such illicit trading activities are having a serious decelerating effect on the country's growth potentials.

Raising awareness is an important aspect of combating illicit trade in terms of smuggling and counterfeiting which needs to be pursued vigorously. Consumers should be adequately informed about the growing threat that substandard counterfeit and smuggled products pose to their health and safety.

FICCI CASCADE in pursuance of its agenda, to bring about a change, has been pursuing campaigns for the consumers at large to raise awareness about the ill effects of smuggling and counterfeiting. As a significant part of this campaign, FICCI CASCADE organised its annual international conference titled: **MASCRADA - Movement Against**

Smuggled and Counterfeit Trade which was attended by over 600 national and international delegates. The eighth edition of this conference was held in New Delhi on 22-23 September 2022, themed on "**Unleashing the Power of Consumers in the fight against Smuggling and Counterfeiting**". The conference focused on imparting knowledge and creating awareness amongst the consumers about their rights, duties and responsibilities to safeguard their welfare and interest from illicit trade. It further provided a platform to analyze and promote deliberations among the stakeholders on the adverse socio-economic impact of illicit trade.

Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Former Vice President of India while inaugurating the conference said that it is imperative for all stakeholders to reform, perform and transform in order to end the menace of counterfeiting and smuggling. "There is a need to strengthen the existing laws. Unless all of us join together, the fight against illicit trade and smuggling cannot be won," he emphasized.

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In the special address, **Mr. Sandeep Kumar**, Member, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs mentioned that due to technology advancements, the industry today has the opportunity to create tools that can empower consumers to take on smuggling and counterfeiting. This, along with strong enforcement can make a big difference on the ground. He emphasized that the fight against illicit trade has to become a mass movement.

In the welcome address, **Mr. Sanjiv Mehta**, President, FICCI said that "Strong cooperation between different stakeholders and innovative action is required to free India of illicit trade. Smuggling and counterfeiting is all-pervasive, and industry, government and society directly bear its brunt." He further added that Consumer Protection Act is a stepping-stone towards empowering the consumers.

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Emphasizing on the role of consumers Mr. Rajput said that while consumer rights are important as it safeguards their interests, consumer duties are equally significant as it indicates that they have a specific responsibility towards the society and other consumers. He stated that this shared responsibility will most certainly lower the detrimental impact of illicit trade.

Mr. Arun Chawla, Director General, FICCI said that illicit activity, whether it is counterfeiting, smuggling, is a bane for society as a whole. The drive against counterfeiting and illicit trade is gaining momentum and FICCI CASCADE is fully committed to contributing its bit to this noble cause, he added.





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Addressing the second day of MASGRADE 2022, Dr. Bibek Debroy, Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister stated that as consumers and citizens, we ask the government to do various things, but it actually is up to us how we tackle counterfeits and smuggled goods. "The broader issue is consumer mindset," he added.

Dr. Debroy mentioned that if the consumer regards a commodity as something where the after-sale service is unimportant, then it tends to be much more price sensitive as they don't care about the quality. However, he averred that

as systems become more organised, the importance of the grey market becomes less and less. He also suggested sensitising consumers using vernacular languages.

Mr. Narendra K Sabharwal, Chairman, FICCI IP Committee & Former Deputy Director General, WIPO and Think Tank Member, FICCI CASCADE, alluded to various studies, particularly by OECD, that have underscored the enormous impact of counterfeit and pirated products on international trade and noted the figure could be in excess of US\$ 460 billion per year.

Addressing the Valedictory Session, **Hon'ble Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Judge of Supreme Court of India** stated that while every citizen must be made aware of legal provisions to deal with counterfeiting and smuggling, they should also in turn understand the importance of buying genuine goods. He asserted that in order to create mass awareness about the ill effects of counterfeiting and smuggling, it is necessary to reach out to all sections of the society.

He emphasized that India would have to adopt innovative and interactive measures to reach out to its consumers. It is imperative for all stakeholders to prepare well to meet the emerging threats and challenges associated with counterfeiting and smuggling in consonance with the changing nature of the illegal activity. This is critical at a time when India is making strong progress to become a manufacturing hub for the world, supporting innovation in every sector and focusing on people-centric development models, he added.

Justice Kaul further stated that from smuggling, counterfeiting and tax evasion, to the illegal sale, illicit trade is impacting legitimate economic activity. It also deprives governments of revenues for investment in vital public services, dislocating millions of legitimate jobs and causing irreversible damage to ecosystems and human lives.

Justice Manmohan Sarin, Former Lokayukta, NCT of Delhi, Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir, Judge, High Court Delhi and Think Tank Member, FICCI CASCADE dted that there is enough discretion in the existing laws to carry out the judicial powers for attaining the desired objectives.



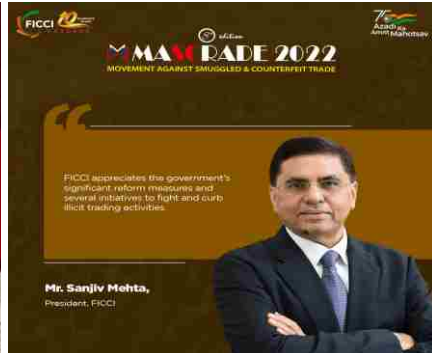
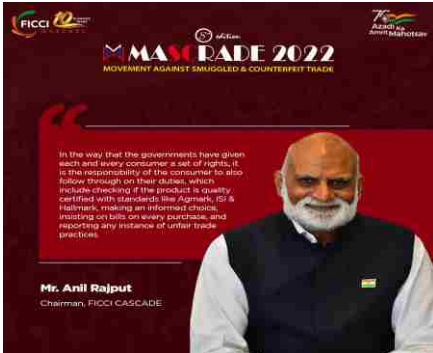
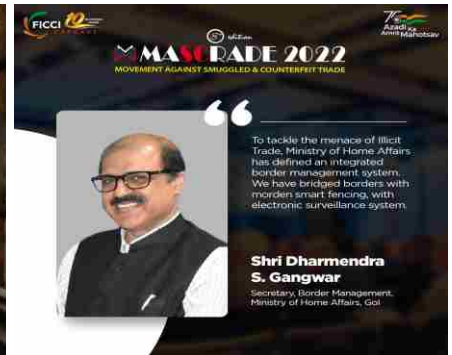
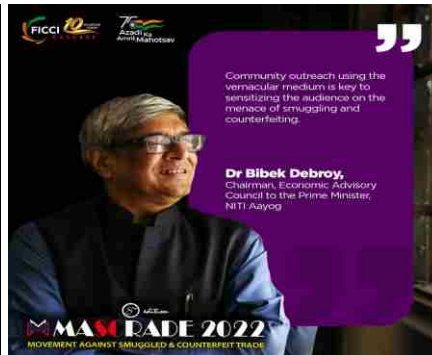
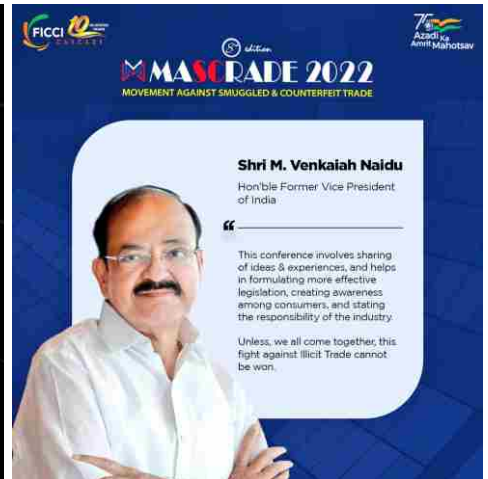
Anti-Counterfeiting and Anti-Smuggling Awards were given to enforcement officers, school children and journalists during the Valedictory session who have actively supported and contributed towards the objective of combating the menace of illegal trade.

Mr. Sanjeev Tripathi, Former Chief of RAW and Think Tank Member, FICCI CASCADE also shared his perspective during the valedictory session and proposed vote of thanks to all the eminent dignitaries and delegates who have joined the conference.

During the two-day conference, experts from India and abroad made highly informative presentations and

spoke at multiple insightful plenaries, highlighting the significance of empowering consumers to take on the battle against illicit trade by boycotting smuggled and counterfeit goods. The conference saw participation from several senior functionaries from leading international organisations, such as World Customs Organization (WCO), World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), INTERPOL, United Nations Office for Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Organization for Economic Corporation and Development (OECD), US Homeland Security, and Australian Border Force, among others.





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In the past, MASCRADE has laid strong focus on smuggling of goods in certain key sectors, economic impact of illicit trade, and how funds accumulated from smuggling are used by criminal syndicates to sponsor terror activities and social unrest. However, this is the first time that the event will have consumer at the centre, focusing on the many ways in which people can put an end to illicit trade.

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Government levies a tax of 14% on tobacco products (excluding bid), while tax on alcoholic beverages, based on the analysis of 14 liquor companies and excise duty paid by them, is in the range of 64-65%.

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Illicit trade in key industries leading to job losses: FICCI

Our Bureau
New Delhi

The Indian exchequer is estimated to have lost ₹58,521 crore in taxes in 2019-20 due to illicit trade in goods in five key industries - mobile phones, household and personal goods, packaged food, tobacco products and alcoholic beverages - according to report released by FICCI on Thursday.

The report estimates the size of illicit market in these sectors at over ₹2.60 lakh crore for 2019-20. "The impact of the illicit market of these key industries on the economy is pervasive and significant because of the backward linkages of these industries with other sectors of the economy, resulting in a multiplier effect. Higher the multiplier, higher is its overall effect on the economy," said the report.

1.59 M JOBS LOST IN 5 KEY SECTORS ₹58k cr lost in taxes due to illicit trade

Unlawful market valued at ₹2.60 tn in FY20, says FICCI

FE BUREAU
Mumbai, September 21

THE ILLICIT MARKET across five Indian key industries, including mobile phones and alcoholic beverages, was valued at ₹2.60 trillion in 2019-20, with the FMCG segment accounting for three-fourth of the total value, according to a report by industry body FICCI.

The report estimates tax loss of ₹58,521 crore to the government from the five sectors - others being FMCG - household and personal goods, FMCG - packaged foods, and tobacco products.

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| Value (₹ crore) | Value (₹ crore) |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Mobile phones | 15,884 |
| FMCG - household & personal goods | 55,530 |
| FMCG - packaged foods | 142,284 |
| Tobacco products | 22,930 |
| Alcoholic beverages | 23,466 |

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In percentage terms, the household and personal goods industry at ₹15,884 crore, FMCG - packaged foods industry at ₹142,284 crore, tobacco products industry at ₹22,930 crore, alcoholic beverages industry at ₹23,466 crore, and mobile phone industry at ₹15,884 crore.

Govt lost ₹58,521 crore in taxes due to illicit goods in 5 industries

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According to FICCI Committee Against Smuggling and Counterfeiting Activities, Destroying the Economy (CASCADE) report released on Thursday, two highly regulated and taxed industries, tobacco products and alcoholic beverages, account for nearly 49% of the overall tax loss to the government even as their total size in illicit trade was much lower than the FMCG industry.

Govt loses ₹58,521-cr tax revenue due to illicit trade

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The tax loss across these sectors stood at ₹17,074 crore (FMCG packaged foods), ₹15,292 crore (alcoholic beverages), ₹13,331 crore (tobacco products), ₹9,995 crore (FMCG household and personal goods), and ₹2,859 crore (mobile phones).

Government levies a tax of 14% on tobacco products (excluding bid), while tax on alcoholic beverages, based on the analysis of 14 liquor companies and excise duty paid by them, is in the range of 64-65%.

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Rs 58,521 crore in taxes lost due to illicit trade in products

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The exchequer is estimated to have lost ₹58,521 crore in taxes in 2019-20 due to illicit trade in goods in five key industries, including FMCG, mobile phones, tobacco products and alcohol, a FICCI report said on Thursday.

The report estimates the size of illicit markets in these industries at a little over ₹2.60 lakh crore for the year 2019-20, with the FMCG industry accounting for 75 per cent of the total illicit value of goods in five key industries. The estimated tax loss to the government due to illicit goods in these five key

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NEED TO STRENGTHEN EXISTING LAWS TO FIGHT THE MENACE AGAINST SMUGGLING & COUNTERFEITING: M VENKAIAH NAIDU, FORMER VICE PRESIDENT OF INDIA

Mr. M Venkaiah Naidu, former Vice President of India, said that the government needs to strengthen existing laws to fight the menace against smuggling and counterfeiting. He said that the illicit trade in goods in five key industries - mobile phones, FMCG household and personal goods, tobacco products and alcoholic beverages - stood at ₹58,521 crore in the financial year (FY) 2019-20, according to a report by industry body FICCI on Thursday.

| Industry | Value (₹ Cr) |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Mobile Phones | 15,884 |
| FMCG - household & personal goods | 55,530 |
| FMCG - Packaged Foods | 142,284 |
| Tobacco Products | 22,930 |
| Alcoholic Beverages | 23,466 |

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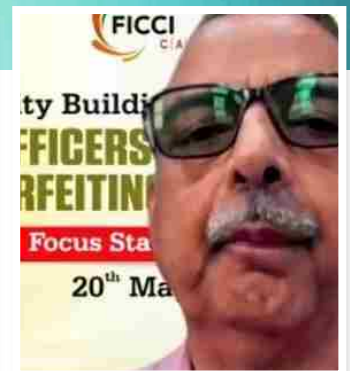
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Capacity Building Programme for Police Officers on Prevention of Counterfeiting and Smuggling

20th May 2022
Focus State: Gujarat | Medium: VIRTUAL



With the objective to sensitize the police officers of Gujarat to combat the socio-economic evils of illicit trade from the society, which are risky parasites to the economy and cause danger to the lives of individuals, FICCI CASCADE organized a "Capacity Building Programme for Gujarat Police Officers on Prevention of Counterfeiting and Smuggling" on 20th May 2022.

Addressing the programme **Mr. Saurabh Tolumbia**, Deputy Inspector General of Police, CID (Crime and Railways), Gujarat

t said that the recent biggest seizure in Gujarat included duplicate versions of sunglasses of a high-end brand, worth ₹6 Crores.

He stated that

there have been 46 copyright cases over the last 2 years and Gujarat Police have managed to seize counterfeit goods worth Rs 12.5 Crore. He further mentioned that the police have seized duplicate watches amounting to more than Rs 3 Crore 31 Lakhs, and duplicate mobile accessories worth Rs 83 Lakhs.

Mr. P C Jha, Advisor, FICCI CASCADE and Former Chairman, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs in his welcome address said, "The illegal activities of counterfeiting and smuggling are flooding the market with substandard fake goods which are produced without following quality norms at unhygienic places, and are sold without issuing bills, thus contributing towards increase in unaccounted money." Trade in counterfeit and smuggled goods has developed a substantial threat to the economy of our country and pose serious safety and security hazards to the society at large, he added. He also stated that the valiant police officers of Gujarat Police, have over the last couple of months taken several actions against criminals dealing with fake currency, illicit alcohol, smuggled cigarettes, fake injections and drugs.

While giving an overview on Socio-Economic Impact of Counterfeiting and Smuggling, Mr Deep Chand, Advisor, FICCI CASCADE and Former Special Commissioner of Police, New Delhi highlighted the global estimates of illicit trade. He said that the wider social, investment and criminal enforcement costs due to smuggling and counterfeiting could touch \$4.2 trillion by 2022, putting at risk 5.4 million legitimate jobs. As per the recent FICCI CASCADE study, in

the FY 2018-19 Indian economy loses Rs 1,17,253 crore due to smuggling in the five key sectors and total livelihood opportunities lost is 16.36 lacs, he added.

He apprised on the innovative ways of counterfeiting and smuggling adopted by the illicit traders to run their illegal market network. He highlighted that India is an emerging economy and is on the right track to become the 3rd largest economy in the world by 2025. To achieve the same, industrial growth need to be increased; more investment needed for growth and development; increase in expenditure on R & D is required and police being the primary enforcement body has to play an important role in enforcing laws.

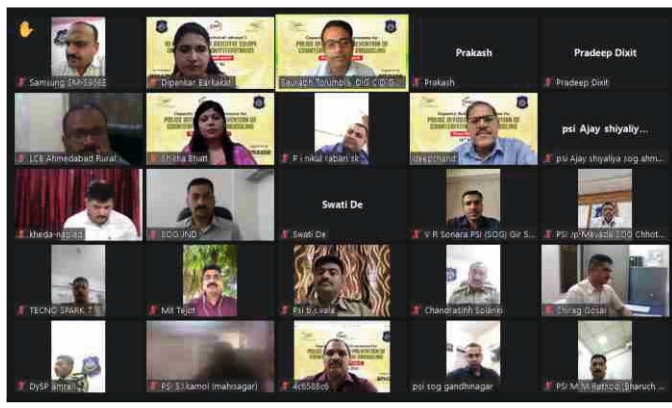
Mr Pradeep Dixit, Vice President, Industry Affairs, ITC Ltd said, "Smuggling and Counterfeiting expands black markets and encourages a convergence between organized crime,

terrorist groups and other threat networks." Generating mass awareness amongst the consumers is an important mean to curtail the hazards of growing illicit trade, Mr Dixit added.

Mr Nitin Saluja, Senior Policy Manager, Customer Trust, Amazon India discussed about Amazon's efforts in mitigating fraud and abuse on marketplaces that hamper customer trust and how Amazon via its various initiatives puts in enormous resources to deliver on its established tenets and to make its marketplace a reliable and safe platform for customers, brands, and sellers to conduct transactions. He stated that Amazon is committed to promoting and participating in the efforts for ensuring that the consumers are empowered to enjoy the benefits of online shopping while being protected from the risks the digital era may present.

Over the years, FICCI CASCADE has been regularly engaging with law enforcement agencies including police, customs and paramilitary organizations engaged in border protection in sensitizing them on the gravity of the problem of counterfeiting and smuggling.

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CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME for Police Officers

Prevention of Counterfeiting & Smuggling



Mr. P C Jha
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Chief Guest



Mr. Saurabh Tolumbia
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Mr. Pradeep Dixit
Vice President - Industry Affairs, ITC Ltd.



Mr. Nitin Saluja
Senior Manager, Customer Trust, Amazon India

20th May 2022

11:30 AM onwards

Capacity Building Programme for Police Officers on Prevention of Counterfeiting and Smuggling

May 31, 2022 | Focus State: Tamil Nadu



FICCI CASCADE (Committee Against Smuggling and Counterfeiting Activities Destroying the Economy) organized a **Capacity Building Programme for Police Officers of Tamil Nadu on "Prevention of Counterfeiting and Smuggling"** at Tamil Nadu Police Academy, Chennai on 31st May 2022. The capacity building programme was organized with an aim to sensitize the police officers on the importance of continued awareness and seriousness of the impact of counterfeit and smuggled goods.

Dr. A Amalraj, IPS, Additional Director General of Police, Tamil Nadu & Director, Tamil Nadu Police Academy was the chief guest at the programme. Dr Amalraj while highlighting the menace of illicit goods said that such products are not only harmful for consumers but also incur huge losses to the government exchequer. He also emphasized on the need for such training programmes, which not only sensitizes the officers on the magnitude of the problem but also help them to understand the intricacies of smuggling and counterfeiting. He added that "Police is directly involved in stopping the circulation of illicit goods in the society."

While giving an overview on Socio-Economic Impact of Counterfeiting and Smuggling, Mr Deep Chand, Advisor, FICCI CASCADE and Former Special Commissioner of Police, New Delhi said, "Capacity building in terms of skill, infrastructure and technology is essential for the law enforcement agencies in improving the detection and

investigation mechanism of crimes relating to counterfeiting and smuggling." Sharing data from a recent study by FICCI CASCADE, Mr Chand said, in the FY 2018-19 Indian economy saw a loss of Rs.1,17,253 crore and loss of 16.36 livelihood opportunities due to smuggling in five key sectors.

Mr Pradeep Dixit, Vice President, Industry Affairs, ITC Ltd mentioned that proceeds from the sale of counterfeit, smuggled and contraband products contribute to the funding of criminal activities all across the globe. It is vital that industry and enforcement officers work in close collaboration to address this mounting hazard.

Mr Nitin Saluja, Senior Policy Manager, Customer Trust, Amazon India discussed about Amazon's efforts in mitigating fraud and abuse on marketplaces that hamper customers trust and how Amazon via its various initiatives puts in enormous resources to deliver on its established tenets and to make its marketplace a reliable and safe platform for customers, brands, and sellers to conduct transactions. He stated that amazon is committed to promoting and participating in the efforts for ensuring that the consumers are empowered to enjoy the benefits of online shopping while being protected from the risks, the digital era may present.

Mr. Ashish Sawant, Assistant Manager, Global Brand Protection, APAC Region, Johnson & Johnson emphasized that misspellings, font or print format differences,

unprofessional looking packaging, poor print quality, holograms that appear as foil stickers are the major clues to identify illicit products.

Dr. R. Sivakumar, IPS, Deputy Director, Tamil Nadu Police Academy proposed vote of thanks and stated that significant actions are being taken by the officers continuously to put down the illicit trade activities posing serious risk to public health and safety.

FICCI CASCADE has been regularly engaging with law enforcement agencies including police, customs and paramilitary organizations engaged in border protection in sensitizing them on the gravity of the problem.

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CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME
for Police Officers

Prevention of Counterfeiting & Smuggling

Chief Guest
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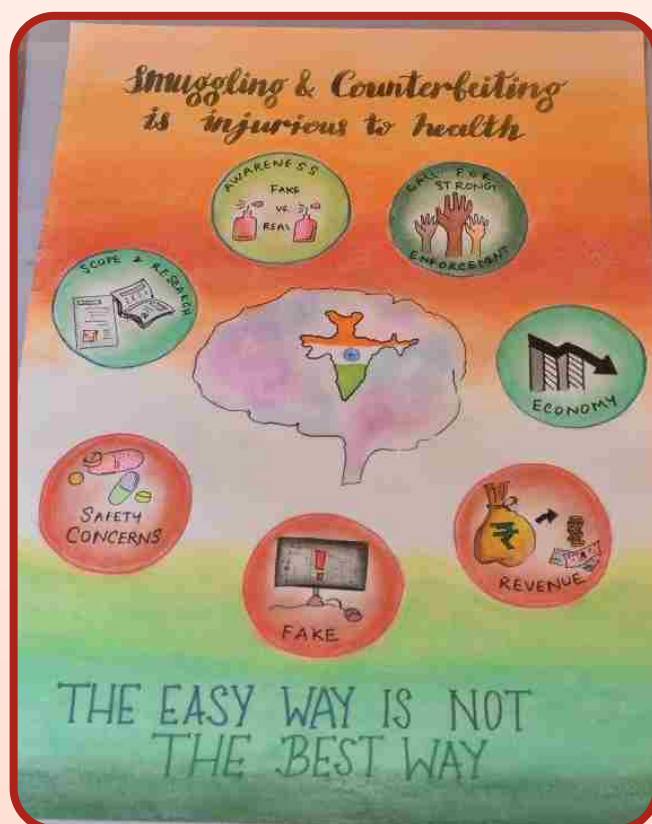
Mr. Pradeep Dixit
Vice President - Industry Affairs, ITC Ltd.

Mr. Nitin Saluja
Senior Policy Manager, Customer Trust, Amazon India

Mr. Ashish Sawant
Assistant Manager, Global Brand Protection, APAC Region, Johnson & Johnson

31st May 2022 | 11 AM - 1 PM
Focus State: Tamil Nadu

AWARENESS THROUGH ART



Capacity Building Programme for Police Officers on Prevention of Counterfeiting and Smuggling

6 July 2022 | Haryana Police Academy



Over the past few years, FICCI CASCADE has been working closely with government, industry, enforcement officials, legal fraternity, consumer organizations and the youth to create awareness on the adverse impact of the problem of counterfeiting and smuggling. Among other activities, FICCI CASCADE has been regularly engaging with law enforcement agencies including police, customs and paramilitary organizations engaged in border protection in sensitizing them on the gravity of the problem.

With this background, FICCI CASCADE (Committee Against Smuggling and Counterfeiting Activities Destroying the Economy) organized a Capacity Building Programme for Police Officers of Haryana on "Prevention of Counterfeiting and Smuggling" at Haryana Police Academy, Madhuban on 6th July 2022.

Addressing the gathering on the occasion, Dr Arun Kumar Singh, DIG, Haryana Police Academy stated that Haryana Police is taking significant actions to curtail the problem of illicit trade which is posing serious hazards to public health





and safety. Dr Singh opined that lack of awareness in the society is shaping the dynamics of illicit trade. Imparting knowledge and raising awareness on the ill effects of counterfeiting and smuggling can go a long way to tackle it. He emphasized on the need for such training programmes, which not only sensitizes the officers on the magnitude of the problem but also helps them to understand the intricacies of smuggling and counterfeiting.

While giving an overview on Socio-Economic Impact of Counterfeiting and Smuggling, Mr Deep Chand, Advisor, FICCI CASCADE and Former Special Commissioner of Police, New Delhi said, "The grey market is fuelling illegitimate industry, leading to increased criminalization in the society. This capacity building program is aimed to sensitize the police officers on the importance of continued awareness and seriousness of the impact of counterfeit and smuggled products." He highlighted that as per the recent FICCI CASCADE study, in FY 2018-19, Indian economy loses Rs 1,17,253 crore due to smuggling in the five key sectors and total livelihood opportunities lost is 16.36 lakhs.

Mr Nitin Saluja, Senior Policy Manager, Customer Trust, Amazon India said, "Amazon is focused in mitigating fraud

and abuse on marketplaces that hamper customer trust. Amazon has introduced several initiatives and have put in resources to make its marketplace a reliable and safe platform for customers, brands, and sellers to conduct transactions. He further added that Amazon is committed to promoting and participating in the efforts for ensuring that the consumers are empowered to enjoy the benefits of online shopping while being protected from the risks the digital era may present.

Mr Ashish Sawant, Assistant Manager, Global Brand Protection, APAC Region, Johnson & Johnson accentuated that counterfeit products have a detrimental impact on both the manufacturers and consumers. It poses severe risk to company's reputation, brand image and negatively affect the consumers' confidence in the global market. It also affects businesses and consumers alike by sowing mistrust in genuine products made by reputable brands, Mr.Sawant added.

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CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME for Police Officers

Prevention of Counterfeiting & Smuggling



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Mr. Nitin Saluja
Senior Policy Manager, Customer Trust, Amazon India

6th July 2022
11:00 AM onwards
Focus State : Haryana



Mr. Ashish Sawant
Assistant Manager, Global Brand Protection, APAC Region, Johnson & Johnson

Capacity Building Programme for Police Officers on Prevention of Counterfeiting and Smuggling

29 July 2022 | Focus State: Karnataka



With the objective to sensitize the police officers of Karnataka on the socio-economic evils of illicit trade, which are risky parasites to the economy and cause danger to the lives of individuals, FICCI CASCADE organized a "Capacity Building Programme for Police Officers on Prevention of Counterfeiting and Smuggling" on 29th July 2022 at Karnataka Police Academy, Mysuru.

Shri Anupam Agarwal, Director, Karnataka Police Academy was the chief guest at the programme. Addressing the programme, Mr Agarwal stated that to meet the vision of our Hon'ble PM of making Indian economy, a US\$ 5 trillion economy, all stakeholders like FICCI, Police and industry needs to work together more closely.

He accentuated that counterfeiting and smuggling has developed a substantial threat to the economy and there is conclusive evidence of the increasing involvement of terror organizations in funding such illicit trade activities. There are adequate laws available, but enforcement of the laws makes the role of police officers even more important in the fight against counterfeiters and smugglers, he added.

Mr Agarwal said that the loss of revenue to the government due to counterfeiting and smuggling has a direct impact on spending on welfare measures such as health care and education. "Police Department is the primary law enforcement agency in our country and should play a

significant role in ensuring that proactive and collaborative actions are taken against illicit players to protect the consumer's health, life and safety," he added.

While giving an overview on Socio-Economic Impact of Counterfeiting and Smuggling, Mr Deep Chand, Advisor, FICCI CASCADE and Former Special Commissioner of Police, New Delhi highlighted that lack of stringent enforcement, weak surveillance and weak regulatory framework are the main factors responsible for illicit trade. He said that the wider social, investment and criminal enforcement costs due to smuggling and counterfeiting could touch \$ 4.2 trillion by 2022, putting at risk 5.4 million legitimate jobs.

Mr Pradeep Dixit, Vice President - Industry Affairs, ITC Ltd. stated that smuggling and counterfeiting expands black markets and encourages a convergence between organized crime, terrorist groups and other threat networks. Mr. Dixit opined that India is the 4th largest and fastest growing market for smuggling of illegal cigarettes, which calls for heightened awareness and sensitization of people in the society.

Mr Nitin Saluja, Senior Policy Manager, Customer Trust, Amazon India stated that Amazon has introduced several initiatives and have put in resources to help customers enjoy the benefits of online shopping. He mentioned that our focus is to make Amazon marketplace a reliable and safe for customers, brands, and sellers to conduct transactions. He



highlighted that Amazon focuses on mitigating fraud and abuse on marketplaces that hamper customer trust while protecting them from the risks, the digital era may present.

Mr. Ashish Sawant, Assistant Manager, Global Brand Protection, APAC Region, Johnson & Johnson emphasized that counterfeiting and smuggling is a global problem of enormous scale, impacting every industry sector around the world. India is no exception, as it has an impact on our citizens' economy, health, and safety. He mentioned that at JNJ we endeavour to protect our patients and consumers from the health risk caused by such inferior quality, and

hazardous products and medicines. In the pledge to protect our consumers, JNJ has partnered with the FICCI and law enforcement agencies to curb illicit trade.

FICCI CASCADE has been regularly engaging with law enforcement agencies, including police, customs and paramilitary organizations engaged in border protection, in sensitizing them on the gravity of the problem.

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Capacity Building Programme for Police Officers on Prevention of Counterfeiting & Smuggling



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29th July 2022 | 11:45 AM onwards | Focus State: Karnataka

ZERO-EVASION

Ill Effects of Smuggling & Counterfeiting on the Country and the Role of Youth in Making India Free of Illicit Trade

17 August 2022 | FICCI, New Delhi



The existence and operation of illicit markets has been an enduring problem that has escalated in scope and magnitude, impacting industries, consumers, the government, and the economy. Uninhibited growth of counterfeiting and smuggling is today one of the biggest challenges faced by Indian industry, impacting 'Brand India' globally. FICCI CASCADE is a dedicated forum on the agenda of fighting the evils of smuggling and counterfeiting. FICCI CASCADE has been working relentlessly on creating large-scale awareness about the ill-

effects of smuggling among the most impacted segment, the consumer.

With an objective to sensitize the young minds on the need to work together to address the growing hazards posed by counterfeiting and smuggling, FICCI CASCADE organised a **Youth Awareness Programme on "Ill effects of Smuggling & Counterfeiting on the Country and the Role of Youth in Making India Free of Illicit Trade" on 17th August at FICCI, Federation House, Tansen Marg, New Delhi.** The competition was divided in three categories: Painting,



Elocution and Creative Writing. The competition witnessed enthusiastic participation of over 500 children from 60+ leading schools in Delhi and NCR. Students joined the programme with zeal and passion to take all necessary steps to combat illicit trade. Competition saw a plethora of ideas, innovative expressions, talent and content exhibited in way of speech, art and write ups. The youth awareness program was able to provide a platform to bring in more people, particularly youngsters, to push forward its actions to curb illicit trade in India.

The competition was judged by Mr PC Jha, Advisor, FICCI CASCADE, and Former Chairman, Central Board of Indirect

Taxes and Customs; Mr Guriqbal Singh Jaiya, Former Director, SME Division, WIPO; and Mr Deep Chand, Advisor, FICCI CASCADE, and Former Special Commissioner of Police, New Delhi.

Mr Deep Chand, Advisor, FICCI CASCADE, and Former Special Commissioner of Police, New Delhi in his opening remarks stated that training young minds will not only help them to make the right choice while consuming /buying a product, but it will also empower them to support the health and wellbeing of their peers, family members and society.

The winners in the competitions were as follows:-

| S.No. | Name of the Competition | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
|-------|-------------------------|---|--|--|
| 1 | Elocution | Aditya Gandhi (Venkateshwar Global School) Mannan Kakkar (The Indian School) | Bhavyansh Sharma (Gurukul The School) | Arhaan Akmal (Delhi Public School, Noida) Aadya Malik (The HDFC School, Gurugram) |
| 2 | Painting | Vaani Gupta (Bal Bharati Public School, Noida) | Srisoniya Subramoniam (Delhi Public School, Noida) | Manya Baluni (New Green Field School, Saket) Tara Sahay (The HDFC School, Gurugram) |
| 3 | Creative Writing | Anuva Rai , Venkateshwar Global School, Rohini | Mehar Parashar , Soami Nagar Model School and Samiya Singh , Laxman Public School | Deboupita Das , Springdales School |



FICCI CASCADE believes that it is important to bring the youth onboard the awareness campaign and through them influence the society. The Youth of our nation are one of the key stakeholders for advocating socially responsible behavior. Training young minds will help in empowering and strengthening our society for national development and in shaping the future of our country in a brighter and more prosperous manner.

The competitions not only witnessed the skills and creative

abilities of the school children, but also witnessed the passion in them to bring about a change in the society by shunning fake products and saying no to smuggled goods. This youth awareness initiative was one of a series of such programme to be organized across the country as part of a nation-wide awareness campaign to highlight the issue and focus on the growing menace of illicit trade.

<https://www.ficcicascade.in/youth-awareness-programme-zero-evasion/>





INTER-SCHOOL COMPETITION ZERO-EVASION
 Ill effects of Smuggling & Counterfeiting on the Country and the Role of Youth in Making India Free of Illicit Trade
 17th August 2022
 FICCI, New Delhi

Painting Competition
 Elocution Competition
 Creative Writing Competition

OBJECTIVE
 To generate awareness on the ill effects of smuggling and counterfeiting and encourage the youth to participate in making India free from the menace of illicit trade.

Reporting Time: 09:00 am
Welcome and Opening Session: 10:00 am-10:30 am

| Competition | Start Time | End Time |
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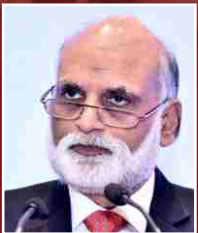
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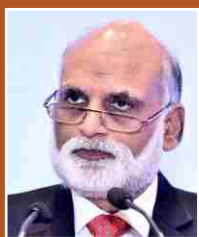
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John F Kennedy had famously said, "Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country." Understanding and imbibing the concepts of civic action and public service through a scheme like this will surely make the youth of our country more socially responsible and create value for economic development. This is especially relevant in the current context as we witness large scale participation of youth in civil disobedience on several issues. We must understand that a country cannot be built on the belief of unrest and protest. The Civil Disobedience movement in pre-independent India was founded on the principle of opposing British regulations which were impeding the growth and development of our nation. While we have achieved freedom from the Britishers, the ideology of dissent is still deeply entrenched within us as we continue to get validity through a culture of protests from the reminiscences of the Indian freedom movement.

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The consumer's search for cheaper alternatives gives birth to another menace which hurts even more — a booming, smuggled and illegal goods market. This hurts more because it is done at the cost of taxes to the government, depriving the country of the fuel required to drive social transformation. In this economic activity, the target is not the cheaper category of goods, but rather the more expensive class of goods. According to the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry's Committee Against Smuggling and Counterfeiting Activities Destroying the Economy (CASCADE) — one of the best-known data sources for information on smuggling — the illicit market is thriving in five key Indian industries. This includes mobile phones, fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) – household and personal goods, FMCG-packaged foods, tobacco products, and alcoholic beverages. The size of the illicit market in these industries was valued at Rs. 2,60,094 crore in 2019-20.

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Despite the global headwinds, the Indian economy grew at 13.5 per cent (current prices) in the first quarter of FY23. India is likely to be the fastest growing economy in the current fiscal, even though a global downturn will negatively impact its momentum.

At the same time, macro vulnerability risks may give way to demand and profitability concerns. While India is certainly better placed than most big economies, it needs to control factors that impede growth.

Fake goods worries

Curtailing trade in counterfeits is one key measure that could boost India's growth. FMCG goods, including personal and

household items and packaged foods, tobacco products, and alcoholic beverages constitute a vast market and this is where illicit trade rule the roost.

According to a FICCI CASCADE study, the size of counterfeit market in these five key industries was ₹2,60,094 crore in 2019-20, which was more than 1 per cent of India's GDP that year.

The FMCG industry accounts for three-fourths of the total counterfeit value of goods. The report further suggests that trade in counterfeit goods leads to an estimated legitimate employment loss of 15.96 lakh, with the FMCG industry accounting for about 68 per cent of job losses.

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The impact of the counterfeit market of these industries on the economy is significant because of their backward linkages with other sectors, which results in a multiplier effect.

This means that smuggling and counterfeiting in one industry affect growth in other sectors attached to it.

Take, for example, the case of the mobile phone industry. Fake mobile phones result in an output loss of ₹40,374 crore and a Gross Value Added (GVA) loss of ₹14,248 crore to the economy. Similarly, the illegal and smuggled household and personal goods resulted in an output loss of ₹1,56,012 crore and a GVA loss of ₹53,071 crore.

Smuggling and counterfeiting also increase the health burden on the state as people, often belonging to

economically weaker sections, fall prey to substandard, expired, or hazardous goods. Further, illicit trade generates huge profits, most of which go back to the crime syndicates that control this illegal activity.

Even though trade in fakes runs parallel to the legitimate economy, experts opine that in cases where the former takes over the latter in terms of scale and volume, legitimate businesses witness massive instability which discourages foreign enterprises and investors to venture into the affected country.

By countering illegal trade, which includes smuggling and counterfeiting, India can set an example for the rest of the world.

Systemic measures

However, this will require developing systemic measures, synergy and convergence between various departments of the Centre and States under one umbrella agency, sharing of data in a seamless way across geographical regions and special courts that would deliver deterrent punishment.

In this process, the umbrella agency should adopt modern Information and Communication Technologies such as Artificial Intelligence, Blockchain, Geospatial to prevent illegal movement of goods along sea, land, and air routes.

A detailed pilot study for a gateway on imports will provide the difference between what it could do and what it wants to achieve for the agency, and the agency can continuously improve the process to curb illegal trade.

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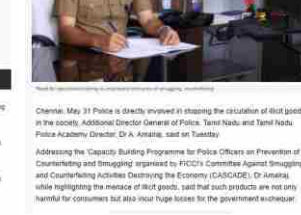
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Training for cops to stop counterfeiting

Additional Director General of Police Dr A Aruna, who is Director, Tamil Nadu Police Academy said, "Police are directly involved in stopping the circulation of illicit goods in the society." Such products are harmful for consumers and incur huge losses to the government exchequer. Former special commissioner of police, New Delhi Deep Chand, also advisor for FICCI CASCADe said a recent study by FICCI CASCADe showed that in the 2018-19 Indian economy saw a loss of 1,17,253 crore and loss of 16.36 livelihood opportunities due to smuggling in five key sectors.

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HARYANA POLICE Academy DIG Dr Arun Kumar Singh on Wednesday said that the state police are taking significant actions to curtail the problem of counterfeiting and smuggling, the twin menace that poses serious hazards to public health and safety.

Addressing a 'Capacity Building Programme for Police Officers on Prevention of Counterfeiting and Smuggling' on Wednesday at Haryana Police Academy Madhuban (Karnal), Dr Singh stated that lack of awareness in the society is shaping the dynamics of illicit trade. The programme was organised by FICCI's Committee Against Smuggling and Counterfeiting Activities Destroying the Economy (CASCADE). Singh, while speaking during the event, emphasised on the need for such training programmes, which not only sensitizes officers on the magnitude of the problem but also helps them to understand the intricacies of smuggling and counterfeiting.

While giving an overview on socio-economic impact of counterfeiting and smuggling, Deep Chand, Advisor, FICCI CASCADE and former Special Commissioner of Police (New Delhi), said, "The grey market is fuelling illegitimate industry, leading to increased criminalisation in the society. This capacity building programme is aimed to sensitise the police officers on the importance of continued awareness and seriousness of the impact of counterfeit and smuggled products." He further stated that as per the recent FICCI CASCADE study, in FY 2018-19, the Indian economy loses Rs 1,17,253 crore due to smuggling in the five key sectors.

Nitin Saluja, senior policy Manager, Customer Trust, Amazon India said, "Amazon is focused on mitigating fraud and abuse on marketplaces that hamper customer trust. We have introduced several initiatives and have put in resources to make its marketplace a reliable and safe platform for customers, brands, and sellers to conduct transactions."

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Police taking steps to check smuggling: DIG KARNAL: The Haryana police are taking significant steps to check the menace of smuggling and counterfeiting in the state that poses a serious threat to public health and safety, deputy inspector general of police Arun Kumar Singh said on Wednesday. The DIG was addressing a gathering at the 'Capacity Building Programme for Police Officers on Prevention of Counterfeiting and Smuggling', organised by FICCI's Committee Against Smuggling and Counterfeiting Activities Destroying the Economy (CASCADE) at Haryana Police Academy, Madhuban.

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'Counterfeiting & smuggling a major threat to economy'

MEMOR: Arun Kumar Singh, Deputy Inspector General of Police, Karnal, Haryana, said on Friday that the increasing incidence of counterfeiting and smuggling is a major threat to the economy and public health and safety. He said that the government should take more steps to curb these activities. He also mentioned that the FICCI CASCADE committee is working closely with the government to address these issues.

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Involve consumers in detecting fake products: CBIC member

Further Vice-President M. Venkatesh Naidu, who was the chief guest in the conference, said that illicit trade is being undertaken in India's "immediate neighbouring countries". He suggested that strong actions must be taken against such forces. FICCI President Sanjay Mehta said that a counter-attack should be launched on fake products. He also mentioned that consumers should be encouraged to report incidents of fake and illicit products being sold in markets to enforcement agencies.

Need to strengthen existing laws to fight the menace against smuggling & counterfeiting

TS/ST | New Delhi: Mr M Venkatesh Naidu, Former Vice President of India today said that it is imperative for all stakeholders to reform, perform and transform in order to end the menace of counterfeiting and smuggling. "There is a need to strengthen the existing laws. It takes all of us join together, the fight against illicit trade and smuggling cannot be won," he emphasized. Addressing the 5th edition of FICCI CASCADE 'MAS CRIME 30/22', Mr Naidu presented his sharing of ideas, experiences and challenges of views in formulating a more effective legislation with an

Rs 58.5K cr of taxes lost in 5 industries due to illicit trade: FICCI study

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फिक्की केसकेड का मासक्रेड-2022 आयोजित

मुंबई. सर्वोच्च न्यायालय के न्यायाधीश संजय किशन कोल ने कहा कि जहां प्रत्येक नागरिक को जालसाजी और तस्करी से निपटने के लिए कानूनी प्रावधानों से अवगत कराया जाना चाहिए। फिक्की केसकेड की ओर से आयोजित मासक्रेड-2022 के 8वें संस्करण के दूसरे दिन

की सभा को संबोधित करते हुए, जस्टिस कोल ने कहा कि सभी हितधारकों के लिए यह आवश्यक है कि वे बदलते खतरों के अनुरूप जालसाजी और तस्करी अवैध गतिविधि की प्रकृति से जुड़े उभरते खतरों और चुनौतियों का सामना करने के लिए अच्छी तैयारी करें।

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The competition was judged by PC Jha, Advisor, FICCI CASCADE, and Former Chairman, Central Board of Indirect Taxes

and Customs; Guriqbal Singh Jaiya, Former Director, SME Division, WIPRO; and Deep Chand. FICCI CASCADE has been working relentlessly on creating large-scale awareness about the ill-effects of smuggling among the most impacted segment, the consumer. The Committee's youth awareness program has offered the opportunity to bring in more people, particularly youngsters, to push forward its actions to curb illicit trade in India. **NP03T**

पांच उद्योगों में अवैध कारोबार से 58,521 करोड़ का नुकसान

व्यापार में एफएमसीजी का 75% हिस्सा : फिक्की

नई दिल्ली। रोजमर्रा के उपभोग के सामान (एफएमसीजी), तंबाकू उत्पाद, मोबाइल फोन और शराब सहित पांच प्रमुख उद्योगों में अवैध कारोबार की वजह से 2019-20 में कर के रूप में सरकारी खजाने को 58,521 करोड़ रुपये की चपत लगी है। उद्योग मंडल फिक्की ने वृहत्समिति को एक रिपोर्ट में कहा, 2019-20 में इन उद्योगों में अवैध कारोबार का आकार 2.60 लाख करोड़ से थोड़ा अधिक था। रिपोर्ट में कहा गया है कि पांच प्रमुख उद्योगों में हुए कुल अवैध कारोबार में एफएमसीजी उद्योग की हिस्सेदारी 75 फीसदी थी। सरकार को होने वाले कुल कर नुकसान में दो अत्यधिक विनियमित और उच्च कर वाले उद्योग तंबाकू उत्पाद एवं शराब हैं। सरकार को हुए कुल कर नुकसान में इन दोनों की करीब 49 फीसदी हिस्सेदारी है। एजेसी

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इस उद्योग ने सरकार को लगाई सबसे ज्यादा चपत

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

1. GOF seizes about RM3.6 mil worth of smuggled items

8 June 2022 | New Straits Times

PASIR MAS: The General Operations Force (GOF) here seized about RM3.6 million worth of smuggled items and vehicles during the two weeks Ops Wawasan along the Kelantan/Thai border. GOF Eighth Battalion assistant commander Deputy Superintendent Ramesh K. Krishnan said the items include contraband and drugs and were seized between May 26 and June 6. During the same period, he said 111 men and 11 women were also arrested for possession of the smuggled items. "Since the battalion took over Ops Wawasan on May 26, we recorded 29 smuggling cases with the arrest of 122 people." Besides the smuggled items, we also seized 23 vehicles used in the illegal activities," he said in a statement.

<https://www.nst.com.my/news/crime-courts/2022/06/803224/gof-seizes-about-rm36-mil-worth-smuggled-items>

2. US Customs seized 460 counterfeit Rolex watches that would have been worth a collective \$10.1 million if they were real

17 June 2022 | Business Insider

In April, US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) in Indianapolis seized 460 fake Rolex watches that had been imported from Hong Kong. The shipment was addressed to a residence in Brooklyn, according to a statement released by CBP on May 2. The Rolex watches would have been worth \$10.1 million had they been real. Officers picked out the shipment as they recognized the details of the sender, who has a history of fraudulent activity, CBP said. CBP said it will hand over investigations to Homeland Security and inform authorities in the sender's country of the seizure.

<https://www.businessinsider.in/retail/news/us-customs-seized-460-counterfeit-rolex-watches-that-would-have-been-worth-a-collective-10-1-million-if-they-were-real/articleshow/91611322.cms>

3. PNP seizes P6.7 million worth of smuggled cigarettes in Zamboanga City

7 July 2022 | GMA Network

Authorities seized smuggled cigarettes worth around P6.37 million during an operation in Zamboanga City on Wednesday, the Philippine National Police (PNP) said on Thursday. In a statement, the PNP said operatives intercepted a white Isuzu Elf loaded with 182 cases of New Orleans. Authorities arrested the truck driver, but his two companions were able to escape. The driver was injured after jumping off the truck when he attempted to flee, according to the PNP.

<https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/topstories/regions/837374/pnp-seizes-p6-7-million-worth-of-smuggled-cigarettes-in-zamboanga-city/story/>

4. Florida CEO charged in 'massive scheme' selling fake Cisco hardware imported from China to hospitals, schools, and government agencies

10 July 2022 | Business Insider

A Florida-based CEO was charged with selling \$1 billion worth of counterfeit Cisco equipment imported from China, according to the Department of Justice. The Justice Department announced in a release on Friday that they arrested 38-year-old Onur Aksoy for allegedly running multiple stores that sold fraudulent Cisco hardware. The DOJ alleged that Aksoy imported the fake equipment from China and resold them to included hospitals, schools, government agencies, and the military under the company name "Pro Network" to make it appear legitimate. According to the DOJ statement, between 2014 and 2022, Customs and Border Protection seized 180 shipments of counterfeit Cisco devices being shipped to Pro Network.

<https://www.businessinsider.in/international/news/florida-ceo-charged-in-massive-scheme-selling-fake-cisco-hardware-imported-from-china-to-hospitals-schools-and-government-agencies/articleshow/92775050.cms>

5. Almost 20,000 counterfeit goods seized by police in Fuengirola and Mijas and 15 people arrested

13 July 2022 | SUR

Among the fake goods seized were bags, swimming costumes and T-shirts of well-known brands which were reproduced without permission.

National Police officers have seized more than 19,500 counterfeit goods in Fuengirola and Mijas in an operation that led to 15 arrests for alleged crimes against industrial property. Among those being investigated are two distributors based in Mijas Costa, who marketed the products to retailers in the province. The fake goods seized included bags, swimming costumes and T-shirts of well-known brands which were reproduced without authorisation. In a statement the National Police force, said the operation, called Honeysuckle, was carried out by agents attached to the Group II of Economic Crimes of the provincial police station in Malaga. The investigation was initiated following a complaint from a representative of several prestigious brands, which had been suffering financial losses due to an increase in counterfeiting on the coast, coinciding with the start of the summer.

<https://www.surinenglish.com/malaga/mijas-fuengirola/counterfeit-goods-police-raids-20220713115743-nt.html>

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

6. Police seize smuggled cigarettes

21 July 2022 | My Republica

KATHMANDU, JULY 21: A large quantity of foreign cigarettes was seized at the dry port of Birgunj in a container coming from Dubai via India. More than 5.8 million cigarettes of the Gudang Garam and Mond Variance brands were found in the container which was supposed to contain Moong Dal. Gudang Garam cigarettes are widely available in the market, but this is the first time when the police have seized such cigarettes being smuggled into the country through the customs.

<https://myrepublica.nagariknetwork.com/news/police-seize-smuggled-cigarettes/>

7. Filipinos warned vs fake LEGO products; P6.2-M copycat products seized

13 September 2022 | ABS CBN News

MANILA — Authorities confiscated at least P6.2 million worth of fake LEGO products as the government ramped up efforts against products that violate intellectual rights, the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOPHL) said Tuesday.

Over 2,000 boxes of fake LEGO products were seized by the National Bureau of Investigation's IP Rights Division last July in a mall in Mindanao, IPOPHL said in a statement.

<https://news.abs-cbn.com/business/09/13/22/p62-m-worth-of-fake-lego-seized-ipophl>

8. Fake Prada, Chanel, Gucci products among \$40M in counterfeit items seized

11 October 2022 | KIRO

NASSAU COUNTY, N.Y. - A Long Island woman is facing charges after police say they seized tens of millions of dollars' worth of counterfeit items from her store. The Nassau County Police Department said in a news release that it had arrested Lindsay Castelli on charges of trademark counterfeiting. Police said that during a search of Castelli's store, Linny's Boutique, detectives found 22 printing press machines and counterfeit items labeled as being by Gucci, Chanel, Prada, Dior, Ugg and Louis Vuitton. Detectives said in all the total value of the items seized was over \$40 million.

<https://www.kiro7.com/news/trending/fake-prada-chanel-gucci-products-among-40m-counterfeit-items-seized/R2US7AZFDVBLBFEG5T7JPBVKWM/>

9. Spanish police seize €300 million worth of fake goods in Europe record

12 October 2022 | The Olive Press

Spanish authorities have made the largest recorded seizure of fake designer goods across Europe to date. Seventeen people were arrested as police raided 14 bazaars, four stores and three homes in the Europol-backed operation. About €70,000 euros in cash and three vehicles were also seized alongside the huge five tonne haul of counterfeit goods which amounted to more than €300 million. The criminal organisation was based primarily on the islands of Tenerife and Fuerteventura and acquired the goods in the Cobo Calleja industrial estate in Madrid.

<https://www.businessinsider.in/international/news/florida-ceo-charged-in-massive-scheme-selling-fake-cisco-hardware-imported-from-china-to-hospitals-schools-and-government-agencies/articleshow/92775050.cms>

10. £25k of illegal and fake headphones, sunglasses and vapes seized

Hackney, 04 October 2022

More than 1,000 illegal and counterfeit vapes, headphones, mobile phone accessories, and sunglasses were seized from four Hackney businesses by Council trading standards officers last month. The goods - with a total value of over £25,000 - were confiscated as part of a crackdown on illegal and counterfeit goods, which are of a poorer quality, unsafe and may pose a potential fire hazard as well as giving customers no chance of a refund or replacement from shops that do not provide a proof of purchase.

Representatives from leading brands accompanied trading standards officers to help them identify fake goods from leading brands such as Apple, Samsung, Armani and Louis Vuitton.

<https://news.hackney.gov.uk/25k-of-illegal-and-fake-headphones-sunglasses-and-vapes-seized/>

NATIONAL NEWS

1. Rs 2.14-crore worth non-duty paid liquor destroyed in Andhra Pradesh's Prakasam

16 June 2022 | The New Indian Express

ONGOLE: The Prakasam Police and the SEB officials under the supervision of the district SP Malika Garg destroyed non-duty paid liquor (NDPL) worth around Rs 2.14 crore in Ongole on Wednesday. The police destroyed a total of 42,810 bottles of illegal liquor, by crushing them with a road roller. Speaking on the occasion, the SP said that since 2019, SEB officials and police have conducted raids and inspections in various parts of the district and seized large quantities of illicit liquor. A total of 42,810 liquor bottles of various brands seized in 904 cases (other State NDPL cases and Duty Paid Liquor without Seals cases) registered in SEB stations and Police Stations in the district, valued at about Rs 2.14 crore.

<https://www.newindianexpress.com/states/andhra-pradesh/2022/jun/16/rs-214-crore-worth-non-duty-paid-liquor-destroyed-in-andhra-pradeshs-prakasam-2466233.html>

2. Delhi Customs seizes over 7 lakh sticks of foreign origin cigarettes worth Rs 1 cr

18 June 2022 | The Print

New Delhi [India], June 18 (ANI): Delhi Customs has seized a total of 7,10,000 sticks of foreign-origin cigarettes worth Rs 1 crore in the national capital on Friday. Apart from these foreign-origin cigarettes, packets of Indian brand cigarettes containing a total of 30,21,500 sticks were also found. "No documents could be shown by the owner of the goods about the procurement of such goods. The owner of the goods, who got the premises hired, has been apprehended. Further enquiry is on," the Ministry of Finance said in a statement. The Chief Commissioner of Delhi Customs (Preventive), Surjit Bhujabal said, "There is zero tolerance in respect of smuggling of cigarettes into the country.

<https://theprint.in/india/delhi-customs-seizes-over-7-lakh-sticks-of-foreign-origin-cigarettes-worth-rs-1-cr/1001565/>

3. Man sold fake Cisco devices worth \$1 billion, ran 19 companies to list products on Amazon, eBay

9 July 2022 | Zee News

A man who controlled 19 businesses, at least 15 Amazon stores, 10 eBay storefronts, and numerous other entities that marketed fake Cisco networking products worth \$1 billion. New Delhi: A man who controlled 19 businesses, at least 15 Amazon stores, 10 eBay storefronts, and numerous other entities that marketed fake Cisco networking products worth \$1 billion has been charged by a US court. Onur Aksoy, aka Ron Aksoy, aka Dave Durden, 38, of Miami, was accused by a federal grand jury in the District of New Jersey of orchestrating a vast enterprise over several years to traffic in fake and counterfeit Cisco networking equipment with an estimated retail value of over \$1 billion, according to a report by IANS. The US Department of Justice said in a statement late on Friday that the man imported tens of thousands of counterfeit Cisco devices from China and Hong Kong and resold them to clients in the US and abroad while misrepresenting the products as brand-new and authentic.

<https://zeenews.india.com/companies/man-sold-fake-cisco-devices-worth-1-billion-ran-19-companies-to-list-products-on-amazon-ebay-2483476.html>

4. DRI Seizes Rs 3.4 Cr Worth of Red Sanders from Sanand

13 July 2022 | Ahmedabad Mirror

The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) on Tuesday said it had seized Red Sanders meant to be smuggled out of the country hidden in a godown in rural Ahmedabad. Acting on intelligence, DRI recovered 4.229 metric tonnes of Red Sanders, whose estimated valued is Rs 3.4 crore in the international market, from a godown in Sanand. The seizure comes in the case the DRI sleuths were investigating since May this year when they had seized 14.63 metric tonnes of Red Sanders in the last week of May 2022 from Mundra Port in Kutch.

<https://ahmedabadmirror.com/dri-seizes-rs-34-cr-worth-of-red-sanders-from-sanand/81838816.html>

5. Andhra Pradesh: SEB, police destroy liquor worth about Rs 2 crore

26 July 2022 | The Hindu

60,000 liquor bottles were destroyed in the operation, says SEB officials. Officials of the Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB) and the NTR District Police destroyed illegal and Non-Duty Paid Liquor (NDPL) worth Rs 2 crore that was seized by the police, on Tuesday. The liquor was seized in different cases under various police stations limits in NTR District Police Commissionerate, said Police Commissioner Kanthi Rana Tata. Police arranged checkpoints on Andhra Pradesh-Telangana borders and patrolling has been intensified on the borders to check smuggling of NDPL from the neighbouring State, SEB officials said. "We destroyed 60,000 liquor bottles of different brands on the city outskirts," Mr. Kanthi Rana said. Stern action will be taken against liquor smugglers, sellers and ID liquor manufacturers in NTR district," the SEB sleuths warned.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/andhra-pradesh/andhra-pradesh-seb-police-destroy-liquor-worth-about-2-crore/article65685031.ece>

NATIONAL NEWS

6. Andhra Pradesh: Foreign and illegal Indian cigarettes worth Rs 3.45 crore seized

3 August 2022 | The Hindu

Officers of the Commissioner of Customs (Preventive Commissionerate) have seized huge quantity of foreign cigarettes and illegal Indian-made cigarettes, all valued at about Rs 3.45 crore. On a tip-off, the officers tracked a container at Kesarapalli village on the Vijayawada-Visakhapatnam National Highway on Wednesday. Upon checking, the officers found that the container was loaded with 156 sacks containing the smuggled cigarettes. The vehicle was coming from Patna to Vijayawada.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/andhra-pradesh/andhra-pradesh-foreign-and-illegal-indian-cigarettes-worth-345-crore-seized/article65721806.ece>

7. Gold Of Rs 5.6 crore seized from 57 passengers at Tiruchy airport In Tamil Nadu

4 September 2022 | The Hans India

On Friday, investigators from the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence foiled a significant attempt at smuggling and confiscated gold worth about Rs 5.6 crore in Tiruchy. According to sources, three teams on duty at the airport screened passengers from two Malaysian aircraft, a Singapore airline, and one from Dubai. From 57 people, the crews were able to retrieve around 11 kg of gold. This is DRI's largest seizure of the year in Tiruchy.

<https://www.thehansindia.com/tamilnadu/gold-of-rs-56-crore-seized-from-57-passengers-at-tiruchy-airport-in-tamil-nadu-760383>

8. Gold worth Rs 5.8Cr being smuggled in a belt seized at Mumbai Airport

11 September 2022 | Hindustan Times

Earlier in September, the Mumbai Airport Customs Officers seized 1.3 kgs of cocaine valued at Rs 13 crore. 87 capsules of cocaine swallowed by the accused Ghana passenger were recovered in the drug bust. In yet another foiled smuggling attempt, customs officers at the Mumbai Airport seized 12 kg of gold from a group Sudanese passenger. The gold has been valued at Rs 5.38 crore. A total of 12 passengers, it has been reported, were involved in the gold smuggling bid. "A total of six passengers have been detained and six others are being deported," a customer officer told news agency ANI.

<https://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/mumbai-news/gold-worth-rs-5-crore-being-smuggled-in-a-belt-seized-at-mumbai-airport-101662877837006.html>

9. Mumbai: Crime branch arrests one for selling beauty products after altering their expiry dates

27 September 2022 | The Free Press Journal

The crime branch department of Mumbai police have arrested a 51-year-old man who used to allegedly import expired cosmetic products from foreign countries and sell them in different markets in the city and adjoining areas, after altering its expiry date. The accused has been identified as Arshad Sheikh, who allegedly imported expired cosmetic products from Europe, China and other countries, and sold them in local markets of the city after changing the dates of manufacture and expiry, added the police.

<https://www.freepressjournal.in/mumbai/mumbai-crime-branch-arrests-one-for-selling-beauty-products-after-altering-their-expiry-dates>

10. Customs seizes Rs 27 crore wrist watch at Delhi's IGI airport, arrests passenger

6 October 2022 | Live Mint

Premium Delhi Customs seize seven expensive wristwatches worth approximately Rs 28 crores from a passenger at Indira Gandhi International Airport, in New Delhi on Thursday. In the 'biggest seizure' of luxury goods at Delhi airport, an Indian national has been arrested for allegedly trying to smuggle seven high-end wrist watches, including the one made of gold and studded with diamonds worth more than Rs 27 crore. An Indian national has been detained for allegedly attempting to smuggle seven expensive wrist watches, including one made of gold and set with diamonds worth more than Rs 27 crore, according to officials. This is the "biggest seizure" of luxury goods at the Delhi airport.

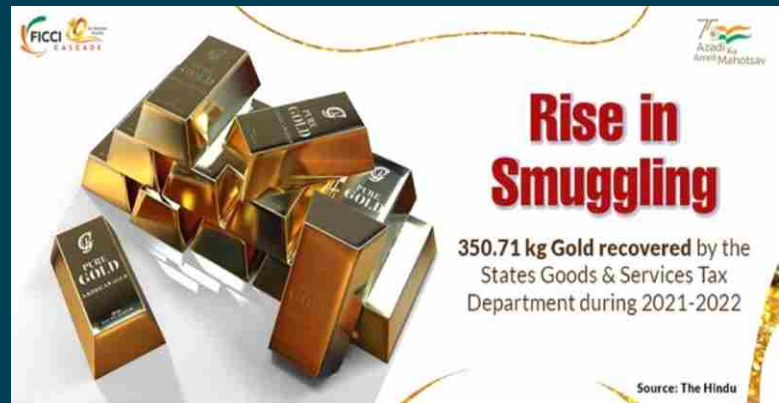
<https://www.livemint.com/news/india/customs-seizes-rs-27-crore-wrist-watch-at-delhi-s-igi-airport-arrests-passenger-11665070330102.html?jr=on>

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In the recent past India's economic growth story has attracted world's attention bringing new challenges for the domestic economy. One of the challenges currently faced is the growing illicit trade in counterfeits, pass offs and smuggled goods. These activities are also threatening brands not only in every region of the country but across the globe. Contraband and counterfeit products hurt the integrity of the brand, further diluting the brand owner's reputation. This not only results in erosion of sales of the legitimate product but further [CASCADE]s onto affect the consumers in the form of health and safety hazards. With the above insight the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) took the initiative to dedicate a forum by establishing the Committee Against Smuggling and Counterfeiting Activities Destroying the Economy - CASCADE on 18th January, 2011.

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