



## Capacity Building Programme for Police Officers on Prevention of Counterfeiting and Smuggling Focus State: Goa

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Venue- GO's Institute Hall, GRP Camp, Altinho Panaji



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Counterfeiting and smuggling severely damage India's economy, public health and social values, officials say at a FICCI CASCADE programme in Goa



Counterfeiting and smuggling pose a serious threat to India's economy, public health and social values, Director General of Police (DGP) Goa Alok Kumar said on Sunday, underscoring the need to strengthen law enforcement capacity to tackle illicit trade.

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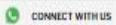
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Capacity Building Programme for Police Officers on 'Prevention of Counterfeiting and Smuggling' at the Police Training School, Valpoi, Goa (Image: X/FICCI)

Goa DGP Alok Kumar stressed the dangers of counterfeit goods at a FICCI-CASCADE capacity-building event in Panaji. Experts highlighted the severe economic and health risks, noting the illicit market in key sectors is nearly Rs 8 lakh crore.

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