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Committee Against Smuggling and Counterfeiting Activities Destroying the Economy

# Committee Against Smuggling and Counterfeiting Activities Destroying the Economy

Ilicit Trade in terms of smuggling, counterfeiting and piracy is considered as one of the world's fastest growing 'industry'. It is an enduring problem that escalates each day in scope and magnitude and thus impacts industries, consumers, governments and economies. Smuggling and counterfeiting can have broad economy-wide effects on trade, foreign investment, employment, innovation, criminality, environment and most importantly on the heath of the consumers.

8%-15% of global GDP is impacted due to illicit trade and criminal activities. It is estimated that the total economic and social costs globally due to counterfeiting and piracy world-wide stood between USD 737 to USD 898 billion in 2013 and this is expected to go up to USD 1.54 to USD 1.87 trillion by 2022, suggesting an increase of 108 per cent. Inaddition the total employment losses globally due to counterfeit and piracy stood at 2 to 2.6 million jobs in 2013 and is expected to rise to 4.2 to 5.4 million jobs in 2022, suggesting an approximate increase of 110 per cent.

For some time now illicit trade is also known to provide the fuel that energizes the terror machine. Many prominent terrorist organisations like the Hezbollah, Lashkar-e-Taiba, Al-Qaida, ISIS, Irish Republican Army rely on illicit trade for financing 20 per cent of their operations. In Italy, the mafia are also known to run illicit trade supply chains and at times the foreign organized crime groups manage day-to-day operations with mafia authorization and oversight. The perpetrators of the Charlie Hebdo attacks in Paris were found to have actively indulged in the illicit trade of cigarettes. The list goes on and we are racing against time to effectively counter this multi-dimensional evil force that is going from strength to strength and has total disregard for human life.

With a growing economy, India also faces the challenge of countering illicit trade in smuggled & counterfeit goods. In India, the estimated loss to the industry, and just for 7 sectors only, which are automobile parts, FMCG personal goods, FMCG packaged goods, tobacco, alcoholic beverages, mobile phones and computer hardware, is about Rs. 105,381 Crs and a loss of revenue to government is about Rs. 39239 Crs for the year 2013-14. It is notable here that average increase in these loses have been as much as 45 %, and in just two years!!

Given the emphasis on India's economic development and the much anticipated growth trajectory; technology, invention, and innovation will play a key role in charting out India's growth strategy. However, illegal trade practices will prove to hinder this progression. India today has the potential to become a global manufacturing hub. However, in the absence of an adequate enforcement mechanism to stop counterfeiting and smuggling, can act as a dampener in achieving this goal.

Despite several efforts undertaken to curb smuggling, counterfeiting and piracy, the illicit markets continue to thrive across all industry segments. Hence, a proactive strategy should be in place to fight this serious menace to public health and safety, and to the national exchequer. Cooperation amongst stakeholders (including international and domestic regulatory and investigative agencies), streamlining of complex tax structures, stringent governance practices and enforcement of existing laws are required to curb this tumorous threat.



### Major Issues/Concerns

- The challenge of counterfeited and smuggled goods has emerged as a global problem
- Low barriers to the market entry and infiltration, no country is immune from the impact of counterfeiting and smuggling and no single sector can be said to be an exception
- The market for fake or counterfeit or smuggled products is one of the biggest challenges faced by Indian industry, impacting 'Brand India' globally
- Consumers receive poorer quality products that are unregulated and unsafe
- Businesses suffer lower income and damaged brands, they may have to cut jobs and reduce investment leading in turn to lower economic growth

Set up on 18th January 2011, 'Committee Against Smuggling and Counterfeiting Activities Destroying the Economy' (CASCADE) by FICCI is a unique forum working towards facing and countering the challenge of growing illicit trade in counterfeits, pass offs and smuggled goods in the domestic economy.

### FICCI CASCADE is pursuing the Agenda of Highlighting:

- » Legitimate industry is adversely affected
- Consumers' health and safety is being jeopardized
- » Illegitimate industry is flourishing
- Loss to the exchequer
- >> Burden on welfare costs and enforcement cost
- Black money being generated
- Increased criminalization



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### **Awareness Generation**

- To put the issue of smuggled, contraband and counterfeit products high on the social agenda
- To generate and spread awareness on the hazardous impact of smuggled, contraband and counterfeit products
- To interact with the law enforcement authorities to emphasize on the importance of continued awareness and seriousness of the impact of smuggled and counterfeit goods
- To achieve a high "issue recall" on antismuggling and anti-counterfeiting in the minds of consumers and to sensitize the supply chain personnel towards the harm that smuggled, contraband and counterfeit products cause and to emphasize the importance of their role in grappling with the social issue

### **Knowledge Management**

- To engage in systematic assimilation and dissemination of enforcement techniques, procedures and strategies for the guidance of its members through various interactive events
- To commission research and propose law and policy reforms to Government and other relevant stakeholders through knowledge papers, report, studies on issues related to counterfeiting and smuggling
- To provide a platform for sharing the best practices followed globally for combating contraband, smuggled and counterfeit products
- To engage in capacity building activities for the benefit of law enforcement a g e n c i e s a n d o t her CASCADE stakeholders including Judicial, Police and Customs Officers
- To tap into initiatives of various international fora such as ICC BASCAP, WIPO Advisory Committee on Enforcement, WCO and others to identify existing gaps in India and building synergies in collaborative mode
- To study and have full appreciation of the enforcement initiatives of developed countries as well as developing countries



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### **Policy Advocacy**

- To assist the Government in formulating its response to regional and multilateral agreements and model laws being proposed by international organizations such as INTA, WIPO, WCO etc
- To assist the Government of India in formulating its position in ongoing bilateral negotiations having an impact on enforcement issues related to counterfeiting and smuggling

### Networking

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- To work in synergy with other foreign institutions and bodies working in the realm of anti-counterfeiting and antismuggling
  - To identify and facilitate CASCADE stakeholders to network with legal services providers and investigators who have excellent relationships in the local law enforcement machinery and who have consistently delivered high yield counterfeiting raids across India





















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# Launch of Anti-Smuggling Day 2022



he existence and operation of illicit markets such as smuggling has been an enduring problem. India because of its topographical diversity and difficult terrain is usually exploited by smuggling cartels, posing a huge challenge to law enforcement agencies in their collective efforts to thwart cross border smuggling. The effects of smuggling are numerous and economically significant.

In order to give further impetus on the work done in the anti-smuggling domain, FICCI CASCADE (Committee Against Smuggling and Counterfeiting Activities Destroying the Economy) earmarked 11 February as an Anti-Smuggling Day beginning 2022. 'Anti-Smuggling Day' represented a major step in the fight against the global menace of smuggling.

**Mr Balesh Kumar**, Member-Investigation, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs, while delivering the keynote address at the launch of Anti-Smuggling Day, said, "Smuggling which is a huge threat to national security, requires all stakeholders including industry to come together to tackle it." He also stated that the government has always been committed to combating the menace of smuggling and have institutionalized coordination between agencies, which has helped in generating volumes of information that are not only timely but also accurate leading to major seizures. Quoting a recent seizure, Mr Kumar informed, "As recent as 6th Feb 2022, DRI in Imphal, Manipur effected a seizure of 12.5 kgs of gold coming across from Myanmar and over 46 lakh sticks of cigarettes worth Rs 9.5 crores in one single operation."

Anti-Smuggling Day was launched with an objective of enhancing coordination and cooperation between law enforcement agencies, facilitating better exchange of information and experiences, and building a strong network to find innovative solutions to combat the menace of smuggling.

Highlighting the several initiatives undertaken by the World Customs Organisation to fight the menace of smuggling, **Mr PK Das**, Director, Compliance and Facilitation Directorate, World Customs Organisation in his special address said, "Smugglers and other criminals who are known to be agile and creative have also profited from the fruits of globalization and technological advances. They are misusing the opportunities presented by technology for their nefarious activities. The customs department has a major role to play in mitigating the challenges posed by illicit trade for the country and the economy."





Speaking on the need for an Anti-Smuggling Day, **Mr Anil Rajput**, Chairman, FICCI CASCADE said, "Despite smuggling being a global menace, due focus and thrust has not been given to this mounting threat which is not only damaging our exchequer and leading to job losses but is also impacting the safety and security of nations worldwide. In this context, it is critical to emphasize and generate global awareness about the fact that the root cause of illicit trade lies in smuggling." Anti-Smuggling Day today, I am confident that in the years to come, it will not only raise greater awareness on the issue but will also get to the core of the problem which eventually will minimize the all-round dreadful impact of smuggling and related activities," he added.

**Mr Najib Shah**, Former Chairman, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs and Think Tank Member, FICCI CASCADE while moderating the session on Containing the Menace of Smuggling: Securing National Economy said "Anti-Smuggling Day apart



"With FICCI CASCADE taking the lead in launching the

from spreading awareness on the ill-effects of smuggling will further enhance cooperation between all enforcement agencies who are tasked to thwart the menace of smuggling".

"Indian Customs, including DRI, has built a robust legal and administrative system, pioneering the implementation of automation, risk management, data analytics, and passenger profiling to combat smuggling effectively", said **Dr D P Dash**, Former Pr. Director-General, DRI, Former Chairman, Enforcement Committee, World Customs Organisation (WCO) and Think Tank Member, FICCI CASCADE in his concluding remarks.

The webinar also saw a host of notable speakers such as **Mr Stefano Betti**, Deputy Director-General, Transnational Alliance to Combat Illicit Trade (TRACIT), **Mr Aniket Singh**, DIG and Director (Anti-Smuggling and Narcotics Control), Indian Coast Guard and **Mr Amerish Kumar Arya**, DIG, Border Security Force, who took part in the deliberations and extended their support to this initiative.

Speakers echoed on a meaningful, regular, and timely discussion as an essential element to protect

the domestic interests of every nation and to defeat this worldwide threat.

As a run-up to Anti-Smuggling Day, and to sensitize the youth on the menace of smuggled goods, FICCI CASCADE also organized a Digital Art/Poster making competition on the theme, 'Stand Against Smuggling'. **Mr. Narendra K Sabharwal**, Chairman, FICCI IP Committee & Former Deputy Director General, WIPO, **Ms. Kameswari Subramanian**, International Expert, Customs Law, Procedures & Trade Facilitation and Justice Manmohan Sarin, Former Lokayukta, NCT of Delhi, Chief Justice, High Court of J&K and Judge, High Court of Delhi judged the competition.

Jury Chair, **Justice Sarin**, while felicitating the winners of the competition said, "Such competitions encourage creative skills and ability in the youth simultaneously sensitizing them to the harmful effects of smuggling and imbibing a resolve to shun illicit products." The competition witnessed an overwhelming response and saw a plethora of ideas, innovative expression, talent and content exhibited in posters.









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NEW DELHI, 12 FEBRUARY

Smuggling is a huge threat to national security and all stake-holders, including the industry, are required to come together to tackleit, said the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC). During the Anti-Smuggling Day launch event, organised by FICCI Committee Against Smuggling and Counterfeiting Activities Destroying the Economy (CASCADE), CBIC member, investigation, Balesh Kumar, said that the government has alwaysbeen committed to combating the menace of smuggling and has institutionalised coordination between agencies, which has helped in generating volumes of information that are not onlytimely but also accurate, leading to major seizures. S8

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BENGALURU: The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry's (FICCI) Committee Against Smuggling and Counterfeiting Activities Destroying the Economy (CASCADE) has taken a lead to mark the launch of Anti-Smuggling Day on February 11 beginning 2022.



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Launch of Anti-Smuggling Day, 2022 by FICCI CASCADE: Better coordination between enforcement agencies leading to major seizures, says CBIC



### प्रवर्तन इकाइयों के कारण बडे पैमाने पर जब्ती : सीबीआईसी

महीतनी, (प्राय केंग्री) केंग्रेंस के लिए कर्न करनाम अधिवालेल तरमध का एवं सीम सुन्छ कोई की विधन पान का उत्तेव करो स्प्रेंश इंसर्टनेशन करेता नुपर ने 🛛 हर करने बस्टम्प अर्थनप्रलेश के हर्ट-लगोल हे को जुल्आत का इंडवोकरा, संप्लावेस इंड विक्लीसरकेट को काई दें। हुए, विक्लिटेशन डावरेक्टोट की दान कड़, 'तम्बनी वर्द्रीय सुख के में कड़ा, 'तम्बन एवं सन्य में नियमी संगत है। इससे नियमों के कि लोग समेत सभी स्वर्थन पत्ने को साथ आने कोटमगर है।' तस्वरीगणं जलसाजी जेले.

( अर्थतराम्य को तबार कर रही देववेश्वीजी के मिले पालले का र्ततिविधिये के जिल्लास करेंटे ) हर – कारण देश एवं अवेचवरण्य के समय अमेरिक एंटी-समालित के लोगा आ की प्रतीवने से लिएने मे होट के मौके पर बेस रहे थे। उन्होंने अच्छमा विधान की बहुन आग क्षा कि तस्वरी के सारी में लड़ने - जूनिका है। इंटी-स्पर्शली के की के लिए सरकार प्रसिद्ध है और बिधिन एजेंगरों के बीच प्रायंत्र 'चेवांदेन ही' अनिन तालपने कहा. हो संस्थाण स्वाप दिश गय है. निकाले संपन्न हो का न बेटवान सामर ण आदन-प्रदन संभव पु.स है, इतिक बड़े फिले या जरती थी हो केवल इंजकोण को कुल्लान हो ता of the wood is cost in faces) if she insees has of the

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Asserting that smuggling is a huge threat to netional security, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) member Balash Kumar on Friday said better coordination amono enforcement agencies is leading to major seizures. There is a need for coordinated efforts from all

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stakeholders including industry to tackle this menace, he said at the Anti-Smuggling Day leurch event, organized by Ficci CASCADE (Committee Against Smuggling and Counterfeiting Activities Destroying the Economy).

The government has always been committed to combating the menace of smuggling and has institutionalized coordination between agencies, which has helped in generating volumes of information that are not only timely but also accurate leading to major seizures, he said



कास्केड को बधाई देते हुए कहा, तस्करी राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा के लिए बड़ा खतरा है। इससे निपटने के लिए डग्रोग समेत सभी संबंधित पक्षों को साथ आने की जरूरत है। कुमार फिक्की कास्कोड द्वारा आचोजित एंटी-स्मरगलिंग डे लॉन्चर इवेंट के मौके पर बोल रहे थे। उन्होंने कहा कि तस्करी के खतरे से लडने के लिए सरकार प्रतिबद्ध है और विभिन्नि एजेंसियों के बीच सहयोग को संस्थागगत स्वयरूप दिया गया है।

### 'अवैध कारोबार से अर्थव्यवस्था को नकसान'

नई दिल्ली। केंद्रीय अप्रत्यक्ष कर एवं सीमा शुल्क बोर्ड सीबीआईसी के मेंबर(इंबेस्टीगेशन) बालेश कुमार ने उद्योग मंडल फिक्की के एक कार्यक्रम में कहा कि तस्करी एवं अवैध कारोबार राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा के लिए भी बडा खतरा है। उन्होंने कहा कि इससे निपटने के लिए उद्योग समेत सभी संबंधित पक्षों को साथ आने की जरूरत है। अन्य विशेषज्ञों ने कहा कि इससे न केवल अर्थव्यवस्था को नुकसान हो रहा है बल्कि इससे रोजगार लिन रहे हैं। उद्योग के अनुमान के मुताबिक अवैध कारोबार से वैश्यिक जीडीपी का करीब तीन फोसदी नुकसान सालाना होता है।

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# Interactive Session on Strategies to Combat Smuggling and Counterfeiting

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t is a well-known fact that the illicit trade in terms of counterfeiting and smuggling is a matter of great concern for nations across the globe. Over the years, FICCI CASCADE has been actively involved in creating awareness amongst the stakeholders against the alarming magnitude of illicit trade.



FICCI CASCADE organized an interactive session on the 'Strategies to Combat Smuggling and Counterfeiting' on 26 March 2022 in Amritsar to create awareness and sensitize all concerned about the hazardous impact of the smuggling and counterfeiting on the economy, health, security, employment etc. The session focused on issues such as the need for increased consumer awareness; strengthening of the enforcement regime; improvement in the regulatory mechanism; and enhanced stakeholder collaboration.

Highlighting the global menace of counterfeiting and smuggling, Justice Manmohan Sarin, Former Chief Justice Former Lokayukta, NCT of Delhi, Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir & Judge, Hight Court of India said "The World Economic Forum, stated that illicit trade has resulted in an annual drain of US\$ 2.2 trillion which was approx. 3 percent of the world GDP in 2020".





While complimenting the enforcement officers of Punjab who have been relentlessly pursuing smugglers and counterfeiters, he said that their hands-on approach had led to large number of seizures in the state, of fake and smuggled consumer goods, alcohol, food products, gold, cigarettes, fertilizers and others.

Mr. Rahul Nangare, Commissioner of Customs (Preventive), Amritsar, in his address, accentuated that 32 kgs of gold from Afghanistan, 584 kgs of heroin from Pakistan and 483 kgs of cannabis were recently seized by enforcement authorities. Talking about the menace of smuggling, he underscored the importance of inter-agency coordination, international collaborations, capacity building of officers and the need for modern Customs examination machinery, which were imperative for creating a balance between enforcement and trade facilitation.

Mr. Sanjay Gaur, Deputy Inspector General, Border Security Force, Punjab highlighted the challenges faced by BSF officers, such as difficult terrains, extreme climate and porous borders, in their day-to-day operations in managing the country's security. "Items such as heroin, arms and ammunition, Fake Indian Currency Note (FICN), gold, silver, tobacco are the most smuggled items across borders", he added.

Ms. Kameswari Subramanian, International Expert, Customs Law, Procedures & Trade facilitation and Think Tank Member, FICCI CASCADE, while delivering the concluding remarks, shed light on the strategies required to combat smuggling and counterfeiting activities which were posing a serious threat to the economy.

The interactive session was also addressed by several eminent members including Dr. Debi Prasad Dash, Former Principal Director General, DRI and Chairman, Enforcement Committee, World Customs Organisation, Mr. Hem Kumar Pande, Former Secretary, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Mr. Sanjeev Tripathi, Former Chief Research and Analysis Wing (RAW), Mr. Narendra Sabharwal, Former Deputy Director General, WIPO & Chairman, FICCI IPR Committee, Mr. P K Malhotra, Former Secretary, Ministry of Law & Justice, Dr. Guriqbal Singh Jaiya, Former Director, SME Division, WIPO and Mr. Deep Chand, Advisor, Former Special Commissioner of Delhi Police & Advisor, FICCI CASCADE.



### SESSION ON 'STRATEGIES TO COMBAT SMUGGLING & COUNTERFEITING' HELD

CHANDIGARH FICCI CASCADE organized an interactive session on the 'Strategies to Combat Smuggling and Counterfeiting' at Welcome Hotel Amritsar yesterday. The objective was to facilitate a wider exchange of ideas and ensure a multifaceted perspective to understand the gravity of the menace caused by illicit trade. The session focused on issues such as need for increased consumer awareness; strengthening of enforcement regime; improvement in regulatory mechanism and enhanced stakeholder collaboration. Highlighting the global menace of counterfeiting and smuggling, Justice Manmohan Sarin Former Chief Justice Former Lokayukta, NCT of Delhi, Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir & Judge, Hight Court of India said, "The World Economic Forum, stated that illicit trade has resulted in an annual drain of US\$2.2 trillion which is approx. 3 percent of world GDP in 2020." / DW BUREAU / FICE

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The existence and operation of illicit trade vis-à-vis counterfeiting and smuggling has been an enduring problem that has escalated in scope and magnitude, impacting industries, government, economies and, the health and safety of the consumers. Moreover, such operations have close links to terror organizations and criminal networks. In fact, it is today one of the biggest challenges faced by india and its industry, impacting the country's image in the global arena.

### 'तस्करी और जालसाजी से निपटने की रणनीति' पर इंटरेक्टिव सेशन

### भास्तज्ञ न्यूज । अमृतसर

अर्थव्यवस्था को तबाह कर रही तस्करी एवं जालसाजी जैसी गतिविधियों के खिलाफ गठित कमेटी, फिक्की कास्केड ने अमृतसर में 'तस्करी और जालसाजी से निपटने की रणनीति' विषय पर इंटरेक्टिव सेशन का आयोजन किया। सेशन का उद्देश्य विचारों का व्यापक



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आदान-प्रदान करना और अवैध कि वर्ल्ड इकोनॉमिक फोरम ने कहा है अमेरिकी डॉलर की वार्षिक निकासी व्यापार के कारण होने वाले खतरे कि अवैध व्यापार के परिणामस्वरूप हुई है जो लगभग वर्ल्ड जीडीपी 2020 की गंभीरत को समझने के लिए एक 2.2 ट्रिलियन अमेरिकी डॉलर की का 3 प्रतिशत है। कस्टम कमिश्नर बहुआयामी दृष्टिकोग सुनिश्चित करना वार्षिक निकासी हुई है। अवैध व्यापार राहुल नांगरे ने कहा कि हाल हो में धा। न्यायमूर्ति मनमोहन सरीन ने बताया के परिणामस्वरूप 2.2 ट्रिलियन अफगानिस्तान से 32 किलोग्राम सोना,

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सेशन में उपभोक्ता जागरूकता बढाने की आवश्यकता , प्रवर्तन व्यवस्था को मजवृत करना, रेगुलेटरी मैकेनिजम में सुधार और स्टेकहोल्डर सहयोग में वृद्धि जैसे मुद्दों पर ध्यान केंद्रित किया गया ।

जालसाजी और तस्करी के वैश्विक खतरे पर प्रकाश डासते हुए पूर्व मुख्य न्यायाधीज , दिल्ली एनसीटीए के पूर्व लोकावुक्त, मुख्य

अमृतसर, (क्रमार सोनी)। अर्धव्यवस्था न्यावाधीश जम्म और कश्मीर उच्च न्यावालय और भारत के उच्च न्यायालय के न्यायाधीश , ज्यायमूर्ति मनमोहन सरीन ने कहा, बर्ल्ड इकोनॉमिक फोरम ने कहा है कि अवैध व्यापार के परिणामस्वरूप 2.2 टिलियन अमेरिको डॉलर की वार्षिक निकासी हई है किया। सेशन का उद्देश्य विचारों का व्यापक जो लगभग वर्ल्ड जीडीपी 2020 का 3 प्रतिशत है। तस्करों और जालसाजों का लगातार पीछा करने वाले पंजाब के प्रवर्तन अधिकारियों को प्रशंसा करते हुए उन्होंने कहा कि उनके द्वारा नकली और तस्करी वाले उपभोका सामान, शराब, खाद्य उत्पादए सोना, सिगरेट , उर्वरक और अन्य को बड़ी संख्या में जली हुई है। करटम कमिश्नर (प्रिवेन्टिव) अमृतसर, राहल नांगरे ने कहा कि हाल ही में अफगानिस्तान से 32 किलोग्राम सोना, पाकिस्तान से 584 किलोग्राम हेरोइन और 483 किलोग्राम कैनबिस (भांग) को प्रवर्तन अधिकारियों ने जल किया था।

अर्थव्यवस्य को तबाह कर छी तस्करी एवं जालसाजी जैसी गतिविधिवें के खिलाफ गरित कमेटी, फिक्को कारकेंड ने बधवार को एक होटल में 'तस्करी और जालसाजी से निपटने की रणनीति' विषय पर एक ईटरेक्टिव संज्ञन करवाया। जालसाजी और तस्करी के वैशियक खतरे पर प्रकाश डालते हुए पूर्व मुस्त न्वाबाधीश, दिल्ली एनसीटीए के पूर्व लोकायुक्त, मुख्य न्ववाधोष्ठ जम्मू और कश्मीर उच्च न्वाबालब और भारत के उच्च न्वाबालव के न्याबाधीश , न्यावमूर्ति मनमोलन सरीन ने बतायां कि यहाई इकोनामिक भोरम ने कहा है कि अवैध व्यापार के परिणासस्वरूप 2.2 ट्रिलिवन अमेरिकी टालर की वर्षिक निकासी हुई है जो लगभग वर्ल्ड जोडीपी 2020 का तीन प्रतिसत

है। अधिकारियों को प्रजीसा करते

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वितवी वाल्केंड की तरफ से क्यवर को एक होटल में 'तस्करी और जालसाती से निष्टमे वी रणनीती ' विषय पर बात करते अधिकारी + से स्वय

उत्पाद सेना, सिगरेट , उर्वरक और निदेशलब (डीआरआई) कि हेरोइन हवियार और मेला-सोना, चोंदे, तंबाकू जैसे आइटम तस्करी वाले सम्मान हैं। इस मौके मौजूद थे।

हुए उन्होंने कहा कि 'तस्करों वाले' 'पर हु!, देवी प्रसाद देश, पूर्व प्रिंसिपल उपभोक्ता सामान, जनब, खाद्य द्यवरेक्टर जनरल ,राजस्व खुफिय :37 अन्य को बड़ी संसक्ष में जन्मी हुई है। चेयरसैन एनफोर्समेंट कमेटी विश्व कस्टम कमिरनर (प्रियेटिय) सीम शुल्क संगटन, हेम कमार पडि, अमृतसर, शहल जीवरे ने कहा पूर्व सचिव, उपभोक्त मामले, शाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय बास्ट, फेक इंटियन करेंसी मेट, धारत सरकार, संजीव विपाले, पूर्व चौफ रिसर्च एंट एनालिसिस सीमाओं के पार सबसे अधिक थिंग(रा), के अलावा कई अपसर

### 'तस्करी और जालसाजी से निपटने की रणनीति' पर इंटरैक्टिव सेष्ठन आयेजित

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à un mir midia eve à अधेयतन्त्र की महा के प्रकार के स्थान के गम्बर या जन्मते केंद्रे प्रेयनमध्य 2.2 20th गोर्डबीमों के विकास मीत कमेंदी, अमेंगेंसी सीमा की करिक विकासे find anitch upper i mait gi i is men afte sticht की कलकारी से लिएने की राजनीत 2020 का 3 प्रांथण दिवाकों और विका य यह इर्जीहरू देवन का उल्लावनी का लगान की करने वर्तना बिक देता वा देता को पंतप के प्रतीप औरतीयों निर्वात आगम आठा- इटा-पाल भी इसंह माने हा रहीने मा कि पुरंत का प्रेय ने पुत्रा इसंहम हे उपरोक्ष करने प्राप्त और और औप भाषत के बाल इंटेम् को प्राप्त हुए मानी और उसरी को आगे. इस इंडिंग के बाती में उस्तान साहन प्राप्त मांगर, मंजेर क्यों में प्रेसेंस भी माड्नों में लिए जानेंसा आगम, जाव, अंडाय अंग्रेस्टम इंग्रेस्टर जिन्हें, पूर्व केंद्र जिल्ह पत्र बहुआपने देवियोंन मुनिदेश उपया संगर लिये? उनेया और दिया पते बाने बरीन इन्यादे त्यांतीयेला जिए है। स्वर्म्या बाग्या वालेका में जन्मेका अन्य की नहीं संगर में जन्मे ही है। जनवन्तु और सेवाओं कि मुक्तियों सुब्राम्यर पूर्व येथ संविधा केलेल स्तत प्रान्तन व सन्दर्भ अग का का का का ता ता हुए ता जान्यु हुए जान्यु आ स्वयंत्र की सुक्रमान कुल की स्वीदार्भ स्वेपी वाल्यवार कहा की बो आगलता , बराज बोसल (ballon) प्राव्या प्राता प्राती का होता का स्वार्थ के स्वार्थ के से का कैले जे क प्रात्र प्राव्या के प्रात्या स्तर, अलग का रहा है कि प्रांत्या कि का त्रीपता के पिता बजा के अलगही घोडिए से स्वार मुलेकी मेमीना में सुका और ही में अन्यस्तित में 22 किलोका जीवार स्वेपी से, प्रांत प्रांत के बात स्वार्थ्य के स्वार्थ के स्वार्थ के स्वार्थ संस्तीय प्रावेश में सुकार और ही में अन्यस्तित में 22 किलोका जीवार स्वार्थ सेट्रा के स्वार्थ के स्वार्थ के स्वार संसतीय प्राती कि स्वार्थ के सुने के स्वार्थ के 154 किलोका स्वार्थ के स्वार्थ के स्वार्थ कि स्वार्थ स्वार्थ के सित प्रमान व्यवस्थ को नजवन करन. य भार मंदिर किन गय।

सरप्रत्ये के संपन्न के किया (भाग) को प्रकार अधिकार्तनों के वार्यस्य आतंकर के प्रथम (भाग) के उनके आत्मान के आतंक प्रथमित कर भाग के प्रथम करने के प्रथम का प्रथम के आतंक प्र बावरे के प्रथम प्रदेश के प्रभु का के कि प्रथम (भागों के प्रथम) करने के प्रथम करने की प्रथम कि प्रथम कर प्रथम का बावरे के, प्रथम प्रथमित के प्रभु का में का को हूं, नहीं 221 जना, के पूर्व प्रियम प्रभाव के प्रथम करने का प्रथम का करते का प्रथम प्रथमित के प्रथम के प्रथम करने के प्रथम का प्रथम करने का प्रथम निर्माण के पर सामान, प्राण्य निर्माण की करते का प्रथम करना और आतंक्षित के प्रथम के प्रथम करने कि प्रथम के प्रथम करने कर स्थान करने करना है कि प्रथम भाग के प्राण प्रथमित के प्रथम करने अधिका कि प्रथम कर करना (तक्षा प्रथम कि प्रथम करना) के प्रथम करने का स्थान कर भाग के प्राण प्रथमन के आतंक्षित करने कि प्रथम करने कि प्रथम करने कि प्रथम करना करने का स्थान करने कर स्थान कर



राज्य येह् उद नहनिषेक्ष क्षेत्र मधा , तेन कुल परे, पूर्व प्रिय की समय ज्योप का सर्वज्य वेवे । हैं प्रायन केंद्र फिल्म कर्यन्त स्वित्य व्यक्ति है व्यक्ति है (35 और स्वूचे मेला को मांगी रह पर ते पहले आग भार पंत्राल, भार प्रसार ही

### 'ਸਮੱਗਲਿੰਗ ਅਤੇ ਜਾਅਲਸਾਜ਼ੀ ਨਾਲ ਨਜਿੱਠਣ ਦੀ ਰਣਨੀਤੀ 'ਤੇ ਇੰਟਰਐਕਟਿਵ ਸੈਸ਼ਨ'

ਕਸਟਮ ਅਤੇ ਬੀ.ਐੱਸ. ਐੱਫ. ਸਮੇਤ ਹੋਰ ਸੁਰੱਖਿਆ ਏਜੰਸੀਆਂ ਦੇ ਅਧਿਕਾਰੀਆਂ ਨੇ ਰੱਖੇ ਵਿਚਾਰ

वरकोनी' बिग्रे 'ने लिय लिटकभेवटिक

ਜੰਬਨ ਦਾ ਆਧੋਕਨ ਗੀਤਾ। ਜੰਬਨ ਦਾ ਉਦੇਸ਼

ਸਮੱਗਲਭਾ ਵਲੋਂ ਪੈਦਾ ਹੋਏ ਖਤਰੇ ਦੀ ਗੇਵੀਦਤਾ

हें मतहर रही बिचान में बिजायत

ਆਦਾਨ-ਪਦਾਨ ਅਤੇ ਇਕ ਬਹੁ-ਪੱਖੀ ਪਹੁੰਚ ਨੂੰ ਯਕੀਨੀ ਬਣਾਉਣਾ ਸੀ। ਸੋਸ਼ਨ ਨੇ

धधातवा हो सामहवाज बप्पप्ति , लातु

ਕਰਨ ਦੇ ਤੇਤਬ ਨੂੰ ਮਜ਼ਬੂਤ ਕਰਨ, ਰੈਗੂਲੇਟਵੀ ਵਿਧੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਜੁਧਾਵਨ ਅਤੇ ਇੱਜਦਾਵਾਂ ਦੇ ਜਹਿਸੰਗ ਨੂੰ ਵਧਾਉਣ ਵਰਤੇ ਉੱਦਆਂ 'ਤੇ



ਸੰਬਨ ਵਿਚ ਹਿੱਸਾ ਲੋਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਅਧਿਕਾਰੀ ਤੇ ਹੋਰ ਅਹੁਦੇਦਾਰ।

भौडियमंड, २० भाषण (तीवस)-एंग शे भारत्ववान हे सलाजप वेथला वर ਰਹੀ ਸਮੱਗਲਿੰਗ ਅਤੇ ਆਰਥਿਕ ਬੇਖਾਏਹੀ ਨਾਲ ਨਜਿੱਠਤਾ ਸਦੀ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਵਜੋਂ ਵਿੱਖੀ ਕੇਸਕੇਡ ਨਾ ਦੀ ਸੋਸਥਾ ਬਣਾਈ ਗਈ ਹੈ। हिम मयेच क्लि मर्भग्रासित अन्ते सम्भाजमन्द्री कडवीओं जावीक्वियोओं बिनेव महित्य कोली बिनो बेसबेव रे ਮ੍ਰਿਤਸਰ ਦੇ ਇਕ ਹੋਟਲ ਵਿਚ 'ਸਮੱਗਲਿਕ ਅਤੇ ਜਾਅਲਸਾਜੀ ਨਾਲ ਨਜਿੱਠਣ ਦੀ

ਆਸਮੀ ਖਤਰੇ ਨੂੰ ਉਜਾਗਰ ਕਰਦੇ ਹੋਏ, ਦਿੱਲੀ ਦੇ ਸਾਬਕਾ ਚੀਫ ਜਸਟਿਸ, ਦਿੱਲੀ ਦੇ ਐਨਸੀਟੀ

ਇਆਨ ਕੇਂਦਰਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ।

ਦੇ ਸਾਬਕਾ ਲੋਕਾਯੁਕਰ, ਜੇਮੂ ਅਤੇ ਕਸਮੀਰ ਹਾਈ ਕੋਰਟ ਦੇ ਬੀਬ ਸਸਟਿਸ ਅਤੇ ਹਾਈ ਜੱਛਣ ਆਵ ਇਸ਼ੀਆ, ਕਸਟਿਸ ਮਨਮੋਹਨ ਸਗੋਨ ਨੇ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਗੋਵ-ਕਾਨੇਨੀ ਵਪਾਰ ਦੇ तजीमं बर्म 2.2 हिसीभत भरतरीकी अपसर सी मामराज जिल्लामी दोनी थे. में क्लीक ਵਲਸ਼ਡ ਜੀ. ਸੀ. ਪੀ. 2020 ਦਾ ਲਗਭਗ ੇ ਪ੍ਰਤੀਸ਼ਤ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਮੌਕੇ ਸੋਸ਼ਨ ਨੂੰ ਸੋਬੋਧਨ ਘਰਨ ਵਾਲੇ ਹੋਰ ਉੱਘੇ ਮੋਬਰਾ ਵਿਚ ਡਾ ਵੇਵੀਪ੍ਰਸਾਦ ਸ਼ਾਬਬਾ ਪ੍ਰਿੰਸੀਪਲ ਗਾਇਰੈਕਟਰ सतरह ज्ञाहिहेज्रदेवंट आब हेबीतड्रि ਇੰਟੇਸੀਜੋਸ਼ (ਡੀ. ਆਵ. ਆਈ.) ਅਤੇ ਚੱਅਰਮਿਤ ਇਨਫੋਰਸਮੇਂਟ ਸ਼ਮੇਟੀ ਵਰਲਰ बसराल भारतेत्रणीसेमत, यंभ बुभार ਪਾਰੇ ਸਾਬੜਾ ਸਕੱਤਰ, ਖਪਤਕਾਰ ਮਾਮਲੇ, ਖੁਰਾਕ ਅਤੇ ਜਨਤਕ ਵੱਡ, ਸਰਕਾਰ, ਸਰਕਾਰ 1756 8 305 1

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# **Webinar**

### WEBINAR ON

World Anti Counterfeiting Day June 8, 2021

ICCI's Committee Against Smuggling and Counterfeiting Activities Destroying the Economy (CASCADE) organised a webinar on 'Consumer Protection in the COVID Age' on the occasion of World Anti-Counterfeiting Day on 8th June 2021. This day enables national and international organizations involved in the fight against counterfeit products to increase consumer awareness of the risks and costs associated with buying fakes, and to encourage consumers to better understand the seriousness of the problem.

**Mr Anil Rajput, Chairman, FICCI CASCADE** welcomed all the participants and stated, "the Covid-19 virus and illicit trade have a lot in common, both cause immense economic, social and individual distress." Applauding the enforcement officers who have relentlessly pursued the smugglers and counterfeiters; and seized many contraband and fake products during the current crisis, Mr Rajput urged them to keep up the good work which would ensure that the perpetrators of crime did not see the covid-19 situation as a reason to exploit vulnerable consumers and organizations.

Mr Hem Kumar Pande, Former Secretary, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Gol chaired the session and observed that consumer awareness has become an important part of the anti-counterfeiting strategy in developed economies. On the flipside, in developing countries, it is still a major challenge. "The 'Jaago Grahak Jaago' campaign of the Indian Government has received reasonable success with urban consumers looking out for the safety and genuineness of the product. But we still have a long way to go to inculcate and develop a sense of responsibility amongst the rural consumer base", he added.

**Mr Shibesh Singh, Additional Commissioner (Crime), Delhi Police** said, "there has been a significant rise of frauds against public during the second wave of the coronavirus". During the recent wave of the pandemic, he said, the Delhi police were able to block almost 550 fraud bank accounts, seized more than 1.25 crore rupees, and suspended almost 1500 sim cards. Highlighting the problem of black marketing and selling of counterfeit, fake, spurious covid cure products, Mr Singh said, "with the help of local enforcement agencies, Delhi police arrested more than 300 black marketeers and broke the backbone of COVID related crime syndicate".

Emphasizing the unwavering efforts of the DRI officers during the unprecedented coronavirus crisis, **Mr Rajesh Pandey, Principal Additional Director General, Directorate of Revenue Intelligence said**, "during the pandemic year, DRI has seized 984 Kgs of gold & illicit cigarette sticks






worth more than Rs. 100 crores along with seizures a large amount of heroin, cocaine, hashish, opium, and synthetic drugs." He added that the Covid 19 pandemic impacted manufacturing and trade, and the gap was filled with counterfeit and smuggled products. Hence, law enforcement and trade & industry must work more closely so that illicit activities can be neutralised to a great extent.

Commemorating this year's World Anti-Counterfeiting Day, the FICCI CASCADE's webinar marks a crucial milestone to further discuss how amid the COVID emergency, counterfeiting has changed over the past months, while looking at the anti-illicit efforts that are needed in the coming days. Industry panellists from Amazon, Johnson and Johnson and Underwriters Laboratories agreed that the ultimate goal should be to identify and sever illicit products and their sellers before they have a chance to create a negative experience for our consumers. Amazon, for example, have blocked 10 billion suspected sellers and seized more than 2 million products.

Moreover, it was agreed that a co-ordinated action is the need of the hour as no single company or sector can fight counterfeiting alone. While legitimate manufacturers hold the information necessary to distinguish their products from the fakes in the market, E-commerce platforms have information about the third-party sellers dealing in fake products. Likewise, search providers have a broad view of how actors can move across different platforms, while payment providers are a critical part in tracing illicit gains to counterfeiters and cutting off their access. Input from each of these sources is necessary to allow both the government and private sector to have full insight into the paths of counterfeit and smuggled goods; and to track those who are responsible.





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llegal trade in counterfeited and smuggled goods dampens the economy in multidimensional ways. It can cost any economy billions of dollars, funds organized crime, and damages the country's international reputation. It destabilizes the legal industry, restrains innovation and investments, reduces government revenues and hampers the health and safety of the consumers. This threat has been on the rise since the onslaught of the pandemic which hit the world in 2020. On one hand while the government, voluntary organisations and the corporate sector are working relentlessly to fight and contain the pandemic, on the other, those involved in illegal activities such as counterfeiting, smuggling, black marketing etc. are taking

advantage to exploit the miseries of the teeming millions by dealing in spurious and duplicate healthcare and consumer essentials.

The current environment most certainly presented a new opportunity for all stakeholders to tackle this long-standing problem. It is in this background that FICCI's Committee Against Smuggling and Counterfeiting Activities Destroying the Economy (CASCADE), organized a webinar on **"Policies and Strategies to Prevent Counterfeiting and Smuggling" on 9th July 2021 focusing on Jammu and Kashmir.** 

**Shri Ranjan Prakash Thakur**, IRTS, Principal Secretary, Department of Industries and Commerce, Govt of Jammu and Kashmir was the Chief Guest at the programme. Mr. Thakur in his keynote address said, "Illicit trade is a grave concern, it undermines the nation's economy, affects the health of the citizens and needs to be addressed on an urgent basis. Adequate priority needs to be placed across the government department in J&K, be it enforcement, training, or consumer awareness in addressing this issue".

**Mr. Anil Rajput**, Chairman, FICCI CASCADE in his welcome address said, "illicit products have infiltrated everyday avenues of commerce, making their way into supply chains and consumers' homes, thereby threatening manufacturers' competitiveness, undermining consumer confidence and posing a threat to individuals' health and safety". Congratulating the work of the enforcement authorities, he said, "while smugglers and counterfeiters are exploiting the current situation by supplying illicit alternative of products, the alert enforcement authorities in J&K have uncovered and arrested people engaged in illicit trade of liquor, cigarettes, currency, drugs, sanitizers and much more".

Speaking on specific issues in Jammu and Kashmir, **Mr. Irfan Ahmed Guju**, Chairman, FICCI J&K State Council and MD I A Multi Venture Pvt Ltd said," Counterfeiting and smuggling are lucrative business that take advantage of unwitting consumers and simply exploits their financial position. An





orchestrated strategy including communication, coordination and close cooperation amongst various government agencies, law enforcement officials and private sector to combat this menace is imperative."

A panel comprising of representatives on government representatives and industry deliberated on the problem areas and possible solutions to mitigate this challenge. **Mr. Mohd Akbar**, Joint Director, Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs was of the opinion that large scale consumer awareness through the help of print and electronic media needs to be created which will sensitize the public on this menace. **Ms. Irfana Ahmed**, Deputy Drug Controller, Kashmir shared the various initiatives of the department to thwart the danger of availability of spurious drugs and stated that in last few years, almost 23 drugs were found to be spurious in the UT and 70-80 percent cases were

prosecuted. Mr. Laeeq Ahmad, Deputy Director Prosecution, Crime Headquarters, Jammu & Kashmir Police highlighted that during the year 2020, they have seized around 3 lakh 87 thousand intoxicated capsules, fake injections and syrups. Moreover, in the year 2018, 2019 & 2020, 15, 24 & 26 cases were also registered under the copyright act at various police stations of Jammu & Kashmir UT. Mr. Arun Gupta, President, Chamber of Commerce and Industry Jammu urged that the enforcement agencies and government policies are further strengthened which will instill fear and deter the illicit operators to undertake such criminal activities. He also spoke on the need of adequate steps to check the sales of spurious and counterfeit products on e-commerce platforms.

**Mr. Rajesh Sharma**, Co - Chair, FICCI J&K State Council, CEO Skipper Overseas Ltd in his concluding remarks said, "while, arresting this menace is vital,





encouraging the use of indigenous goods will also play a defining role to eliminate this socio-economic threat. Not only it will benefit Indian economy, reduce the demand of imported goods and avoid dumping of cheap products, it will also create jobs and deter cross border illicit trade".

As cases related to smuggling and counterfeiting rise steeply during the past few months, thus

webinar was organized to discuss actionable, innovative solutions and strategies for curbing this menace. This initiative is a part of a series of such interactions which are being organized by FICCI CASCADE, across the country to highlight the problem of counterfeiting and smuggling and elicit response from different states.



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he problem of illicit trade has only compounded in the current situation of COVID 19, where criminals have used the pandemic as an opportunity to cause significant damage on the economy of the nation, health and safety of the consumers. FICCI's Committee Against Smuggling and Counterfeiting Activities Destroying the Economy (CASCADE) in its series of state specific webinars on "Combating Counterfeiting and Smuggling during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond', organized the next edition in the series for the state of Odisha on December 22, 2020. The webinar discussed and underscored the efforts that the industry & government have taken and could further take in tackling the flow of illicit products during the current crisis.

**Capt. Dibya Shankar Mishra, Minister for Industries, MSME, Energy and Home, Govt of Odisha** was the chief guest at the programme. While addressing the audience he said, "The menace of counterfeit and smuggled goods have penetrated deep into our society and is impacting the socio-economic prosperity of the country, which needs to be addressed immediately." "Strict enforcement plays a very important role in curbing the menace of illicit trade. I am proud to share that Odisha's enforcement agencies have been vigilant in fighting these illegal activities", Capt. Mishra added.

Mr D P Dash, Former Pr. Director-General, DRI, Former Chairman, Enforcement Committee, World Customs Organisation (WCO) and Think Tank Member, FICCI CASCADE said, "inculcating moral values amongst children to buy genuine goods with bills on payment of taxes is an intergenerational investment in the fight against illicit trade." He further said that penal provisions under central and state laws should be invoked to make a real impact in the fight against illicit trade.

**Mr. Anil Rajput, Chairman, FICCI CASCADE** in his welcome address said, "illicit products have infiltrated everyday avenues of commerce, making their way into supply chains and consumers' homes, thereby threatening manufacturers' competitiveness, undermining consumer confidence and posing a threat to individuals health and safety". "I must also compliment the Odisha government and the enforcement agencies for





relentlessly pursuing the perpetrators of illicit trade. Despite the mammoth challenge posed by COVID 19 pandemic, their hands-on approach and alertness have been highlighted by seizures of large number of fake and smuggled medicines, currency, consumer goods, food products, cigarettes and much more", Mr. Rajput added.

"Counterfeiting and smuggling causes an economic loss to the nation which can be addressed at the grassroot level by educating the school children and MSMEs on the impact of illicit trade," said **Ms Monica Nayyar Patnaik, Chairperson, FICCI Odisha State Council & MD, Sambad Group.**  **Mr. Sanjeev Mahapatra, Member**, FICCI Odisha State Council and Director, Terrablock Machinery in his concluding remarks said that it is time we hone India's inherent strength and capabilities to be resilient, competitive and attractive, so that our economy can adapt to the challenges in the post COVID era.

The speakers reiterated that consumer safety and safeguarding legitimate businesses while promoting indigenous production will also play a significant role in the country's post-pandemic economic recovery.



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The webinar was organised by FICCI's Committee against Smuggling and Counterfeiting Activities Destroying the Economy (CASCADE) recently.

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କୁବନେଶ୍ୱର,(ବର୍ଷନ ନ୍ୟୁକ୍): ନକରି ତଥା ଟୋରା ତାଲାଣ ସାମର୍ଗ୍ର ଯୋକୁ ଆମ ସମାଚରେ ସଙ୍କଟ ବୃଷି କରିଛି ଓ ଏହା ଦେଶର ସାମାନିକ-ଆର୍ଥିକ ପ୍ରଗତି ଓ ସମୁଦ୍ଧି ଉପରେ ପ୍ରଭାବ ପଳାଉଛି ବୋରି ଏହିଶା ରାଜ୍ୟ ସରକାରଙ୍କ ଶିହ୍ନ ଏମ୍ ଏସ୍ ଏମ୍ଲ, ଶକ୍ତି ତଥା ଗୃହ ମନ୍ଧା କ୍ୟାଘଟେନ୍ କିଦ୍ୟ ଶଙ୍କର ମିଶ୍ର କହିଛନ୍ତି । ତେଣ୍ଡ ଶୀସ ଏନେଭ ରପ୍ରପର୍କ ପତ୍କେଶ ରହଣର ଆତ୍ୟାକତା ରହିଛି ବୋଲି ସେ ପ୍ରକାଶ କରିଛନ୍ତି। ଅର୍ଥନାଚିତ୍ର ନଷ କରଥିବା ଚୋରା ଚାରାଣ ତଥା ନକରି କାର୍ଯ୍ୟନକାପ ବିରୋଧ (କ୍ୟାବକାଡେ)ରେ ଏଫଆରସିସିଅଇ କମିଟି ହାରା ଆୟୋକିତ 'କୋର୍ଲିଡ-୧୯ ମହାମାରୀ ସମୟରେ ତଥା ପରବର୍ତୀ ସମୟରେ ନକଳି କାରବାଇ ଓ ଟୋରା ନାରାଣର ମୁକାଦିଲା" (କମ୍ପାଟିଙ୍କ କାରଂଟରଫିଡିଂ ଆଣ ସ୍ୱରଳିଂ ହୃାରିଙ୍କ ଦ କୋରିକ୍-୧୯ ପାଶ୍ଚେମିକ୍ ଆଶ ଦିଗଣ୍ଡ) ଶାର୍ଷକ ଏକ ଓ୍ୱେକନାରକୁ ସମ୍ଭୋଧିତ କରି

କ୍ୟାପଟେନ ମିଶ୍ର ଏଭକି କହିଛନ୍ତି । ବେଆଇନ କାଶିନ୍ମାକୁ ଗୋକିକା ପାଇଁ କଠୋର କାର୍ଯ୍ୟାନୃଷାଟ ଏକ ଗୁରୁତ୍ୱପୂର୍ଣ ଭୂମିଳା ଗ୍ରହଣ କରିଥାଏ । ଏଭକି କେଆଇନ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକକାପ କିରୋଧରେ ଏକିଶାର କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକାରୀ ଏକେନ୍ସିମାନେ ବଜାଗ ଚହିଛନ୍ତି । ଏହି ଅବସରରେ ତିପି ଦାଣ, ପୂର୍ବତନ ପିଅଲ, ମହାନିର୍ଦ୍ଦେଶକ, ଡିଆରଆଇ, ପୂର୍ବତତ ତେୟାରମ୍ୟାନ, ଏନଫୋର୍ସମୋଂଟଣ କମିଟି, ଖୁର୍ଗୁ କଷମ୍ବ ଅର୍ଭନାଇକେବନ (ଜକୁସ୍ତି) ଓ ଅଙ୍କ ଟ୍ୟାଙ୍କ ବଦସ୍ୟ, ସିହି ଜ୍ୟାସହାରେ କହିଲେ, ଟିକସ ଦେବାର ବିକ ସହିତ ପ୍ରକୃତ ସମସ୍ତ୍ରୀ କିଶିବା ପାଇଁ ସିକାମାନଙ୍କ ମଧରେ ନୈତିକ ମୂଇ୍ୟବୋଧ ସୃଷ୍ଟି କରିବା ହେଇଛି ଏକ ସହକ କାତୀୟ ନିତେଶ । ଦେଆଇନ ବାଶିକ୍ୟ ବିରୋଧରେ କେନ୍ଦ୍ରୀୟ ଏବଂ ରାଜ୍ୟ ଅଳନ ଅନୁଯାୟୀ ଦଣ୍ଣବିଧାନ ବ୍ୟବସ୍ଥା କରାଯିବା ରଚିତ । ଏହି ଅବସରରେ ଫିକି କ୍ୟାସହାଡେର ଅଧ୍ୟ ଅନାର ରାଜପୁତ ତାଙ୍କ ସ୍ଥାଗତ ଭାଷଣରେ କହିଲେ, ବେଥାଇନ ସାମଗ୍ରୀର କାଣିକା ନିର୍ବିବିତ୍ସିଆ କଳାଭିରେ କାଲ୍ଲି

ରହିଛି । ଏହାହାରା ରସ୍କାଦନକାରାଙ୍କ ପ୍ରତିବୃହିତା ବିପଦରେ ପଡ଼ିବା ବହିତ ଗ୍ରାହକଙ୍କ ଆତ୍ମବିଶ୍ୱାସ ଦୁର୍ବିକ ହେବାରେ ରାଗିଛି । ବେଆରନ ବାଣିକାର ଅପରାଧାଙ୍କ ନିବନ୍ତର ସଙ୍ଘକତାର ସହିତ ନାରିଷଣ କର୍ଥ୍ୟକାରୁ ମୁଁ ଏକିଶା ସରକାର ଓ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟନିର୍ଦାଯା ସଂସ୍ଥାଗୁତିକୁ ପ୍ରଶଂସା କରୁଛି । କୋଜିଲ୍- ୧.୯ ମହାମାରୀ ସମୟରେ। ସୁଞ୍ଚି ହୋଇଥିବା ତ୍ୟାକେଖନ୍ତୁ ସଫକରାର ସହିତ ମୁହାବିକା କରି ବହୁ ସଂଖାକ ନକରି ତଥା ବୋରା ଚାରାଣକାରୀ ଶିଷଧ, ମୁଦ୍ରା, କଖ୍ୟୁମର ଗୁନସ୍, ଖାଦ୍ୟ ପହାର୍ଥ, ସିଗାରେଙ ଏକଂ ଅନ୍ୟାନ୍ୟ ଜିନିଷ ଜବତ କରାଯାଇଛି । ନକଲି କାରଦାର ତଥା ଚୋରା ଚାଲାଣ ଦେଶ ପାଇଁ ଏକ ଆର୍ଥିକ କଡି ସମାଇଥାଏ ଯାହା ତୃଣମୂଳ ଭରରେ ଷ୍ଟର ପିଲା । ଏମ ଏହ ଏମରଗୁଡିକୁ ବେଅଭନ କଥିଳାର ପରାକ ଜଣରେ ଶିକ୍ଷ ଦେଇପରିକ କୋଲି ପିକି ତେିଶ ଲାକ୍ଲ ପରିଷ୍ଠିରୁ ଅଧ୍ୟକ୍ଷ କଥା ସମ୍ଭାଦ କ୍ରସ୍ ଏମହି, ବୁଷ୍ଟ ମୋନିକା ନାୟର ପଟନାୟକ କରିକରି ।



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ଭୁକଳେଶ୍ୱର,୭୪।୧୨(ସ.ସ): ତଳଳି ତଆ ତୋଳା କଳାଣ ସ ଯେଗୁ ଅମ କମାନରେ ବଙ୍କଟ କୃଷି କରିଛି ଏବଂ ଏହା ଦେଶର କମାନିକ-ଅର୍ଥିକ ମୁହରି ଏଙ୍ ଓମୁହି ପରରେ ପ୍ରାରକ ପକାରଞ୍ଚି ବୋଲି ଓଡ଼ିଶା ରାଜ୍ୟ ଗରଣାରଙ୍କ ଶିଳ୍ପ, ଏମ୍ବାବ୍ୟମୟ, ଶଲ୍ଲି ତଥା ପୁର ମହା କାରଗୋମ, ନିଦ୍ୟ ଶଙ୍କର ମିଶ୍ର କରିଛନ୍ତି ।

ସେ ପ୍ରକାଶ କରିଛନ୍ତି। ଅର୍ଥନାତିକୁ କଳ କର୍ଯ୍ୟତା ହୋଇ। ରାହାଣ ରଥା ଜନନ୍ତି ରାସ୍କରରାସ ବିରୋଧ(ଜ୍ୟାସହାରେ)ରେ අදානමේගින්ම මගිම දැන තිබොම්ම 100,030701 1011101 11 -00103 ପରବର୍ଣୀ ସମୟରେ ନକଳି କାରଚାର ଏବଂ ବୋସା ତାଲାଶର ମୁଳାକିଲାଂ ( କମ୍ପାଡିଙ୍କ କାରଂଟକମିହିଂ ଆଶ ପୁଜନିଂ କୁର୍ବିଙ୍କ କ କୋଳିକ୍- ୧ ୯ ପାର୍ଶନିକ୍ ଆକ ଦିଶୟ) ଶାର୍ଖକ ଏକ ସ୍ୱେକନାରକ୍ ସମେଥିତ କରି କାରଦେକ ମିଶ୍ର ଏଇଡି

କସିଛନ୍ତି। ବେଞ୍ଚାଳକ କାରିଙ୍କାକୁ କୋଳିକା ପାଇଁ କମେଳ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟାନୁଷାଟ ଏକ ଗୁରୁରୁପୂର୍ବ କମିକା ଭୁବଣ କରିଥିଏ । ଏକା ସେଞ୍ଚଳର କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକାରର ବିଭେତ୍ତର ସହରର କାର୍ଯ୍ୟଙ୍କର ଏକେଡ୍ଡିମରେ ଗଳର କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ । ଏକ ଅବସରର କି ପ୍ରି ule, පුර්ගත සිත්ත, අතාරිදේශක, මිතිකත්ත, පූර්ගත දොක්කත්ත, ංශාවේදිගාන බේව, අන් නොගානා ක්රීතානාවේ (ඉදුමිය) ඉත දුන තාන අතත, පිරි කාශකාන වේදය, පිරු පෙනත විය අවුව ସାମନ୍ତା କିଶିବା ପାଇଁ ପିଲାମାନଙ୍କ ମଧ୍ୟରେ ଟେଡିକ ମୂଲାବୋଧ ବୃଷି କରିବା ସେହର ବାହ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ ନିର୍ବଳ । ସେଥିଲେ ବାଣିକ୍ୟ ବିରେଥରେ ସେହାଯ ଏକଂ ଭାକା ଅନେକ ଅନସାଯା କଣ୍ଡଥିଧାନ କାଳଙ୍କ କରାଯିବା ଜନିକ।

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ଭୁବନେଶ୍ୱର, ୨୪୮୧୨ (ବି.ପୁ): ବେଆଇନ ବାଶିଜ୍ୟକୁ ରୋକିବା ପାଇଁ ନକଲି ତଥା ଚୋରା ଚାଲାଣ ସାମଗ୍ରୀ କଠୋର କାର୍ଯ୍ୟାନୁଷାନ ଏକ ଗୁରୁତ୍ୱପୂର୍ଷ ଯୋଗୁ ଆମ ସମାଜରେ ସଙ୍କଟ ସୃଷ୍ଟି ଭୂମିକା ଗୁହଣ କରିଥାଏ। ଏଭକି କରିଛି ଏବଂ ଏହା ଦେଶର ସାମାଳିଳ-ଆର୍ଥିକ ପୁରତି ଏବଂ ସମୁହି ଜପରେ ପ୍ରଭାଦ ପକାରଛି ବୋଲି ଓଡ଼ିଶା ରାଜ୍ୟ ସରକାରଙ୍କ ଶିହ, ଏମ୍ଏସ୍ଏମ୍ଭ, ଶକ୍ତି ତଥା ଜନ୍ମ ମଶ୍ର କ୍ୟାପଟେନ୍ ବିଦ୍ୟ ଶଙ୍କର ମିଶ୍ମ କହିଛରି। ତେଣ୍ଡ ଶାଘ୍ର ଏନେଇ ରପଯିକ୍ତ ପଦକ୍ଷେପ ଗ୍ରହଣର ଆବଶ୍ୟକତା ରହିଛି ବୋଲି ସେ ପ୍ରକାଶ କରିଛନ୍ତି। ଅର୍ଥନୀତିକୁ ନଷ୍ଟ କରୁଥିବା ଚୋରା ଚାରାଣ ତଥା ନକରି କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକଳାସ ବିରୋଧ (କ୍ୟାସକାଡେ)ରେ ଏଫ୍ଆଇବିସିଆଇ କମିଟି ହାରା ଆୟୋଜିତ 'କୋଭିଡ- ୧ ୯ ମହାମାରୀ ସମୟରେ ତଥା ପରବର୍ତୀ ସମୟରେ ନକରି କାରବାର ଏବଂ ଚୋରା ଚାରାଣର ମୁକାବିଲା' ( କମ୍ଚାଟିଙ୍କ କାରଂଟରଫିଟିଂ ଆଶ୍ଚ ସ୍ଥଗଳିଂ ହ୍ୟୁରିଙ୍କ ଦ କୋରିଡ୍- ୧ ୯ ପାଶ୍ଚେମିକ୍ ଆଶ୍ଚ କିରଣ୍ଡ) ଶାର୍ଷକ ଏକ ସ୍ୱେବନାରକୁ ସୟୋଧିତ କରି କ୍ୟାପଟେନ ମିଶ୍ର ଏଭଳି କହିଛନ୍ତି ।

ବେଆଇନ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକନାପ ବିରୋଧରେ ଓଡିଶାର କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକାରୀ ଏନେନ୍ସିମାନେ ସଳାଗ ରହିଛନ୍ତି । ଏହି ଅବସରରେ ତି ପି ଦାଶ, ପର୍ବତନ ପିଆର, ମହାନିର୍ଦ୍ଦେଶକ, ଡିଆରଆଇ, ସର୍ବତନ ଚେୟାରମ୍ୟାନ, ଏନଫୋର୍ସମୋଟକ କମିଟି, ଖିର୍ଲ୍ କଷମ୍ ଅର୍ଗନାଇଜେବନ (ତବୁବିଃ) ଏବଂ ଥିଙ୍କ ଟ୍ୟାଙ୍କ ବଦବ୍ୟ, ପିକି କ୍ୟାସିକାଜେ କହିରେ, ଟିକସ ଦେବାର କିଲ ସହିତ ପ୍ରକୃତ ସାମଗ୍ରା କିଣିବା ପାଇଁ ପିଲାମାନଙ୍କ ମଧ୍ୟରେ ନୈତିକ ମୂଲ୍ୟାରୋଧ ସୃଷ୍ଟି କରିବା ହେଉଛି ଏକ ସହଳ ଜାତାୟ ନିବେଶ । ବେଆଇନ କାଶିନ୍ୟ ବିରୋଧରେ କେହାୟ ଏବଂ ରାଳ୍ୟ ଆଇନ ଅନୁଯାୟୀ ଦଣ୍ଠବିଧାନ ବ୍ୟବସ୍ଥା କରାଯିବା ରଚିତ । ଏହି ଅବସରରେ ଫିକି କ୍ୟାସହାଡେର ଅଧ୍ୟକ୍ଷ ଅନ୍ନାଲ ରାଜପୁତ ତାଙ୍କ ସ୍ୱାଗତ ଭାଷଶରେ କହିଲେ, ବେଆଇନ ସାମଗ୍ରୀର କାଶିଳ୍ୟ ନିର୍ଚିତିନିଆ ବଳାରରେ ଜାରି ରହିଛି ।

## ନକଳି ଚୋରା ସାମଗ୍ରୀର କାରବାର ସାମାଳିକ ଆଥିକ ପ୍ରଗତିରେ ବାଧା ସୃଷ୍ଟି କରୁଛି : ଶିଳ୍ପ ମଶ୍ରୀ

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# Capacity Building Programme

Capacity Building Programme for State Excise Officials on Prevention of Counterfeiting and Smuggling July 22, 2021 Focus State: Odisha

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During the session, representatives from the alcohol industry highlighted the various challenges pertaining to counterfeit alcohol in India, be it in the form of refilled branded bottles or using counterfeit packaging or forged tax stamps. The workshop was also helpful in sensitizing the officers on the collaborative role which industry and enforcement can play in thwarting this problem.









Measures to Tackle Problem

Stricter penal provisions

Ensuring expeditious investigation and prosecution

Capacity Building of the excise officials

Efficient enforcement of laws to create deterrence



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15 September 2021 Focus State: Rajasthan



The practice of illicit trade involving counterfeiting and smuggling not only inflict monetary losses on individuals but also damages the national economy, have security implications, and jeopardize consumer's health. FICCI's Committee Against Smuggling and Counterfeiting Activities Destroying the Economy (CASCADE) organised a capacity building programme on Prevention of Counterfeiting and Smuggling for the excise officers of Rajasthan on 15th September 2021. The programme was organised to sensitize the officers on the socio-economic impact of illicit and spurious alcohol, facilitate better engagement and cooperation of industry members and excise officers to prevent this menace.

**Mr. P C Jha**, Advisor FICCI CASCADE and Former Chairman, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs gave an overview on Socio-Economic Impact of Counterfeiting & Smuggling. While highlighting this issue, Mr. Jha said that for every manufactured product there exists a counterfeit in the market and to tackle this problem effective coordination and cooperation among different stakeholders such as government, enforcement agencies, industry, consumers, media is the need of the hour.

**Dr. Joga Ram**, IAS, Excise Commissioner, Rajasthan State Excise Department, Government of Rajasthan in his keynote address said, "In order to prevent illicit trade of liquor the state of Rajasthan has taken various measures such as introducing excise





preventive force to monitor the mobility and smuggling of alcoholic beverages between states; implementing track and trace system where each legal bottle or carton is traced from the place of production till the place of consumption; introduction of Navjeevan Scheme for providing resources of livelihood to people engaged in manufacturing, storing and sale of illicit liquor, etc.".

The uncertain situation of global crisis in the year 2020 made illicit trade as a matter of serious concern. While the government was committed towards fighting the health crisis, the perpetrators of the illicit trade used this as an opportunity to expand and intensify their operations. Since the onset of the pandemic enforcement agencies have raided and seized smuggled, spurious and counterfeited medicines, healthcare products, cosmetics, electronic goods, alcohols, packaged goods and several other items.

**Mr. Deep Chand**, IPS (Retd), Former Special Commissioner of Police, New Delhi and Advisor, FICCI CASCADE while addressing the session praised the alert excise authorities of Rajasthan who have raided counterfeit liquor production units and seized huge volumes of spurious liquor during these unprecedented times. "However, with increased number of seizures being reported every day, it is highly possible that the total seizure may just be the tip of the iceberg of a much larger network. Hence, it is extremely important that our enforcement agencies keep up their already impressive work," he further added.

Capacity building programme organized by FICCI CASCADE is an ongoing exercise that plays an instrumental role in motivating and enabling the law enforcement agencies to understand the gravity of the problem and take requisite actions against the perpetrators.



# Capacity Building Programme for Police Officers on Prevention of Counterfeiting, Smuggling

August 3, 2021 Focus State: West Bengal



ICCI's Committee Against Smuggling and Counterfeiting Activities Destroying the Economy (CASCADE) organized a Capacity Building Programme on Prevention of Counterfeiting and Smuggling for the officers of West Bengal Police on 3rd August 2021. Chief Guest at the programme, Dr. Debasish Roy, IPS ADG, Training, West Bengal Police, said "Despite various anticounterfeiting strategies, like raids, use of multiple packaging technologies, consumer education and consultations with government agencies the menace of smuggling and counterfeiting is on the rise." He further added that frequent seizures of contraband items such as cigarettes, alcohol, drugs and pharmaceuticals along with illegal imports of clothing were causing economic crisis leading to unemployment and poverty. There are adequate laws available but enforcement of the laws makes the role of police officers very important to fight against counterfeiting, and smuggling.

**Mr. Deep Chand**, Advisor FICCI CASCADE and Former Special Commissioner of Delhi Police, presented an overview of the socio-economic threat of smuggling and counterfeiting. In his presentation he highlighted how the grey market economy was fueling illegitimate industry, leading to increased criminalization of the society in the form of organized crime including terrorism. He said, "This capacity building programme is aimed to sensitize police officers to emphasize on the importance of continued awareness and seriousness of the impact of counterfeit and smuggled goods.'

**Mr. Anil Rajput**, Chairman, FICCI CASCADE, in his welcome remarks stated, "The Police department is





the primary law enforcement agency in our country and plays a significant role in ensuring the protection of legitimate businesses from illicit players. Although there are adequate laws available, their enforcement makes the role of police officers even more important in the fight against counterfeiters and smugglers." Complimenting the officials of the police department, he further said that during the Covid19 pandemic, our officers had been playing a crucial part in contributing to the effort to control the menace, promoting safer communities, and fighting criminals who were taking advantage of the outbreak.

Some of the key recommendations that emerged during the programme included capacity building in terms of skill, infrastructure and technology among the law enforcement agencies in improving the detection and investigation of crimes; need for additional manpower with the desired aptitude to be provided in special cells, District Investigation Units, Economic Offences Wing who could focus exclusively on the investigation of such cases; severe extant bail provisions; non-bailable offence for repeat offenders; rigorous imprisonment and stringent monetary penalty, among others.



All speakers unanimously agreed that the issue of illicit trade needs to be addressed as a high priority issue for the government. An orchestrated strategy including communication, coordination and close cooperation among various government agencies, law enforcement officials and private sector to combat this menace is imperative. The programme saw participation of several officers of West Bengal Police from Bankura, Islampur, Jagipur, Uttar Dinajpur, Murshidabad, Mednipur, Jhargam, Siliguri and Birbhum.

FICCI CASCADE has been successful in stirring an active debate on the topic nationally through



various awareness programmes. Among other activities, FICCI CASCADE has been organizing capacity building programs for police officers in various states, focusing on economic offences such as counterfeiting and smuggling, equipping the officers to understand the laws and take requisite action against counterfeiters and smugglers. In pursuance of its mandate, FICCI-CASCADE will continue to hold similar programmes across the country in briefing enforcement agencies on procedural and enforcement issues while tackling illicit trading activities.



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August 20, 2021 Focus : Jammu and Kashmir



ICCI CASCADE (Committee Against Smuggling and Counterfeiting Activities Destroying the Economy) organized a capacity building programme on Prevention of Counterfeiting and Smuggling for the police officers of Jammu and Kashmir on 20th August 2021. Dr S. D. Singh IPS, ADGP, Director, Sher-I-Kashmir Police Academy, Udhampur was the chief guest at the programme. During his keynote address he said, "Counterfeiting and smuggling not only poses serious threat to the health and safety of the consumers but also endangers the national security. This problem holds special concern for us as the UT of Jammu and Kashmir, which is particularly vulnerable to the ill effects of illicit trade, due to hostile the neighbouring nations".

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Highlighting the issue of smuggled and counterfeit goods in the region, Dr Singh said, that the officers of the Jammu and Kashmir police were committed to curb this menace and have a strong hold on the situation. He further added that in recent times they have seized large quantity of fake sanitizers along with huge consignments of illicit cigarettes, alcohol and FMCG products.

During the session, **Mr. Deep Chand**, Advisor FICCI CASCADE and Former Special Commissioner of Police, New Delhi presented an overview on the socio-economic threat of counterfeiting and smuggling. He explained how the police department, being the primary law enforcement agency in the country, play a significant role in ensuring the protection of legitimate businesses from counterfeiters and smugglers. He shared





various international and national case studies, police actions against counterfeiters and smugglers, the set of relevant laws, methods adopted by illicit traders, among others, to sensitize the officers of the magnitude of the menace and highlight their role in the fight against counterfeiters and smugglers.

Some of the key recommendations at the programme included, need for an Inter-ministerial set up for cooperation and coordination to effectively combat smuggling and counterfeiting; expeditious investigation of cases; ensuring prosecution in a time-bound manner; training and capacity building of police officers to investigate such cases; rigorous imprisonment and stringent monetary penalty among others. Moreover, effective coordination between central and state agencies, strengthening domestic manufacturing, addressing the demand and supply gap and rigorous enforcement were also emphasized upon as key elements needed to make a conducive environment, free of illicit markets.

One of FICCI CASCADE's mandate is capacity building of law enforcement agencies including Police, Customs and Paramilitary Forces. It has worked extensively and intensively in this area organizing training programmes and seminars along with continuous interactions with the law enforcement authorities to emphasize on the importance of continued awareness and seriousness of the impact of counterfeit and smuggled goods. The capacity building programme in the Sher-I-Kashmir Police Academy, Udhampur sensitized over 100 officers on



the growing dimensions of illicit trade activities through smuggling and counterfeiting detrimental for economy, public health, genuine producers as well as customers.

**Mr. Rajesh Sharma**, Co-chair, FICCI Jammu & Kashmir State Council and CEO, Skipper Overseas Ltd, in his concluding address, said that India's economy and public safety continued to suffer from the ill effects of widespread smuggling and counterfeiting, Therefore, arresting this menace is vital. He urged the support of all the stakeholders, especially the police force in thwarting this threat to the nation



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Capacity Building Programme for Police Officers on Prevention of Counterfeiting, Smuggling and Piracy October 20, 2021 Focus State: Maharashtra



**F** ICCI CASCADE (Committee Against Smuggling and Counterfeiting Activities Destroying the Economy) organized Capacity Building Programmes for Police Officers of Maharashtra on Prevention of Counterfeiting and Smuggling. The programmes were conducted in two parts, one for the officers to the level of PSIs on 20th October 2021 and the other for DySPs and ACPs on 22nd October 2021. The workshops saw participation of several officers of Maharashtra Police across various districts. The capacity building programmes were 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.

**Mr. Ravindra Sengaonkar**, Inspector General of Police, Training and Special Unit, Maharashtra, was the chief guest at the programmes. While addressing the gathering Mr. Sengaonkar said, "Funds raised by counterfeiting & smuggling activities are directly utilized for anti-social activities and are a threat to the nation. Hence, it is important that we assign adequate priority to such cases." "Any offense related to counterfeiting or smuggling has to be investigated thoroughly, professionally and should have a logical conclusion", he further added.

**Mr. Anil Rajput**, Chairman, FICCI CASCADE delivered the welcome address. "Police Department is the primary law enforcement agency in our country and play a significant role in ensuring the protection of legitimate businesses from illicit players. Although there are adequate laws available, their enforcement makes the role of police officers even more important in the fight against counterfeiters and smugglers", said Mr. Rajput. Complimenting the officers, he added that top class information, timely

action and a proactive approach against the criminals who indulge in illicit activities, e x h i b i t e d b y t h e Maharashtra Police is indeed a great service to the nation.

**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 of crimes relating to counterfeiting and smuggling. Moreover, severe extant bail provisions, rigorous imprisonment and stringent monetary penalty are also imperative to create the desired deterrence." Speakers from ITC, Johnson and Johnson and Marico highlighted industry issues and spoke on the need for collaborative actions with Police to counter such offences. In pursuance of its mandate, FICCI-CASCADE has been organizing similar programs across the country in briefing enforcement agencies on procedural and enforcement issues while tackling illicit trading activities.









Why are illegal cigarettes growing?

- Because of <u>absence of warnings</u> smokers consider them to be safer (as per consumer research by IMRB)
- On account of tax/duty evasion they are <u>cheaper</u> than legal cigarettes
   They bear <u>international brand names</u> and <u>high trade margins</u>



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

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November 30, 2021 Focus State: Himachal Pradesh



ICCI CASCADE (Committee Against Smuggling and Counterfeiting Activities Destroying the Economy) organized a capacity building programme on Prevention of Counterfeiting and Smuggling for the police officers of Himachal Pradesh on 30th November 2021. Mr. Bimal Gupta, DIG cum Principal, Himachal Pradesh Police Training College was the chief guest at the programme. During his keynote address he said, "It has become imperative that India as a part of the global economy calls for stern and resolute counterstrike force against the ill-intentioned activities such as smuggling and counterfeiting." Criminals have started to exploit consumers under the shield of COVID-19 pandemic through counterfeit medical products, frauds and cybercrimes, he added.

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During the session, **Mr. Deep Chand**, Advisor, FICCI CASCADE and Former Special Commissioner of Delhi Police said that the grey market economy is fuelling illegitimate industry, leading to increased criminalization of the society in the form of organized crimes including terrorism. This capacity building program is aimed to sensitize the police officers to emphasize on the importance of continued awareness and seriousness of the impact of counterfeit and smuggled products.

**Mr. P C Jha**, Advisor, FICCI CASCADE and Former Chairman, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs in his welcome address said that India is a victim of large-scale smuggling, impacting not only the legal industry and economy, but also exposing consumers to the grave risks to life and security. Complimenting the police officers of Himachal Pradesh, he further stated that despite the constant struggle, the enforcement officials have been determined to push back the smugglers, counterfeiters, tax evaders and traffickers.





Some of the key recommendations that emerged at the program included the need for capacity building in terms of skills, infrastructure and technology amongst the law enforcement agencies in improving the detection and investigation of crimes; need for additional manpower, a dedicated Economic Offences Wing, non-bailable offence measures for repeat offenders, including rigorous imprisonment and stringent monetary penalty, among others. The representatives from ITC and Johnson and Johnson highlighted industry issues and spoke on the need for collaborative actions with police to counter such offences. The capacity building program saw participation of several officers of Himachal Pradesh Police across various districts. These programs organized by FICCI CASCADE are aimed to sensitize the police officers on the importance of continued awareness and the seriousness of the impact of counterfeit and smuggled goods on the Indian economy.





## SHIMLA, DECEMBER 2

India needs stern counterstrike forces against smuggling and counterfeiting, said Bimal Gupta, DIG-cum-Principal, HP Police Training College, here yesterday. He was addressing a virtual programme of FICCI Committee Against Smuggling and Counterfeiting Activities for police officers.

He said criminals were exploiting consumers under the shield of Covid

through fake medical products, frauds and cyber crimes". Some key recommendations included the need for capacity building in terms of skills, infrastructure and technology among the law enforcement agencies to improve detection and investigation of crimes, need for additional manpower, a dedicated economic offence wing, nonmeasures bailable for repeated offence.-TNS

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बिमल गुप्त ने कहा कि अपराधी कोविड-19 महामारी की अडड में जाली चिकित्सकीय उत्पादों, धोसाधड़ी एवं सहबर अपराधों के जरिए उपभोक्ताओं को नुक्सान पहुंचा रहे है।

इसके साथ ही फिक्की कारकेड के एडवाइजर एवं दिली पुलिस के पूर्व विशेष आयुक्त दीप चंद ने अपने संबोधन में कहा कि अवैध कारोबारी अर्थव्यवस्था से गैर-कानूनी उद्योग को चढावा मिल रहा है। इससे आतंकवाद समेत विभिन्न संगर्हतत अपगर्धों के रूप में समाज का अपराधीकरण बढ रहा है।

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## तस्करी एवं जालसाजी के विरूद्ध सख्त कदम उठाना जरूरी : बिमल गुप्ता



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थलमपुर, 2 दिशंबर (जसवंत वर्तद्याल): हिम्मचल प्रदेश पुरिस ट्रेनिंग कालेज के डीआईजी एवं पि. विमल गुप्ता ने कहा कि लैलिक अयोग्यात्रस्था के भाग के तौर पर भागत के लिए यह जरूरी हो गया है कि तरकती एवं जालासाओं जैसी फारत गतिथिधिये के थिरू दूर सराज एवं प्रभागी कदम उठाए।

अर्थव्यवस्था को तबाह कर रही तस्करी एवं जालसाजी जैसी गतिविधियों के खिलाफ कमेटी, फिल्को काम्बेटा द्वरा 'जालमाजी एवं तस्वती से चलाज" लिगव पर अवमेजित तर्वता विवयात्र विलित प्रोडाम कोर बर्न्डुअल केपेनिटी विलित प्रोडाम कोर पुलिस ऑफिसर के दौरान मुना ने कता, लपतथियों ने कोषिठ-19 मतामारी की ओद में जाली पिकिस्पर्क्षय उत्पादी, पोखाधवी एव सहाचर जगराधी के जरिये उपभोकताओं को मुक्सान पहुंचाया मुरू कर दिया है।

विजयती बुद्धिये हुए का एएवइजा एव दिल्ली दुलिए के एएवइजा राषु दिल्ली दुलिए के पूर्व विशेष आयुक्त रीप घोट ने बाहा कि अवैध बारोच्डरी अर्थव्यवस्था थे गुल्हरन्ती ज्योग को बकुल फिल रह है। इनसे असलकवाद समेत जिभिन्न संरहित अगराधी के रूप में समाज का अगराधीकरण बह रहा है। श्रमता निर्माण कार्यक्रम का लक्ष्म पुलिस अधिकारिये को जाली एवं तस्करी कर लाए हुए उत्पादी के प्रधान की गंधीरता संस्थाने एवं इसे लेकर जागरकला के पाटल के प्रति गविदनशील जनना है।

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फिककी कारकेंद्र के सामारफार एवं केंद्रीय अग्रत्थश कर एवं सीमा शुल्क खोड के पूर्व चेवरपैन प्रेंगी झा ने कता कि चारत में बडे पैसाने पर वरकरी हो ली है, जिससे न केवल जैव उद्योगे एत्रं अर्थल्यक्रमा पर प्रभाव पत रसा है. बरिक उपयोक्ताओं के जीवन एवं मुरक्षा पर गंभीर स्वतंत्रा भी पेछ ही रहा है। हिम्माचल प्रदेश के मुलिय अधिकारियों की प्रालंगा करते हुए, उन्होंने आगे कहा कि लगातार संघर्ष के अध्यज्ञद प्रधानि अधिप्रतिक्षें ने तस्करों, वालसाजी कर चोरों एवं तस्करी करने वाले को पोंचे चकेलने के प्रति प्रतिषाद्धता अताई है। सार्यसम्म के यौगान क्षमता निर्माण को लेकर कुछ आग्म बातें ग्रामने आदे, जिनमें अपराभी की त्तांच एवं आगरणियों को पकड़ने की जन एन उत्तरापण्डं को पकड़ने भी अवस्था में सुधार के लिए प्रवर्तन एजीसियों में कौंग्रान विकरण इन्द्रानस्वयर एवं देवनोश्वीयी बेहतर करने की बात कही गई। साथ ही अतिरिक्त केन्यावर समर्थित आणिक अगराचा जाखा, चार-चार होने चाले अपराचों को पैर जमानती अपराध की वेणी में रखने, कठोर कारण्याय, संसल आधिक दंह समेत विभिन्न कटवी पर थी जोर दिया गया।

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Mr. Deep Chand, Advisor, FICCI CASCADE and Former Special Commissioner of Dehi Police said, "The grey market economy is fuelling Regitimate industry, leading to increased criminalization of the society in the form of organized primes including tanonism. This capacity building program is aimed to sensitize police officers to emphasize on the importance of continued awareness and seriousness of the impact of counterleit and smuggled products."

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

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ith the objective to sensitize the police officers of Gujarat to combat the socioeconomic 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 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 opportunitiedecs 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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રભા ટાંલાંબિયા પંચિત્ર અને સંતાલી બાયે મં. તે કાર્યો અને બનાવતી સાથા બાયકાર્યું દ્વિત્તરણ મંદ છે અને સંગદિત અવચાય, આ તે કાર્યો છે પ્રથમ અને અન્ય પંચિત્ર અવચાય છે અને સંગદિત અવચાય, આ તે બાય છે બાયું અને અન્ય પંચિત્ર પંચ છે બાયું અપ્રદેશ અને દ્વિત્તરણ માટે અવચાય દ્વારા માટે બાય બાય બાય બાયું છે. આ તે બાય બાય બાયું અપ્રદેશ અને દ્વારે બાયું બાયું અપ્રદેશ અને દ્વારે બાયું અપ્ર અન્ય દેશિય પ્રયો બાય બાયે બાયું હતું. FCCI CASCADE અથવા માટે બાયું હતું.

FICCI CASCADE નડની ચીજો અને દાભવાઉની સમસ્યાની પ્રતિકૃત અલગ અંગે જાગુતિ વાવવા માટે સરકાર, ઉદ્યોગ, એન્ટોસંગેન્ટ અધિકોઇએ, કાર્ગુની અપશ્રીઓ, પારક સંસ્થાઓ અને યુટાનો થાયે મળીને સમ કરી પડી છે.



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ગુજરાત પોલીસે છેલ્લા ૨ વર્ષમાં રૂ. ૧૨.૫ કરોડનો નકલી સામાન જપ્ત કર્યો: DIG, CID (કાઇમ એન્ડ રેલ્વે), ગુજરાત ૨૦ મે ૨૦૨૨ઃ શ્રી સૌરભ ટોલંબિયા, નાયબ પોલીસ મહા-

નિરીક્ષક, CID (ક્રાઈમ અને રેલ્વે), ગુજરાતે આજે જણાવ્યું હતું કે ગુજરાતમાં તાજેતરની સૌથી મોટી જપીમાં રૂ. ૬ કર-ોડની કિંમતની હાઈ-એન્ડ બ્રાન્ડના સનગ્લાસના ડુપ્લિકેટ વર્ઝનનો સમાવેશ થાય છે. FICCIની કમિટી અગેન્સ્ટ સ્મગલિંગ એન્ડ કાઉન્ટરફીટીંગ એક્ટિવિટીઝ ડિસ્ટોઇંગ ધ ઇકોનોમી (CASCADE) દ્વારા આયોજિત 'કેપેસિટી બિલ્ડિંગ પ્રોગ્રામ ફોર પોલીસ ઓફિસર્સ ઓન પ્રિવેન્શન ઓફ કાઉન્ટરફિટીંગ એન્ડ્ સ્મગલિંગ' કાર્યક્રમ'ને સંબોધતા શ્રી ટોલમ્બિયાએ જણાવ્યું હને કે, ''છેલ્લા વર્ષોમાં ગુજરાતમાં ૪૬ કોપીરાઇટ કેસ થયા છે 🕯 = પોલીસ દ્વારા ૧૨.૫ કરોડનો નકલી સામાન જપ્ત કરવામાં સફળ રહ્યા છે.'' તેમણે વધુમાં જણાવ્યું હતું કે પોલીસે ૩ કરોડ ૩૧ લાખ રૂપિયાથી વધુની કિંમતની હાઈ-એન્ડ બ્રાન્ડની ડુપ્લિકેટ ઘડિયાળો અને ૮૩ લાખ રૂપિયાની ડુપ્લિકેટ મોબાઈલ એક્સેસરીઝ જપ્ત કરી છે.

નકલી અને દાણચોરીની સામાજિક-આર્થિક અસર પર ઝાંખી આપતી વખતે, શ્રી દીપ ચંદ, સલાહકાર, FICCI CASCADE અને ભૂતપૂર્વ વિશેષ પોલીસ કમિશનર, નવી દિલ્હીએ ગેરકાયદેસર વેપારના વૈચિક અંદાજો પર પ્રકાશ પાડ્યો. તેમણે જણાવ્યું હતું કે દાણચોરી અને બનાવટીને કારણે વ્યાપક સામાજિક, રોકાણ અને કોજદારી અમલીકરણ ખર્ચ ૨૦૨૨ સુધીમાં ઇં૪.૨ ટ્રિલિયનને સ્પર્શી શકે છે, જેનાથી પ.૪ મિલિયન કાયદેસર નોકરીઓ જોખમમાં મૂકાઈ શકે છે.

તારાખ લઇશકાક ૨૯.૦૫.૨૦૨૨ સુધા ગુજરાત પોલીસે છેલ્લા ૨ વર્ષમાં રૂ. ૧૨.૫ કરોડનો નકલી સામાન જપ્ત કર્યો : DIG, CID (ક્રાઈમ એન્ડ રેલ્વે), ગુજરાત

ચી સૌરભ કોલંબિયા, નાયબ પોલીસ મહાનિરીયક, CID (કાઈમ અને રેલ્વે), ગુજરાતે આજે જ્યાબ્યું

# ઠકે શ્રી ગોપીનાથજી ાજમાન થયા



મોટી જામીમાં રૂ. ૬ કરોડની કિંમલની હાઈ એન્ડ બ્રોન્ડના સનગ્લાસના ડપ્લિકેટ વર્ઝનનો સમાવેશ થાય છે. FICCIની કમિટી અગેન્સ્ટ સ્મગલિંગ એન્ડ કાઉન્ટરફીટીંગ એક્ટિવિટીઝ Dasigna 14 ઇકોનોમી (CASCADE) હારા આવાજિત કેપેસિટી બિલ્ડિંગ પ્રોભ્રામ કોર પોલીસ ઓફિસર્સ ઓન પ્રિવેન્શન ઓક કાઉન્ટરક્રિટીંગ એન્ડ્ર સ્મગસિંગ' કાર્યક્રમેંને સંબોધતા થી ટોલમ્બિયાએ "છેલ્લા વર્ષોમાં જણાવ્યું હતું કે, "છેલ્લા વર્ષોમાં ગુજરાતમાં ૪૧ કોપીરાઇટ કેસ થયા છે અને પોલીસ દારા ૧૨.પ કરોડનો નકલી સામાન જપ્ત કરવામાં સહળ રહ્યા છે." તેમલે વધુમાં જણાવ્યું હતું પોલીસે ૩ કરોડ ૩૧ લાખ રૂપિયાથી વધુની કિંમતની હાઈપ્રએન્ડ બ્રાન્ડની ડુપ્લિકેટ પડિયાળો અને ૮૩ લાખ રવિયાની દ્રશ્લિકેટ મોબાઈલ એક્સેસરીઝ જમ કરી છે.

આપતી વખતે, શી દીપ ચંદ. RELIGER, FICCI CASCADE અને ભૂતપૂર્વ વિશેષ પોલીસ કમિશનર, નવી દિલ્હીએ કમિશનેર, નવી દિલ્હીએ ગેરકાયદેસર વેપારના વૈચિક અંદાજો પર પ્રકાશ પાડ્યો. તેમલે જણાવ્યું હતું કે દાયાયોથી અને બનાવટીને કારણે વ્યાપક સામાજિક, રોકાલ અને કોજદારી અમલીકરણ ખર્ચ ૨૦૨૨ સપીમાં ૪.૨ ટિલિયનને સ્પર્શી શકે છે, જેનાથી પાઝ મિલિયન કાયદેસર નોકરીઓ જોખમમાં મુકાઈ શકે છે. તાજેતરના અભ્યાસ મુજબ, નાણાકીય વર્ષ ૨૦૧૮-૧૯માં ભારતીય અર્થતંત્ર પાંચ મુખ્ય શેગોમાં દાણમોરીને કારણે ૧,૧૦,૨૫૩ કરોડ રૂપિયા ગુમાવે છે અને કુલ આ જી વિકાની તકો ૧૬.૩૬ લાખ ગુમાવી છે, એમ તેમણે ઉમેર્યુ eset.

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અને બનાવટી કાળા બજારોનું વિસ્તરણ કરે છે અને સંગઠિત અપરાય, આતંકવાદી જયો અને અન્ય ગેવવાય, બાતકવાઢ દૂધા બંધ બધ્ય જોખમી નેટવક્ક્સ વચ્ચે સંકલનને પ્રોત્સાહન આપે છે."

થી નીતિન સલુજા, સિનિયર આ વાતાવે સરકાર કસ્ટમર દ્રસ્ટ, એમેઝોન ઈન્ડિયાએ તેના માર્કેટપ્લેસને સાહ્યો, બ્રાન્ડ્સ અને વિક્રેતાઓ માટે વ્યવહારો કરવા માટે વિશ્વસનીય અને સુરક્ષિત પ્લેટકોર્મ બનાવવા માટે તેની વિવિધ પહેલ <u>તારા માર્કેટપ્લેસ પર છે</u>તરપિંડી અને દરુપયોગને પટાડવાના એમેઝોનના પ્રમાસો વિશે ચર્ચા કરી.

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

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ICCI 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 event 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.



# Training for cops to stop counterfeiting

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Chennai: A 'Capacity Building Programme for Police Officers on Prevention of Counterfeiting and Smuggling' was organized by FIC-CI's Committee Against Smuggling and Counterfeiting Activities Destroying the Economy (CASCADE). Additional Director General of Police Dr A Amalraj, who is Director, Tamil Nadu Police Academy said, "Police are directly involved in stopping the circulation of illicit goods in the society."

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Addressing 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), Dr Amalraj, while highlighting the menace of illicit goods, said that such products are not only harmful for consumers but also incur huge losses for the government exchequer.



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# *In Conversation programme with* **Lt Gen Pradeep Chandran Nair** AVSM, YSM, DG, Assam Rifles

Conversation

August 17, 2021

B order forces are critical stakeholders in combating cross border illegal trading activities. On one hand, while open borders facilitate travel and trade, they also make border control more challenging due to the emerging new forms of cross border crimes. Hence, it becomes vital that officers at the borders are prepared to identify possible suspects and their victims in such ill-intentioned crimes. To understand and deliberate on issues of cross-border smuggling in India, preparedness of the government and

initiatives taken by Assam Rifles to combat this menace, Lt Gen Pradeep Chandran Nair, AVSM, YSM, DG, Assam Rifles joined for an 'In Conversation Series' programme of FICCI's Committee Against Smuggling and Counterfeiting Activities Destroying the Economy (CASCADE) on 17th August 2021. This initiative is a unique forum where eminent guests and subject matter experts discuss and share insights on the various facets of illicit trade, through an interesting, candid conversation.

During the conversation Lt Gen P C Nair said, "Assam Rifles as the Border Guarding Force has been at the helm of affairs to counter the illegal trade along the 1643 km of porous and unfenced border of India-Myanmar. The whole region is of great importance from the economic and strategic point of view and will determine the future growth and development of the region provided necessary steps and initiatives as designed are executed under the ACT EAST POLICY".

Speaking on the menace of smuggling and illicit trade, Lt Gen P C Nair said, "the Force in the year 2020 seized Rs 857 Cr of illegally traded goods and in 2021, it has already seized illegal goods worth Rs 746 Cr. approx. These seizures are despite the ongoing trade which is alarming and overwhelming, detrimental to national development and India's Act East Policy".

He further added that Assam Rifles continues to honour & execute the given mandate in letter and spirit and takes pride in being one of the finest outfits of the nation. The Force is committed to working in synergy with all Central and State agencies to combat illegal trade and smuggling towards its rightful end.



Mr. Deep Chand, Former Special Commissioner of Police, New Delhi, and Advisor, FICCI CASCADE while in conversation with Lt Gen P C Nair said "Illicit trade across the borders is impacting the social fabric of nations; India in particular is a victim of large-scale smuggling. This web of illicit trade has entangled not only the legal industry and governments, but also the consumers who are exposed to grave risks to life and security".

Mr. Anil Rajput, Chairman, FICCI CASCADE welcomed the guests and congratulated Lt Gen P C Nair and the brave hearts of his force who have been determined to protect the infiltration of illicit goods into our country while maintaining security across the borders. He emphasised that the proactive vigilance of the officers of Assam Rifles in intercepting the movement of smuggled goods was a definitive step towards putting fear in the hearts of those who dealt in such illicit trading. Highlighting the linkages of organised crime and illicit trade, Mr Rajput expressed his concern on how the proceeds from illicit trade were increasingly becoming the main source of terror funding. He emphasised on the need to understand this relationship and to work towards effective mechanisms to counter its impact.

FICCI CASCADE has been over the years 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.



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Addressing the 'In Conversation Series', Mr Adéfalou while speaking on WCO's Operation STOP, said that the main objective of the operation was to protect societies from the menace of illicit and spurious medicines, vaccines and medical products during the COVID pandemic. He further stated that the learnings from operation STOP was to work together and be aware and prepared about the market." "Collaboration, stringent actions against perpetrators and dialogue with private players are key to curb any kind of illicit activities", stressed Mr. Adefalou.

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**Prof. (Dr.) Ashok R. Patil**, Chair Professor and Chair on Consumer Law & Practice (Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Govt. of India), National Law School of India University said, "Consumers have the right to be informed about the purity, safety, quality of the product, right to seek redressal against unfair trade practice and the right to be aware". He further added that creating public awareness, increasing surveillance, and coordination amongst industry, consumers, NGOs, government, and media can help counter the problem of counterfeiting and smuggling effectively.

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**Mr. Hem Kumar Pande**, Former Secretary, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and Think Tank Member, FICCI CASCADE while moderating the session said, "Consumer awareness is of paramount importance and consumers should know their rights and duties. They need to stand united against the menace of counterfeit and smuggled goods". Mr Pande emphasised on having a consumer movement in India against such serious crimes that are not only risking consumer's health and safety but are also damaging the economy of the country". He also stressed on having a dynamic policy and legal framework, quick consumer grievance redressal, mediation centres and aggressive campaigning to protect consumers against the menace of illicit trade".

FICCI CASCADE, in pursuance of its agenda, has been organizing series of multi-stakeholder dialogues to tackle this adversary and spread awareness about the socio-economic impact of counterfeiting and smuggling.





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"A strong consumer movement in an institutionalised manner with leadership from the government is the need of the hour to fight the menace of counterfeiting and smuggling" said **Prof. Bejon Kumar Misra**, Founder, Consumer Online Foundation. He further added that to fight the growing menace of illicit trade, consumers must be able to report immediately if they find a difference in the specified quality of the product. A platform must be created for the consumers where they can share their experiences of encountering a smuggled, fake, defective, or counterfeit product. He emphasized on the need to address the issue at the grassroot level & take immediate action against illicit traders.

Emphasizing on the role of consumers in the fight a g a i n s t illicit trade practices, **Mr. Anil Rajput**, Chairman, FICCI CASCADE said, "Consumers can encourage change through their choices and behaviour. By highlighting some of the key harms attached to counterfeit and smuggled goods, they can play an important role in raising awareness on just how risky purchasing these items can be both to themselves and to the wider community."



"I strongly believe that apart from a policy framework that disincentivises such illicit activities along with aggressive enforcement against the criminals of this trade, sustained awareness campaigns for people and understanding demand behaviour are critical in this fight", he added.

**Mr. Hem Kumar Pande**, Former Secretary, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and Think Tank Member, FICCI CASCADE while moderating the session said "it is not only the responsibility of the consumers to be aware of the growing illicit trade. But it's time to go beyond & spread awareness amongst sellers about the adverse impacts of smuggled & counterfeit products". Mr. Pande said challenge is to unite consumers and voluntary consumer organisations can play an important role in bring them together.

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# *In Conversation programme with* **MI. Vivek Johri Chairman, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs** 12 May 2022

ICCI CASCADE organized an "In Conversation with Mr. Vivek Johri, Chairman, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs" on 12th May 2022. The objective of the session was to throw light on the smuggling scenario in India, enforcement of laws related to indirect taxes, steps taken to contain tax evasion and initiatives taken by CBIC to combat this menace. Addressing the 'In Conversation Series' organized by FICCI's Committee Against Smuggling and Counterfeiting Activities Destroying the Economy (CASCADE) Mr Johri, said, "Gold, narcotics, and cigarettes are highly prone to outright smuggling. He further highlighted the extent of the menace and said that "At CBIC, we are going aggressively against illicit trade in these goods. In 2021-22, we seized 92,000 kg of narcotics worth Rs 17,400 crore, during this period, we also seized 14 crore cigarette sticks". He added that artificial intelligence and data analytics are playing a pivotal role in targeting instances of smuggling which have significantly helped the department to deal with the growing menace of illicit trade.

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FICCI CASCADE, in pursuance of its agenda, has been organizing series of such interactions with experts to understand various facets of illicit trade and its impact on the economy.



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ICCI CASCADE (Committee Against Smuggling and Counterfeiting Activities Destroying the Economy) collaborated with the Ministry of Consumer Affairs. Govt of India, to encourage the country's youth to be a part in the socio-economic development of the nation by creating a youth movement against smuggling and counterfeiting. In this endeavour, FICCI CASCADE, jointly with the Ministry, organized a painting competition on the theme 'Youth for Socio-Economic Development -Paving the Way for India's Amrit Kaal'.

15 March 2022

With the objective to generate awareness on the adverse impacts of smuggling and counterfeiting, especially among school children who are the consumers of tomorrow, this competition was organized as a run up to the World Consumer Rights Day celebrations by the Ministry of Consumer Affairs. This day, which is celebrated world over on 15 March, stands in solidarity with the international consumer movement, demanding consumer rights to be respected and protected.

Mr Rohit Kumar Singh, Secretary, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Govt of India said, "Our future generations are the hope for real change. Empowering and strengthening them to act for national development will help in shaping the future of our country in a brighter and more prosperous manner. World Consumer Rights Day is celebrated every year by our ministry to protect the rights of consumers; and to ensure that the consumers are not subjected to market abuse or social injustice that may undermine their rights."

Mr Anil Rajput, Chairman, FICCI CASCADE said, "The youth of India are the country's future. As India marks 75 years of its glorious independence and enters Amrit Kaal, the 25-year-long leadup to India@100, the youth will play a pivotal role in nation building and advocating socially responsible behaviour towards the country's development."

On the occasion of the World Consumer Rights Day, scores of schoolchildren from across the country demonstrated their resolve to put an end to smuggling by generating consumer awareness. The competition saw an overwhelming response, with more than 400 entries received from across the country. The young consumers of India shared their thoughts and ideas through innovative paintings, which depicted the harmful effects of counterfeited and smuggled goods on the country's economy and its people. The winners of the top three paintings were awarded by Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey and Sadhvi Niranjan Jyoti, both Ministers of State for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.

The jury members for the competition included Mr. P K Malhotra, Former Secretary, Ministry of Law and Justice, Mr. Hem Kumar Pande, Former Secretary, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, and Mr. Sanjeev Tripathi, Former Chief, Research and Analysis Wing (RAW). Winners were awarded a certificate of recognition, along with a cash prize of Rs 50,000, Rs 25,000 and Rs 15,000, respectively. 'Youth for Socio-Economic Development - Paving the Way for India's Amrit Kaal' Inter-School Painting Competition Against Smuggling & Counterfeiting



# The Winners

While the first prize was bagged by Ms. Chandrima Pan of Class X from Delhi's St. George's School, the second prize was won by Ms. Supriya Baital of Class XI from Birla Vidya Niketan School, New Delhi. The third position was shared by Mr. Sajal Jain of Class X from Agra Public School, Agra, and Ms. Aaira Katoch of Class IX from Gurugram's Lotus Valley International School. Besides. all the participants were issued a certificate of participation.









# **'Youth for Socio-Economic Development - Paving the Way for India's Amrit Kaal'** Inter-School Painting Competition Against Smuggling & Counterfeiting













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# Govt, FICCI CASCADE bring youth \* onboard for anti-smuggling drive

New Delhi: Scores of schoolchildren from across the country demonstrated their resolve to put an end to smuggling by gen-erating consumer awareness on the occasion of the World Consumer Rights Day on Tuesday. At an event organised by ministry of consumer affairs and supported by FICCI CASCADE, the young consumers of India shared their thoughts and ideas through innovative paintings, which depicted the harmful ef-fects of counterfeit and smuggled goods on the country's econo-my and its people. The winners of top three paintings were awarded minister Piyush Goyal. Congratulating the winners of painting competition, Anil Rajput, chairman, FICCI CAS-CADE, said, 'Our future generations are the real hope for change, therefore, empowering and strengthening them to act against any illicit activity will not only add momentum to the fight against counterfeiting and smuggling but will also help in shapping a brighter future of our country," uses

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# FICCI CASCADE, Consumer Affairs Ministry join hands to encourage youth to participate in nation building

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# उपभोक्ता मंत्रालय-फिक्की का अभियान

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# Industry body, govt tie up to urge youth to help in nation building

New Delhi: FICCI's Committee Against Smuggling and Counterfeiting Activities Destroying the Economy (CAS-CADE) has joined hands with the ministry of consumer affairs to encourage country's youth to be part of socio-economic development of the nation by creating a youth movement against smuggling and counterfecting

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organised as a run-up to the World Consumer Rights Day celebrations by the ministry of consumer affairs on March 15. Rohit Kumar Singh, secretary ministry of consumer affairs, said, 'Our future generations are the hope for real change, empowering and strengthening them to act for national development will

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help in shaping the future of our country in a brighter and more prosperous manner: World Consumer Rights Day is celebrated every year by our ministry to protect the rightsof consumersand to ensure that they are not subjected to market abuse or social injustice that may undermine their rights"

Anil Rajput, chairman, FIOCI CASCADE, said. "The youth of India are country's future. As India marks 75 years of its Independence and enters into Amrit Kaal, the 25-year-long Lead up to Indiasci00, the youth will play a pivotal role in nation building and advocating socially responsible behaviour towards the country's development." we



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# Campaign on #My Covid Story

## Campaign on #MyCovidStory SHARE YOUR STORY- Speak Up and Make a Difference

October, 2021



he #MyCovidStory campaign is an online storytelling initiative and a part of FICCI CASCADE's (Committee Against Smuggling and Counterfeiting Activities Destroying the Economy) response to the COVID-19 pandemic. It was launched last year and received an overwhelming response, with over hundreds of entries with unique and interesting stories. Taking

this initiative forward FICCI CASCADE organised the 2nd edition of this competition titled SHARE YOUR STORY- Speak Up and Make a Difference.

It was a story-telling competition where participants shared their experiences on: how they felt, acted, and thrived from their encounter with counterfeit, fake and smuggled products during the second wave of the pandemic. The objective of this



competition was not only to generate awareness on the issues of counterfeiting and smuggling but also to inspire people to shun illicit products.

FICCL CASCADE has been actively working towards consumer awareness by highlighting the menace of fake, counterfeit and smuggled products, besides emphasizing how such illicit trade activities has become a serious threat to public health and safety. The COVID-19 pandemic has unfortunately seen a surge in the availability of fake, falsified and substandard medical, healthcare and other consumer products. Many people are day-in-dayout proving to be key actors when it comes to finding solutions to global problems such as counterfeiting and smuggling. My COVID Story was an open invitation to all to share their stories by means of written testimonials to amplify their voices; CASCADE received huge response from people and shared their impactful stories on its social media handles.

The Competition was judged by Mr. P K Malhotra, Former Secretary, Ministry of Law & Justice, Government of India and Think Tank Member, FICCI CASCADE, Mr. Sanjeev Tripathi, Former Chief, Research and Analysis Wing (RAW), Government of India and Think Tank Member, FICCI CASCADE and Mrs. Sonali Dash, Educator and Eminent Writer. Winners of the competition were:







# THINK TANK MEETINGS



# **15<sup>th</sup> Think Tank Meeting** Date: June 16, 2021 **KEY DISCUSSION POINTS**

The meeting of the CASCADE Think Tank was convened to discuss the following two reports:

- » Illicit Markets A threat to our national interests
- » Regulatory Landscape and Illicit Markets

## 1. Illicit Markets - A threat to our national interests

Mr. Kaushik Dutta, Founding Director, TARI presented the update on the FICCI CASCADE study on Illicit Markets for inputs from the members. Key suggestions were as follows:

- a. Personal goods are least vulnerable to smuggling and are mostly counterfeits/knockoff and hence, the size of illicit market/employment figures in this sector needs to be relooked at.
- b. Alcoholic beverages market is unique, there is a huge difference between MRP and MSP. TARI to

explore if any relevant data is available of consumption of alcohol in restaurants and hotels.

- c. The tobacco sector in the current report includes cigarettes and gutkha. Since cigarettes attributes to maximum loss of revenue to the government in tobacco and tobacco products sector, incidences of tax losses due to cigarettes may be highlighted.
- d. The growth of e-commerce markets has led to increased consumption pattern especially in the packaged foods sector. This has also increased the supply of goods to tier 2/3 cities. The report could highlight how online FMCG sales is growing in the recent years with greater penetration of smart phones and mobile internet.



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e. Sector wise tax loss to government to be incorporated.

TARI will incorporate the suggestions and share update/1st draft of study with the members for further review.

#### 2. Regulatory Landscape and Illicit Markets

Mr. Kaushik Dutta also presented an outline of the proposed study - Regulatory Landscape and Illicit Markets to the members. The concept paper was discussed. Key suggestions were as follows:

- a. It was suggested that the study should map the impact of regulatory measures on industry sectors and see whether it has led to growth of illicit trade/smuggling. Be it in case of 85% pictorial warning in cigarettes in India or stringent labelling on packaged food products. An econometric model to assess the impact of non-tariff measures, that is regulatory policy measures, on the illicit trade to be looked at.
- b. TARI may explore the need of a psychological survey of the consumers/consumer behaviour as a data collection point to show consumption

pattern. It is also to be seen if they have the expertise to execute the same.

- c. The report to look at the non-tariff barriers provide by Indian laws and see how they are affecting the particular segments of industry, if they are causing hurdle to growth of any industry sector and encouraging illicit trade. In this context the report could have two partsquantitative and qualitative. While the quantitative part will work on econometric models, the qualitative part to interpret the findings of the quantitative model and take different laws into consideration to draw conclusions and make recommendations to the policy makers.
- d. On the non-tariff regulatory framework and in case of import, the reforms in Indian customs such as direct port delivery, huge automation in customs, single window clearance system, AEO program which has significantly improved India's position in Ease of Doing Business must be taken into account.
- e. It was decided that the study would cover the same five industries as used in the illicit market report.







# 16<sup>th</sup> Think Tank Meeting

## Date: December 16, 2021 **KEY DISCUSSION POINTS**

Mr. Anil Rajput made the introductory remarks and thanked the members for their unstinted support during these unprecedented times. A presentation was made to the Think Tank Members on the initiatives taken by FICCI CASCADE from July to November 2021 and on the forthcoming events for the next quarter.

The meeting of the CASCADE Think Tank was convened to discuss the following two reports:

- » Illicit Markets A threat to our national interests
- » Regulatory Landscape and Illicit Markets

A presentation on FICCI CASCADE social media plan for 2022 was also presented to the Think Tank members

## Illicit Markets - A threat to our national interests

Mr. Kaushik Dutta, Founding Director, TARI presented the final findings of the FICCI CASCADE study on Illicit Markets for inputs from the members. Key suggestions were as follows:

a. In order to verify the employment loss figures due to illicit trade in each of the industry sectors, it was suggested to compare the figures with data on job loss for the specified sectors which may be available in public domain (govt agencies / industry associations). The difference in the two could be attributed to illicit markets in that particular sector. It was felt that this would add more credibility to the report.







- b. To check and correct the penal provisions specified in the report with the penal provision given under section 112, 114 and 135 under the Customs Act 1962.
- c. For the alcohol sector, it was suggested to differentiate high value and low value alcohol products. TARI could then make use of available data to explore illicit in high value vis-a-vis in low value alcohol products.

TARI to incorporate the suggestions and share the final draft of the study with the members.

#### Regulatory Landscape and Illicit Markets

Mr. Kaushik Dutta also presented an update on the Regulatory Landscape and Illicit Markets study to the members. Key suggestions were as follows:

- a. Issues such as globalization vs protectionism in terms of tariffs and quotas and it's bearing on the findings could be studied and incorporated appropriately in the study.
- b. It was suggested that apart from quantitative analysis, the study should highlight the qualitative aspects of regulations which have an impact on illicit markets in the country.
- c. It was discussed that effect of regulations vs over regulation on products often lead to many impediments - one of which is illicit trade. This

aspect must be delved deeper and included in the report.

- d. It was stated that with the introduction of single window system in the Indian Customs, all regulatory requirements from the non-customs departments and ministries are centralised at one place. Data could be used from this which will help in assessing the impact of regulation on import/export data or carry out a trend analysis.
- e. All 5 industries covered in the report have an export potential. The study must include the impact of the identified non-tariff measures on the export market of that industry.
- f. Issues such as poor enforcement in a regulated market was also highlighted. The report could cover what impact does delay in enforcement have on regulated markets. Moreover, it could also highlight the difference between wellregulated and well enforced market vis-a-vis markets which are well-regulated but not well enforced.
- g. It was also discussed that consumer movement in India is scattered and disorganised. The report could substantiate if this is helping in the growth of illicit trade in India.
- h. It was decided that the study should be finalised in 6 months, that is by June 2022.

TARI will incorporate the suggestions and share the progress on the study with the members for further review.





#### **CASCADE Social Media Handles**

- Mr. Gaurav Gupta, Founder and CEO, PRAG presented an annual plan on CASCADE social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn. The members were of the opinion that the FICCI CASCADE social media platforms could undertake the following:
- a. Highlight seizures of illicit goods
- b. Different campaigns must be designed focussing on sellers and buyers separately.
- c. While focusing on consumers the messaging must appeal to consumers and be consumer centric. It should highlight how consumers suffer when they buy/use fake or smuggled product and the ways in which consumers could identify genuine products from fake ones.
- d. Sellers have an equal responsibility in ensuring that legal goods are being sold by them. It was suggested that a campaign on 'Jago Seller Jago' on the line of 'Jago Grahak Jago' could be designed where issues such as implications on selling illicit products could be highlighted.
- e. A campaign "Don't cheat your own love" could be designed to discourage consumers from buying illicit products.
- f. It was suggested that an Impact analysis- an output testing matrix must be done to check the success of our campaigns.



#### **Additional Points:**

- It was proposed that going forward FICCI CASCADE must concentrate on the following areas:
- a. Engagement with the enforcement agencies needs to be increased. It was suggested that the members of the Think Tank could dedicate more time in raising the issue of smuggling and counterfeiting with the enforcement agencies through various interactions, meetings etc.
- b. Using social media platform more effectively to create greater awareness.
- c. Youth is a critical stakeholder in our fight against illicit trade. Greater emphasis needs to be given in connecting with the younger generation at the school and college level to make them aware about the adverse impacts of this socioeconomic menace.
- d. In order to increase awareness on the issue of illicit trade, the Think Tank members were requested to write articles on the subject. FICCI CASCADE Secretariat to work with the members in this regard.
- e. It was suggested that FICCI CASCADE could look at making an advisory service available on the subject. It can for example give guidance on Consumer Protection Laws in the country. The CASCADE secretariat to check with FICCI'S law committee in this regard.



Think Tank Meetings

# **17<sup>th</sup> Think Tank Meeting** Date: March 27, 2022 **KEY DISCUSSION POINTS**

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Justice Manmohan Sarin made the introductory remarks and stated that CASCADE's recent activities such as the launch of Anti-Smuggling Day and School event with the Ministry of Consumer Affairs have been significant initiatives in our endeavour to generate widespread awareness on the issue of smuggling and counterfeiting. He underscored the importance of taking such campaigns across the country and perhaps across the globe so that more and more governments and institutions can join hands to create a collective global response against the detrimental impact of this menace.

A presentation was made to the Think Tank Members on the initiatives taken by FICCI CASCADE from December 2021 till March 2022 and on the forthcoming events for the next quarter.

#### **Key Discussion Points:**

It was proposed that going forward, FICCI CASCADE could concentrate on the following areas:

a. While, over the years FICCI CASCADE has been making recommendations to the government on the need for robust Laws and Regulations to combat smuggling and counterfeiting, it was felt that it is high time that the Think Tank should undertake the exercise of making concrete and specific suggestions on the legal reforms and changes in the Statute, Regulations, and procedure as recommended. These amendments should be specifically articulated. Members of the FICCI CASCADE could form small groups to make these recommendations based on their domain, knowledge, and expertise.





- b. On the subject of recommending concrete legal reforms, it was further suggested that CASCADE could assign specific subjects for study to chosen National Law School in India and make them present their recommendations giving the objective, analysis and recommendations. These could be done under the charge of a senior professor and they could be rewarded either with prize money or honorarium for the efforts put in.
- c. It was also discussed that there are adequate laws available but what is needed is to plug the loopholes in the laws. It was suggested that in order to have a holistic approach to our recommendations, we should look at the legislative and legal side simultaneously.
- d. It was stated that recommendation should be focused on both long-term as well as short term aspects and must be confined to the basic theme/objective of Cascade to combat Smuggling and Counterfeiting.
- e. After discussion, the following has been proposed:
  - Identifying difficulties in enforcement of specific laws and recommending wherever required for enhancement or stringent punishments- Mr. Deep Chand and Mr Sanjeev Tripathi

- Recommendations should take into account inputs from Revenue Intelligence and collating of information as available: Mr. D P Dash
- Inputs on the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 -Mr. Hem Pande
- Copyright and Trademark Act, 1999 Mr. Narendra K Sabharwal and Ms. Kameswari Subramanian
- Balancing the recommendations for amendments in laws and Regulations for reforms in enforcement vis a vis balancing it with citizen's right and judicial perspective-Justice Manmohan Sarin and Mr. PK Malhotra
- The Chairperson to fix a schedule once the small proposed groups are finalised and have commenced their respective works.
- f. It was stated that there is a need for change in the outlook of people not to buy smuggled and counterfeit goods. Unfortunately, this change takes time and doesn't come easily. While changing or making the laws more stringent and effective, a change in the mindset of citizens is vital which can only come with education on this issue right from a very young age. FICCI CASCADE to deepen its engagement with school and college children to sensitise the youth on this subject, which will not only discourage them from







buying any kind of illicit goods, but will also build a corruption free culture, going forward. FICCI CASCADE to also pursue the matter with the Department of School Education for including this subject and aspect in their curriculum.

- g. With consumer movement in India lacking its force, awareness generation among the consumers is an important area. However, it is not only the consumers that need to be made aware - the sellers too need to be made aware of the punishments if they are caught selling illicit products. Apart from 'Jago Grahak Jago', 'Savdhan Vikreyta Savdhan' could be a crucial campaign which CASCADE could undertake. Regulators must take decision as soon as possible for regulations to be effective.
- h. Generating mass awareness on the adverse impact of smuggled and fake goods for rural population is also imperative. Awareness creation in regional languages through social media and regional media to be undertaken.
- I. Interface Public Members (IPM) was a virtual platform made by WCO for customs administration worldwide where brand owners gave complete information about their products which helped to detect original and fake goods. It was discussed that a similar platform could be made as a part of the Jago Seller Jago campaign, where brand owners can give all information to the consumers.

#### MASCRADE 2022

j. The theme and outline agenda of MASCRADE 2022 was presented. It has been decided to organise the same during 22-23 September this year.

- k. The theme of this year's MASCRADE being 'Unleashing the Power of Consumers in the fight against Smuggling and Counterfeiting'. It was suggested that during the award function, apart from recognising enforcement officers and school children, CASCADE could also look at awarding voluntary consumer organizations who have done work in this year.
- l. Role of industry in making sellers aware of the punishments of selling counterfeit and smuggled goods to be included in the industry session.
- m.The outline agenda to be shared with the members for further inputs, if any.

#### Regulatory Landscape and Illicit Markets

Mr. Kaushik Dutta presented an update on the Regulatory Landscape and Illicit Markets study to the members.

- a. The top 10 key industries were shared based on high trade value of illicit trade. CASCADE to confirm the industry sectors to TARI on which the report will be based.
- b. Methodology to define government effectiveness, regulatory quality and rule of law to be relooked. It was discussed that the current methodology as used by the World Bank may not be correct and a disclaimer needs to be added.
- c. It was suggested that TARI should cross-check the figures with Indian Customs Database for non-tariff barriers updated till 2022.

TARI will incorporate the suggestions and share the progress on the study with the members for further review.





# **Articles**

# Inspiring ways in Which India is Beating Back Counterfeiters and Smugglers



**Anil Rajput** Chairman, FICCI CASCADE Member – Corporate Management Committee & Senior Vice President – Corporate Affairs ITC Limited

> My vision going forward is to make the lives of counterfeiters and smugglers as difficult as possible.



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s the Chairman of India's anticounterfeiting committee FICCI CASCADE, Mr Anil Rajput has helped significantly increase national awareness surrounding the hazards of counterfeiting and smuggling. In this article, he shares some of the bold and unique measures that have seen success in India.

Ever since India transitioned from a closed to an open economy in the 1990s, the demand for bigname brands has grown. Unfortunately, this popularity of brands has also created a growing market for counterfeits and pass-offs in the country. Today, India faces a particularly tough challenge when it comes to the prevention of counterfeits entering the country. There are many forest borders which are hard to police, some of which offer direct connections to countries that produce large numbers of counterfeit products. And many of those products look so similar to the originals that consumers cannot tell the difference.

As a result, a system is needed that provides an organized way to communicate and engage with consumers and policy makers alike, sensitizing them to the dangers that counterfeits pose to public health and safety, while also exposing the economic damage that illicit products can cause society as a whole.

## India's answer to counterfeiting and smuggling

With these issues in mind, in 2011 I collaborated with the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) to establish the Committee Against Smuggling and Counterfeiting Activities Destroying the Economy (CASCADE), or FICCI CASCADE for short. Working with FICCI proved to be a decisive success factor, as legitimate businesses are highly impacted by the spread of illicit goods and it was very much in their own interest to join forces in fighting their proliferation.

To achieve our goals, we engage with various industry players, consumers, the media, legal experts, consumer organizations as well as enforcement agencies, just to name a few. Our vision is to win over as many people as possible and to make them our ambassadors, or "Cascaders" as we call them. Cascaders carry the message that buying legal products is much more beneficial, because many illicit products are hazardous to people's health and safety, as well as the economy.

As an organization, FICCI CASCADE continues to grow, learn and get stronger every year.

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#### **Outreach measures in India**

One of our key findings is that people will generally not pay much attention when you tell them that counterfeiting is a serious problem. It is vital to deliver arguments, motivation and also share some data with them.

Besides sharing data and international experience with businesses, India's judiciary sector and police departments, we also put a lot of focus on informing consumers themselves. One of our many public outreach measures is our video program. We have created many short films featuring everyday people, celebrities as well as government officials who all highlight the dangers of counterfeits. For the most part, they are not in English, but you can get an idea of what we are doing from our video archive.

We have also generated a series of publications in order to raise awareness and help people understand the magnitude of the problem. Furthermore, we are cooperating with the Ministry of Higher Education to get our messaging into textbooks. Some of the more creative initiatives we have done were an art competition and an essay competition, in which mostly children participated and produced extraordinary works.

This kind of outreach is generally funded by the companies and industry organizations that support us, but many of our measures are jointly funded by the media channels, as well. Obviously, initiatives like the writing or art competitions are less expensive than a television commercial, for example, but in my opinion they create more of an emotional connection that leaves a lasting impression. So I consider all of our measure equally important and effective in their own way.

# Overview of outreach measures in India

- > Radio messaging
- > Television advertising
- > Cinema advertising
- > Adaptation for multiple local languages

- > Facebook & Twitter outreach
- > Roadside billboards
- > Creative art & writing competitions

#### Counterfeiting in India during COVID-19

As one might suspect, illicit operators are always looking for new opportunities, and the pandemic provided them with many. For instance, when there was a shortage of products such as drugs, oximeters and personal protective equipment, counterfeiters took advantage of the situation and began creating and selling dangerous alternatives, from ineffective sanitizers to spurious medicines.

Fortunately, India's enforcement agencies were equally alert during this period, and they did a marvelous job in catching many of the perpetrators. At FICCI CASCADE we did our part to sensitize consumers that when they buy anything in such a state of crisis, they have to be extra careful. We got the message out that unscrupulous people were trying to sell dangerous counterfeits that can really harm consumer health and safety. So, considering the enormity of the problem at the time, India's prevention and enforcement mechanisms worked quite well.

# Bringing an underground menaceoutinto the open

In a country as large as India, it is very difficult to get an overview of the volume of illicit trade, because there are so many products and every sector of the economy is affected differently. Our experts are constantly observing the market and we publish regular reports, revealing how, for instance, sectors such as FMCG, computer hardware, auto parts, cigarettes or the motion picture industry are impacted.

When we share this data with consumers and policy makers, they truly come to understand how big of a menace we are faced with, because the depth of this issue is normally not visible. Without data, nobody realizes the depth of economic loss that the state experiences. And when we bring up the health hazards of counterfeit products – such as medicines that can kill, rather than cure you – people quickly wake up and listen.

Over the years, our awareness-raising efforts have won FICCI CASCADE increased support and funding, which enables us to make much more noise and continually increase the pressure on illicit trade. Compared to the year 2011, when we first began, we feel that there is now a much greater understanding and appreciation of the menace of illicit goods at all levels of society. However, no matter what we do, it is never enough given the enormity of the task. The fight against counterfeiting requires a sustained effort. Besides our work for consumers, I am personally engaging with government leadership to shape policy in a way that makes the lives of counterfeiters and smugglers as difficult as possible. For instance, by encouraging the allocation of funding to educate law enforcement as well as equip them with technologically sophisticated means to subvert the inflow of illicit goods.

You can learn more here about our work at FICCI CASCADE and what we are doing to combat counterfeiting and raise awareness among consumers and policy makers. Thank you for reading.

#### Aims of FICCI CASCADE

- Generating awareness on the hazardous impact of smuggled, contraband and counterfeit products amongst consumers and citizens
- Capacity building of law enforcement agencies including judges, police and customs officers
- > Research and proposing law reforms
- Interaction with law enforcement to emphasize the importance of continued awareness and the seriousness of the impact of counterfeit goods
- > Enforcement of IP-related laws
- > Systematic dissemination of enforcement techniques, procedures and strategies through regular workshops
- Sharing the best practices followed globally for combating contraband, smuggled and counterfeit products
- Provide knowledge support to industry members

#### Differentiating between counterfeits, pass-offs and smuggled goods

Many people have trouble understanding the differences between counterfeits, pass-offs and smuggled goods. More important than their differences though is to understand that they all pose safety risks. Here are the differences, just to clarify:

- Counterfeits can be defined as illicit products that try to copy a brand as much as possible, in order to trick people.
- > Pass-offs are products that make a small change to the original (e.g. changing a letter in the brand name) in a thinly veiled attempt to avoid some legal troubles, yet still trick the consumer.
- > Smuggled goods are goods which actually come from an authentic source, but instead of passing through customs legally, they are smuggled across the border to avoid taxes, regulations and safety requirements.

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# An Effective Response Against Smuggling



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n 11th February this year, FICCI's Committee Against Smuggling Counterfeiting Activities Destroying the Economy (CASCADE) launched the Anti-Smuggling Day to raise its voice against the menace of smuggling across the globe.

A strong demand for earmarking this day comes at a time when illicit trade and smuggling activities continues to grow exponentially amid globalization of trade, finance and rapid changes in technology, giving criminals the opportunity to create new mechanisms for trafficking contraband, laundering money, and engaging in large-scale economic crimes. The Global Illicit Economy report released in 2021 states that Illicit markets have boomed, diversified and become more networked especially over the last 20 years. While, over the years, the geographic scope, volume and range of goods traded in illegal markets have raised the stakes considerably on societies and global economies, their growth however, can be dated back to centuries.

Smuggling, for instance has a long and controversial history around the 13th century, when it was first recognized as a problem in England, following the creation of a national customs collection system by Edward I in 1275. Medieval smuggling focussed on the export of highly taxed export goods - notably wool and hides.

Initially the customs service existed only to collect the duties at the ports, and not to prevent



smuggling. However, during the 17th and 18th centuries illegal trade increased. From the previously small-scale evasion of duties, smuggling had now developed into an industry. The 18th century was known as the golden age of smuggling where England in particular witnessed smuggling of tea, tobacco, spices, silks, and spirits in the country.

Smuggling continued throughout the early 19th century, but declined after the conclusion of the Napoleonic Wars in 1815 when the preventive effort was stepped up with the introduction of coastal blockades and coastguard.

In the case of North America, smuggling in colonial times was a reaction to the heavy taxes and regulations imposed by mercantilist trade policies. After American independence in 1783, smuggling developed at the edges of the United States at places like Passamaquoddy Bay, St. Mary's in Georgia, Lake Champlain, and Louisiana. During Thomas Jefferson's embargo of 1807-1809, these same places became the primary places where goods were smuggled out of the nation in defiance of the law.

Like Britain, a gradual liberalization of trade laws as part of the free trade movement led to reduced smuggling. In 1907 President Theodore Roosevelt also tried to cut down on smuggling by establishing the Roosevelt Reservation along the United States-Mexico Border. However, smuggling revived in the 1920s during Prohibition, and drug smuggling became a major problem after 1970.

In the latter half of the 19th century, smuggling also spread to the African continent. Particularly, smuggling of spirits from the Portuguese colonies into the Boer states and from French colonies into the Gold Coast and Nigeria.

The fact of the matter is that smuggling has been around for centuries, however, it is the number of products, the people involved and the nefarious intentions that have increased manifold in the recent years.

As the commercial boom increased the pace of development, so did the illegal businesses. It's not far-fetched to deduce that such illegal activities are one of the most profitable business ventures in the world today. Worldwide, several reports have indicated that in recent times a plethora of illicit activities are performed systematically by criminal enterprises which includes drug trafficking, human trafficking, illegal wildlife trade and illegal arms trafficking. As an alternative to paper currency, gold and cigarettes is most favoured for money laundering and illicit trade. It is high-value, easy-totransport, making it vulnerable to smuggling.

There is mounting evidence on the economic and social losses caused by smuggling. According to Global Financial Integrity, Illicit flows resulting from transnational crime - such as arms, tobacco or pharmaceuticals smuggling are valued at an average of US\$1.6 trillion to US\$2.2 trillion annually, which is nearly the size of the United Kingdom's GDP. WHO estimates that with regards to alcohol smuggling, the annual worth amounts to USD 19.4 billion. In 2019, UNODC estimated the annual value of the trade in narcotics lie between USD 400 and 600 billion worldwide. These figures are staggering and underscore the stealthy and prolific rate at which this problem is growing around the world.

In India, a 2019 FICCI CASCADE report stated that the top 5 sectors where smuggling was rampant were Textiles, Tobacco Products Readymade Garments, Capital Goods and Consumer Electronics which were damaging the economy to the tune of Rs 1,17,253 crore. Even the recent COVID pandemic has not been of any deterrence to narcotics gold or cigarette smugglers. Enforcement agencies in India report that, in fact, the methods deployed to hide contraband goods have become smarter during this period.

Despite creation of various enforcement mechanisms, border controls and efforts by officers from various agencies across the world, smuggling is thriving from times immemorial. There is no doubt that along with significant levels of inter-agency and inter-country cooperation, the need of the hour is creation of greater levels of consumer awareness and education in curbing this threat. This will eventually prevent victimization of the people, who are the ultimate sufferers of such malicious practices as they receive poor-quality goods and are exposed to health and safety dangers. More so, smugglers, by evading legal duties and taxes, are an extra burden for the government's budget as well and so, it leads to the citizens being deprived of the much-needed resources and welfare measure too.

Combating smuggling requires a systematic understanding of the nature and scope of the problem and no nation can do this in isolation. Therefore, it is critical that governments across the globe join hands to dialogue, prioritize actions and create a collective global response which in the years to come, will most certainly blunt the detrimental impact of this lethal adversary.

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# Insidious Interlinkage



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Combating illicit trade and related crimes — emerging as fallouts of ongoing conflicts across the world — requires enhanced collaboration and bold policy reforms

Global Organised Crime Index states that of the ten highestscoring countries for criminality, most are also experiencing conflicts

t has been established beyond doubt that wars have destroyed communities and families, annihilated countries and have more than often disrupted the social and economic fabric of nations. In recent years, a lot of attention has been given to understanding the deep connection between wars and illicit trade. Interestingly, the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime's 2021 Global Organised Crime Index states that of the ten highest-scoring countries for criminality – the overwhelming majority are countries experiencing conflict.

Illicit activities and conflict- ridden areas have a symbiotic relationship. Wars change the priorities of state institutions and weaken their capacity to provide certain goods and services—including necessities to the civilian population. This in turn creates opportunities for nefarious actors to fill the gap, leading to unscrupulous activities of hoarding and black marketing of goods. Further, it also includes serious indirect repercussions which include crimes such as smuggling of drugs, tobacco, human & arms trafficking and so on which occur either concurrently within the war inflicted area or develop as a residual effect afterwards, impeding the growth of the economy over a longer-term.

This interconnectedness is not a new phenomenon and has been critically examined under the lens of historical evidence.



The journal of criminal law and criminology in its paper – 'Delinquency in Europe after World War II' states that the aetiology of the crimes committed after the period of the war was rather complex. "During World War II, food became scarce, industry and business were almost paralysed and a large part of the population were unemployed; and in

such conditions, criminality arose and expanded. This gave rise to new opportunities such as thefts of goods belonging to the army stock, the black market for cigarettes, food and garments, prostitution, traffic in weapons and theft in drugs to individuals who were inclined to crime" the paper read.

We saw a similar pattern with the end of the Cold War when the world was witnessing widespread corruption, organised crime, and drug trafficking. The book, 'Criminal Prosperity: Drug Trafficking, Money Laundering and Financial Crisis after the Cold War' draws linkages between these three phenomena based on evidence which points to their convergence in the 19th century and the comeback of illicit economy, drug trafficking, and corruption.

The ongoing Russian invasion of Ukraine, which marks 100 days of conflict, has had a devastating impact on the country's people and infrastructure, and has brought its economy to shambles. The Ukrainian government puts the economic costs of the war at USD 570 billion and counting. As the current war in Ukraine and Russia raises fears over the crime threat in Europe, those of us with long historical memories tend to look back at events of the past and wonder if history will repeat itself?

An internal EU document has warned of the increased risk of human trafficking, cyberattacks, infiltration of criminals, and circulation of weapons, drugs and illegal cigarettes in the European Union. It further states that disruptions in border controls and international sanctions may also pose a risk of intensifying heavily organised smuggling. For decades, Ukraine has been a key route for the westward movement of anything from Afghan heroin to black-market arms, contraband cigarettes and trafficked people. While efforts have been stepped up by the EU police and Europol to monitor potential threats from smuggling and other illicit activities, the war has only opened up opportunities for criminal networks to further their agenda, as the region continues to suffer from the pernicious consequences of such illegal activities.

Another report by the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organised Crime, published in April 2022, which talks about Russia, sanctions and illicit trade states that sanctioned Russian entities are likely to turn to illicit gold trading as a means of moving funds across international borders. The report which identifies India as one of the world's largest jewellery manufacturing centres, as well as a major gold smuggling hub, goes on to state that India's gold market could play a role in enabling Moscow and other sanctioned actors to evade sanctions. It highlights how weak due diligence on gold imports has led to gold being smuggled into India from different parts of the world. As illicit gold gets laundered into the legal market and reexported as jewellery, it makes the country a conducive target for organised crime networks.

Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, India's apex anti smuggling unit, acknowledges that in India gold smuggling occupies the prime position which is closely followed by narcotics and psychotropic substances, cigarettes, foreign currency, agricultural produce and wildlife flora and fauna. To tackle the abuse of gold markets, the Indian enforcement agencies have been working concertedly to build targeted responses against this menace.

While the challenge remains, it is heartening to see that over the years our agencies have only grown from strength to strength in preventing outright smuggling of goods, money laundering, and tax evasion through an effective and efficient network for intelligence gathering around the world. Indian customs and DRI in particular have ramped up the use of technology in their operations, such as AI, blockchain, machine learning and data analytics to augment their efficiency, accuracy and speed in curbing smuggling. This has most certainly helped the country in anticipating and combating the new modus operandi adopted by organised crime syndicates.

Today, wars and conflicts have given way to new, more complex and sophisticated threats. While troubled geopolitical undercurrents will remain in the days to come, increased collaborations, strengthening of systems and bold policy reforms in designing conflict prevention mechanisms and countering ensuing threats will be fundamental to not only maximise the effectiveness of our response but also will minimise the larger socio-economic harms.



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## Widespread induction of youth into armed forces has proven efficacy in several nations, and could drive India's growth as it enters the 'Amrit Kaal'

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.

he introduction of the Agnipath scheme has led to a wide-ranging debate in the country. This military recruitment policy for the Air Force, Navy and Army will recruit youngsters referred to as Agniveers in the age bracket of 17-anda-half to 21 years for a four-year period - with a provision to retain 25 per cent of them for an additional 15 years. While on one hand, the policy has been hailed by many as a 'transformative reform' measure for recruitment in the armed forces which will provide an opportunity to the youngsters to serve the country, on the other hand, it has raised speculations among several quarters, especially on grounds of its limited period of service, making 75 per cent of the recruits ineligible for pensions, along with no permanent jobs and post-retirement benefits. Addressing this concern, the Defence Minister of India has rightly put that the ploughing back of skilled, disciplined, motivated and patriotic Agniveers into civil society after the four-year military service, would prove to be a great asset and a "win-win proposition" for the nation. Moreover, the 'Seva Nidhi' compensation of over 11 lakhs offered after four years of service will aid Agniveers to start a career and manage expenses without any financial pressure.

While the advantages and the disadvantages of this scheme can be argued, one must understand that perhaps it is for the first time, that through the creation of large number of disciplined workforces, India will produce a pool of skilled youngsters who can not only contribute to India's defence preparedness but will also enhance their ability in creating opportunities for themselves which, in the long term, will contribute towards nation building.

As India completes 75 years of its independence this year, we stand at a historic juncture in creating our nation's history. The devotion and love towards our motherland and passion with which the youth of the



pre-independent India fought against the atrocities of the British Raj are still etched in our memory. As we enter India's Amrit Kaal - the journey of the next 25 years leading India to 100 years of its independence - it will be the commitment and passion of the youth once again, that will most certainly play a defining role in carving out the progress of our nation and propelling it towards the envisaged growth path.

With this perspective in mind, training for the youth - which instils a greater sense of civic responsibility, makes them law-abiding citizens, connects them strongly to their roots and reminds them of their duties towards the country - is extremely vital. It is in this context, that I strongly believe that Agnipath will play a significant role for the development of the youth of our country, as the training period will not only impart military training but will also infuse other skills and experiences such as discipline, physical fitness, leadership qualities, courage and patriotism - all of which are critical for serving the country in various capacities.

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 preindependent 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.

In fact, the father of our Constitution - BR Ambedkar - had cautioned against continuing a culture of public protest once the Constitution came into force. In his last speech in the Constituent Assembly in November 1949, he said, "The first thing in my judgment we must do is to hold fast to constitutional methods of achieving our social and economic objectives. It means we must abandon the bloody methods of revolution. It means that we must abandon the method of civil disobedience, noncooperation and satyagraha. When there was no way left for constitutional methods for achieving economic and social objectives, there was a great deal of justification for unconstitutional methods. But where constitutional methods are open, there can be no justification for these unconstitutional methods."

There are 11 fundamental duties which were added to the Constitution of India through the 42nd amendment in 1976. Among other things, it also obligates citizens to respect national symbols, preserve our composite culture, safeguard public property, strive for excellence, assist in defence of our country and so on. Therefore, I strongly believe that as more and more citizens get the opportunity to serve the nation, it will promote the spirit of patriotism, direct them to behave in a virtuous manner and uphold the tenets of the Constitution both in letter and in spirit.

Several nations around the world have adopted different approaches to this idea. Some nations have conscription - compulsory military training while some have mandatory 'service to the nation'. National Service is mandatory in Singapore for every male upon attaining the age of 18. This is applicable in the Singapore Armed Forces, Singapore Civil Defence Force or Singapore Police Force. In Turkey, young boys are made to do two years of military service after school. Russia has compulsory military service for males between 18 to 27 years of age. The Israel model provides for both boys and girls to do compulsory military service. Switzerland too has mandatory military service in the Swiss Army for all able-bodied male citizens, who are conscripted when they reach the age of maturity, though women may volunteer for any position.

There are several other examples where countries have devised optimal schemes depending on their vital needs and challenges. It is proven that compulsory service to the nation has had a deep impact on individuals and has made a positive influence in their lives. Therefore, the Agnipath scheme is bound to create more disciplined, confident, energetic and enterprising individuals. It is time we recognise India's potential and hone the skills of its massive youth population in all spheres of life. In this context the Agnipath scheme is an opportunity like never before, and must be embraced with a positive mindset towards nation building in the period of India's Amrit Kaal.



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Former Chairman Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs ndia's love affair with gold continues unabated. Licit imports of gold are in the range of about 750 tonnes annually. As per the RBI's half yearly report on foreign exchange management, the RBI has 743.84 metric tonnes of gold as of end September 2021. In value terms the share of gold in the total foreign exchange reserves is at a high of nearly 5.88%. (https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/ HalfYearlyPublications.aspx ?head=Report%20on%20 Foreign%20Exchange%20Reserves)

Our foreign exchange reserves at the end of November 2021 were at USD 640.4 billion, the fourth largest in the world. As per a 2018 Niti Aayog report, 'Transforming India's Gold Sector', an estimated 23,000-24,000 tonnes of gold are lying unused with households and religious institutions throughout the nation. (https://www.niti.gov.in/transforming-india-gold-market)

Yet smuggling continues -through land and air. Concealed in body orifices, in vehicles, in machine parts, as molten metal. The smugglers ingenuity being matched only by the customs officer's alertness. The Rajya Sabha on 21 December 2021 was informed that 7,288 kgs of gold had been seized in the last three years from 2019-20 to November 2021. (https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1783881).And seizures admittedly represent a small portion of what has been smuggled.

Demand accompanied by supply restrictions imposed by tariff barriers fuels smuggling. We initially restricted all import of gold. We liberalised. Import was permitted at a specific rate of Rs.300 per 10 gm -this translated to about 1% and dramatically reduced smuggling. We today have a 7.5% basic custom's duty rate.

FICCI's Think Tank, the Committee Against Smuggling and Counterfeiting Activities Destroying the Economy (with the very appropriate acronym, CASCADE given the cascading and debilitating impact of smuggling and counterfeiting) has focussed on raising awareness in the public at large and more importantly among policy makers, about the impact of these nefarious activities on the exchequer and on employment.

CASCADE has highlighted the need for strict enforcement and also the



need for policy measures to be put in place which could reduce the menace. In the context of gold, which for reasons specified above by far the most vulnerable to smuggling, several measures have been put in place -obviously these have been insufficient and need a relook.

Thus, November 2015 witnessed the launch of three schemes- the Gold Monetisation Scheme, (GMS) the Sovereign Gold Bond scheme and the India Gold Coin. Schemes which the Prime Minister in his inimitable style described as 'sone pe suhaagaa '(icing on the cake). (https://archive.pib.gov.in/ archive2/erelease.aspx)

The hope being that citizens would bring out the gold lying dormant to take advantage of these schemes and the demand for gold would be met to this extent. And that this would mean lesser import of gold and lesser smuggling.

There was also the Hallmarking scheme. The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) Act was amended to provide for hallmarking sale of gold jewellerywhereby unique identification numbers guaranteeing purity are provided to each piece of jewellery. This was meant to address both quality and also establish the source of gold.

In early 2021 GMS was revamped (R-GMS).( https://dea.gov.in/gms2015) It is estimated that about 22-24 tonnes of gold have so far come under GMS-a very small percentage of the 23-24 thousand tonnes of gold said to be in the economy. There are currently only about 950 hallmarking centres in the country. We are currently in the series VII/VIII/IX and X of the RBI's sovereign gold bond scheme.

Smuggling however continues. It has, as is well known and documented by CASCADE's earlier studies, a multiplier bad impact on the economy. It generates black money, spawns hawala transactions; its proceeds finance other criminal activities. It results in loss of legitimate jobs.

It is obvious that the present basic customs duty rate provides profits which outweigh the risks. As a policy we have never accepted the fact that gold is an integral cultural part of the lives of an average Indian. We always believed that import needs to be checked for fear of a drain on foreign exchange.

Given our foreign exchange reserves, it is time to take a relook. We could reduce the basic customs duty of imported gold-reduce it enough to make the risks of smuggling not worthwhile. And juxtapose the revenue which duty from imported gold generates with the enormous damage which smuggling results in. With the Union Budget around the corner, this is an ideal time to examine the entire policy on gold. Basic Customs duty needs to be reduced -reduced enough to make smuggling unattractive. Policy makers could consider bringing down the rate of basic customs duty to the current prevailing GST rate of 3%. Yes, it would result in decrease in customs revenue. The customs revenue in the last fiscal was in the region of Rs.1.12 lakh crore. Revenue from gold admittedly forms a major portion of this revenue. But the decrease in revenue should be juxtaposed with the benefits and positive impact on the economy in the form of lesser generation of black money which lesser smuggling would mean. Further again admittedly there would be some spurt in legal imports and an adverse impact on the current account deficit -but with exports going up, this is a fallout we can live with.

There should be a robust system of tracing licit imports of gold all along the value chain. This is essential to ensure that that gold stays in the licit economy.

The R-GMS needs to be relooked at. The interest of 2.5% which the scheme presently offers is low. This should be increased. Much as one is against an amnesty scheme which in effect rewards the evader of tax, R-GMS should act as an amnesty scheme. No questions should be asked about the source of the gold. A provision should be made in the R-GMS to give back the gold article in its original form if the depositor so desires. This is especially true in respect of ornaments which are family heirlooms.

Another policy measure required is also to look at gold Dore-the semi-pure alloy of gold which is permitted to be imported at a lesser duty currently at 6.9%. Obviously, the duty on such Dore imports also needs to be correspondingly reduced. There are serious concerns that such gold Dore which comes primarily from Africa can potentially be linked to conflict, human rights violations and other abuses. London Bullion Market Association (LBMA) has put in place a Responsible Gold Guidance (RGG). This outlines the responsible sourcing requirements. We should adopt these standards.

Dubai is the major source of gold -both legally imported and smuggled. We should not lose sight of this fact even as we are negotiating an FTA with UAE.

For a government which invests so much in publicising its schemes, the schemes regarding gold have had little publicity. This should be addressed imaginatively.

# The Misconceived Aura of Sullauta



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> lamorization of crime makes good stories. Be it in books or movies. And if the crime is smuggling it is even more so. Add to it some mirch masala in the form of a pretty village belle, good music and for good measure also throw in a socialist element-the poor versus the rich, the oppressed versus the oppressor, you have a sure winner in your hands. Pushpa, a multilingual super-hit movie with a twist and running in theatres and on OTP, is the latest.

> That smuggling and counterfeit activities are detrimental to the economy is well known. There are very few studies however available to establish just how bad these activities are. One major challenge has always been that since smuggling is a clandestine activity, establishing the quantum of smuggling is always a challenge. However, in a study commissioned by FICCI's Think Tank Smuggling Committee Against Smuggling and Counterfeit Activities Destroying the Economy, (with the acronym CASCADE) one of the few studies on the subject, attempts have been made to establish the quantum in a few select commodities. This has been done on the basis of the domestic demand, domestic manufacture, licit imports and the gap between these. Obviously, a study of this nature necessarily has to make certain assumptions, but is still a very brave attempt to fill a gap in this literature. The Report is available at https://www.ficcicascade.in/reports/ and makes very interesting reading. What the Report does emphatically point out is that smuggling results in loss of revenue, impacts the economy by hurting industry, results in loss of jobs and impinges innovation and investment.



Prof. Arun Kumar, the leading economist, has estimated that India's black economy is about 62% of GDP (generating at 2016-17 prices) about Rs.93 lakh crore of revenue (or \$ 1.4 trillion). It is larger than the income of agriculture and industry which is about 39% of GDP. It is larger than the size of government (center plus states) spending, which is about 27% of GDP. Prof. Arun Kumar goes on to suggest because of its existence, the country's economy has been losing on an average 5% growth since the mid 1970's. This is humongous. For instance, if we add 5 percent to the rate of growth over the past 4 decades the size of the economy would have been Rs 1,050 crore (about \$ 15 trillion) as opposed to Rs 150 lakh crore (\$ 2.2 trillion) economy that it is now. Of course, black money has very many other contributors too- but illicit income generated from smuggling and counterfeit are major contributors. Despite all this smuggling unfortunately makes good story.

Smuggling has been defined by the World Customs Organization (WCO) as 'customs offence consisting in the movement of goods across a Customs frontier in any clandestine manner thereby evading customs control'. The definition is wide and includes within its ambit not just evasion of tariffs but also other restrictions against import or export which any jurisdiction would have imposed for the time being. The Indian Customs Act defines smuggling 'in relation to any goods, means any act or omission which would render such goods liable to confiscation 'The definition specifies the provisions of import and export under which such confiscation can take place.

When one talks of smuggling invariably it is in the context of goods coming into the country. Illicit import is certainly more prevalent. In the context of India, gold continues to be a commodity which lends itself to such smuggling. But smuggling ultimately is all about demand and supply; it is about controls which are put in pace which ironically make the supply even more challenging and increases costs-it makes smuggling can also be of illicit export to meet demand in other countries. This is particularly true of Red Sanders wood which falls under the CITES.

The Convention on International Trade of Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) which came into force in 1976 was driven by concerns of rampant killing and felling of fauna and flora. The idea of CITES, was to create awareness, ensure global cooperation and thwart through coordinated response, attempts to smuggle. India became a signatory in 1976 to the Convention. Red Sanders (Pterocarpus Santalinus) wood is a species endemic to the tropical dry deciduous forests in the South East part of the Indian peninsula. Its main habitat is the Palakonda and Sheshachalam hill ranges of Cuddapah-Chittoor Districts of Andhra Pradesh and is spread over an area of 5100 kms. It has little domestic demand-but is extremely popular in South East Asian nations and China. Given the indiscriminate felling of Red Sanders, it was included in Appendix II of CITES in 1995. (Appendix II refers to those species which are not endangered but could become endangered if trade in them is not controlled and monitored)

The twist in the movie Pushpa, is that the hero is a Red Sanders smuggler. This must be a first- and unlike the normal movie smuggler who traditionally is deep into only sona, the yellow metal. The movie set in Andhra Pradesh-Telangana, does not explain why and how Red Sanders is a protected species. But it does make it explicit that that there is lots of money in smuggling of this wood. It shows whole swathes of forests being cut and carted in vehicles. And the hero is projected with a swagger, an aura, as if urging everybody to join this very lucrative, criminal activity.

Which brings us to the point that awareness campaigns are needed to educate the public at large. Awareness campaigns that enlighten the public that smuggling means moving in or out of the country in violation of the legal provisions. Thus, for instance there are a whole host of goods, export of which is either prohibited or restricted. So, while the general public is aware of illicit imports very few are aware of illicit export. Campaigns to fight the ill effects of movies like Pushpa are essential.

FICCI CASCADE has been having successful outreach programmes with enforcement officials and the public at large with special focus on the youth. Obviously given the extent of the problem there is a lot to be done. It is in this background that an Anti-Smuggling Day is planned to be held annually on 11 February. The first such Anti-Smuggling Day was held in 2022. Events of such nature will bring into sharp focus the problem of smuggling and the damage it causes to the economy. Proceeds of smuggling, like any other crime ultimately finance other antinational activities. FICCI CASCADE should also urge the Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs (CBIC) to also have public awareness programmes. The film industry should also be involved in such campaigns. Perhaps a beginning can be made by inviting the hero of Pushpa for the Anti-Smuggling Day.

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# Right Approach to Tax Tobacco Products



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The law of 'unintended consequences' explains such actions of people, as also of governments, that result in such effects which were not expected or desired. While social scientists have heeded its power for centuries, the popular opinion has largely ignored it. An understanding of this is important, especially while crafting policies and regulations and any detachments from the same, may have consequences that are not only unplanned but also counterproductive.

A case in point is the excessive regulatory approach

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of the government of India towards the sin products, in particular, the cigarettes.

India is the 2nd largest producer of tobacco in the world providing livelihood to 45.7 million people in the country with significant share of the country's tax revenues amounting to around Rs.53,750 crores annually. Despite being an important commercial crop and generating socio-economic benefits in terms of agricultural employment, farm incomes, revenue generation and foreign exchange earnings, this industry has borne the brunt of unreasonable regulatory measures over the years.

If we see the tobacco consumption pattern in India, it is very unique where only 8% of the total tobacco is consumed in the form of legal cigarettes. The remaining 92% consumption is in the form of 29 evasion prone other tobacco products such as bidis, chewing tobacco, khaini etc and illegal cigarettes. This is quite unlike the pattern in rest of the world where tobacco consumption is synonymous with



cigarettes which account for as much as 90% of total consumption.

Despite a small share of tobacco consumption, legal cigarettes contribute a very high proportion of the tobacco tax revenue in India. Hence, India's tobacco control policies and regulations need to be specifically tailored to Indian conditions and not based on a "one size fits all" approach as advocated by WHO's tobacco control programme.

In India, some lobbyists pursue untenable views that if taxes on cigarettes are high, the consumption would come down, and the cause of public health would be served better. But the ill-effects of excessive taxation coupled with impractical restrictions stare us in the face. As per a WHO Report of 2021, affordability as a percentage of GDP per capita required to purchase 2000 cigarettes in India is 13.78% as compared to USA 1.16%, Japan 1.22%, China 1.10%, Pakistan 4% etc. Thus, making legal cigarettes in India least affordable. This naturally increases the circulation of either tax-evaded illicit cigarettes which comes at a lower cost or to other forms of cheap and substandard tobacco products which cause much greater harms to public health than genuine tax-compliant products.

According to a report by Euromonitor International, India is now the 4th largest illegal cigarette market in the world. The year 2020 saw an eightfold increase of illicit seizures of cigarettes over the previous year, indicating that India continues to be a target for tobacco smugglers. Also, according to DRI's 'Smuggling in India report' released in 2021, seizure of illegal cigarettes increased by nearly 20 percent in FY20-21, making it one of the most lucrative commodities for smugglers of late.

Moreover, it is estimated that on account of illegal cigarettes alone, revenue loss to the Government is almost ?15,000 crore per annum. As per a study by FICCI, large scale smuggling of cigarettes has resulted in a loss of employment to the tune of 3.34 lac in the year 2017-18 in India. With widespread smuggling of cigarettes and large quantities of the same being seized regularly, the likelihood of illicit trade in cigarettes increasing further in the years to come is very high.

Besides loss of revenue and employment, this lucrative criminal enterprise also generates large amount of unaccounted money, a substantial portion of which is also utilized to finance terrorism making it a grave matter of national threat. It is an established fact that world's largest and most notorious terror organisations get their financing mainly from illicit trade, including smuggling of cigarettes. Conclusive evidence has been found that cigarette smuggling due to its being a low risk, high profit business operation, has been the preferred choice for Al-Qaeda, Lashkar-e-Taiba, Taliban, Irish Republican Army, Boko Haram and many more to finance their criminal acts.

Further, health warnings on cigarette packs in India are among the most stringent. They cover more than 85% of the surface area of packages. By virtue of this, India ranks eighth in the world, whereas the global average warning size is less than 45%. The United States, China and Japan which collectively account for 50% of the global cigarette consumption have not opted for pictorial warnings. They have text-based warnings which are not found to be less effective in cautioning the consumers.

The unintended consequence of this apparently beneficial measure is that while the graphic warnings are intended to deter consumption, in practice, they actually aggravate the situation further as large quantities of illicit cigarettes are being sold in packages having no pictorial or text warnings. And in all this, consumers are shifting to tax- evaded, sub-standard, and cheaper products which appear safer due to lack of graphical health warnings, but pose much greater health risk as they are manufactured illegally, in unhygienic conditions and are not quality compliant. Thereby, completely defeating the government's well-intentioned objective of controlling the sale and consumption of health injurious products.

Extreme regulations and taxation on any legal product even of the sin ones promote illicit trade. It is difficult to understand why does the government remain oblivious to this obvious reality while taking important fiscal decisions. The government's objective of increasing taxes on cigarettes primarily stems from a public health perspective along with augmenting its exchequer. However, as a result of the present shortsighted approach, both of these noble objectives are getting defeated. There is an immediate need to delve deeper into all related aspects while taking taxation decision about this item.





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## फिक्की कारकेड 11 फरवरी को करेगा तस्करी-रोधी दिवस की शुरुआत

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#### फिक्की ११ फरवरी को मनायेगा तस्कर रोधी दिवस



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## Better coordination among enforcement agencies leading to major seizures: CBIC member

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## एंटी-स्मगलिंग डे की शुरुआत

नई दिल्ली, केंद्रीय अप्रत्यक्ष कर एवं सीमा शुल्क बोर्ड के मेंबर-इंबेस्टीगेशन बालेश कुमार ने एंटी-स्मगलिंग डे की शुरुआत की। फिक्की कास्केड ने कहा कि तस्करी के खतरे से लड़ने के लिए सरकार प्रतिबद्ध है और विभिन्न एजेंसियों के बीच सहयोग को संस्थागत स्वरूप दिया गया है, जिससे सचनाओं का न केवल समय पर आदान-प्रदान संभव हुआ है, बल्कि बड़े पैमाने पर जब्ती भी हो रही है। वर्ल्ड कस्टम्स ऑर्गनाइजेशन के डायरेक्टर, पीके दास ने कहा तस्कर एवं अन्य अपराधियों को वैश्वीकरण एवं टेक्नोलॉजी के क्षेत्र में होने वाली तरक्की से हमेशा लाभ मिलता है।

## प्रवर्तन इकाइयों के कारण बड़े पैमाने पर जब्ती : सीबीआईसी

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PRESS TRUST OF INDIA New Delhi, February 11

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Referring to a recent seizure, he said, DRI in Manipur effected a seizure of 12.5 kg of gold coming across from Myanmar and over 46 lakh sticks of cigarettes worth ₹9.5 crore in one single operation last week.

The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), under the CBIC, is an intelligence and enforcement agencyof Government of India on anti-smuggling matters.

Anti-Smuggling Day is launched with an objective of enhancing coordination and cooperation between law enforcement agencies, facilitating better exchange of information and experiences, and build-



CBIC member Balesh Kumar

ing a strong network to find innovative solutions to combat the menace of smuggling, Ficci CASCADE said in a statement.

As per the estimates of the World Economic Forum, illicit trade resulted in an annual drain of \$2.2 trillion, about 3% of the world GDP in 2020.

Textiles, tobacco products (cigarettes), readymade garments, capital goods (machinery and parts), and consumer (electronics) durables are the top industries impacted by smuggling, it said.

"Despite smuggling being a global menace, due focus and thrusthas not been given to this mounting threat which is not only damaging our exchequer and leading to job losses but is also impacting the safety and security worldwide. In this context, it is critical to emphasize and generate global awareness about the fact that the root cause of illicit tradelies in smuggling," said FicciCASCADE chairman Anil Rajput,

Speaking at the event, World Customs Organisation director, compliance and facilitation directorate, PK Das said the customs department has a major role to play in mitigating the challenges posed by illicit trade for the country and the economy.

## J&K govt to address menace of smuggling & counterfeiting: Ranjan Prakash Thakur

JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS JAMMU, JUL 9:

Ranjan Prakash Thakur, Principal Secretary, Department of Industries and Commerce, Govt of Jammu and Kashmir today said, "Illicit trade is a grave concern, it undermines the nation's economy, affects the health of the citizens and needs to be addressed on an urgent basis."Addressing a webinar on 'Policies and Strategies to Prevent Counterfeiting and Smuggling' organized by FICCI's Committee Against Smuggling and Counterfeiting Activities Destroying the Economy (CASCADE), Mr Thakur said that adequate priority needs to be placed across the government department in J&K, be it enforcement, training, or consumer awareness while addressing the issue.Mohd Akbar, Joint Director, Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Govt of J&K said, "Large scale consumer awareness through the help of print and electronic media needs to be created which will sensitize the public on this menace."Ms Irfana Ahmed, Deputy Drug Controller, Kashmir while sharing the initiatives of the department to address this issue stated that in last few years, almost 23 drugs were found to be spurious in the UT and 70-80 percent cases were prosecuted.Laceq

Ahmad, Deputy Director Prosecution, Crime Headquarters, Jammu & Kashmir Police said, 'During the year 2020, we have seized around 3 lakh 87 thousand intoxicated capsules, fake injections and syrups. In the year 2018, 2019 & 2020, 15, 24 & 26 cases have been registered under the copyright act at various police stations of Jammu & Kashmir UT," ' he added.Anil Rajput, Chairman, FICCI CAS-CADE said, "Illicit products have infiltrated everyday avenues of commerce, making their way into supply chains and consumers' homes, thereby threatening manufacturers' competitiveness, undermining consumer confidence and posing a threat to individuals' health and safety." Applauding the efforts of the enforcement authorities, he said, "While smugglers and counterfeiters are exploiting the current situation by supplying illicit alternative of products, the alert enforcement authorities in J&K have uncovered and arrested people engaged in illicit trade of liquor, cigarettes, currency, drugs, sanitizers and much more."Irfan Ahmed Guju, Chairman, FICCI J&K State Council and MD I A Multi Venture Pvt Ltd said, "Counterfeiting and smuggling are lucrative business that take advantage of unwitting consumers and simply exploits their financial position.



शिमला, 1 दिसम्बर (व्युरो): प्रदेश पुलिस ट्रेनिंग कालेज के डी, आई, जी, एवं प्रिसीपल विमल गसा ने कहा कि वैश्विक अर्थव्यवस्था को देखते हुए भारत के लिए यह जरूरी हो गया है कि तस्करी एवं जालसाजी जैसी गतिविधियों के विरुद्ध सख्त एवं प्रभावी कदम उठाएँ । अर्थव्यवस्था को तबाह कर रही तस्करी एवं जालसाओं जैसी गतिविधियों से बचाव के लिए फिकी कारकेड द्वारा आयोजित वर्चअल कैपेसिटी बिलिडग प्रोग्राम फॉर पुलिस ऑफिसर के दौरान अपने संबोधन में उन्होंने यह बात कही। बिमल गुप्ता ने कहा कि अपराधी

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इसके साथ ही पिन्नी कारकेड के एहवाइजर एवं दिली पुलिस के पूर्व विशेष आयुक्त दीप चंद ने अपने संबोधन में कहा कि अवैध कारोबारी अर्थव्यवस्था से गैर-काननी उद्योग को बढावा मिल रहा है। इससे आतंकवाद समेत विभिन्न संगठित अपराधों के रूप में समाज का अपराधीकरण बढ रहा है।

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## तस्करी एवं जालसाजी के विरुद्ध सख्त कदम उढाना जरूरी : बिमल गप्ता



वर्दछन ही? सेरान गणनान्त्र (

पालपपुर, 2 दिधांचर (जलवंत कठिपाल): हिमाचल प्ररेण गुलिम टेनिंग करतेल के खेआईसी एवं डि विमल गुरा ने बता कि लेफिक (बंग्यवान) के बाग के तौर पर बाल के लिए कह जरूपी ही बचा है कि तरकरी एवं जात्महाजी जैसी पासत गीनीवीयचे के जिस द सरात एवं प्रभावी कटक उठ्या

वंगवरंग को तबाह कर गई तस्वरी एवं जालमाची योसी गतिविधयों के खिलाफ कमेटी, फिक्सी बाल्केड हुए। 'जालमाजी एव ताम्करी से चाताल' लिपप पर अर्थातित क्लंडान केनंगिटी जिल्ला प्रोडम परी पुलिस अधिस्तर के धीतन पुषा ने कता, अपग्रांधयों ने कोणिट-19 मतामनी की लोट में जाली विकित्सामित जलादी, चोम्प्रायही एवं तहवर असलों के जरिये उपनेवलाओं भी जुमप्रान प्रमुखना मुरू का दिया है।

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केंद्रीय अग्रसभ कर एवं ग्रीम जुल्क जोई के कई केस्ट्रीन सेन्द्रे जा ने जहा कि प्रारत में बड़े पैसने पर तल्करी हो तों है, जिससे न केवल के उन्होंने रलं अर्थलयम्बा पर प्रषण पह रहा है after mittantif it plan mi महत्व प्रत्यमधान्त्र में तामन एव मुख्य प्रत्यमंत्र धाता में पेत्र तो गत हो। विष्यत्रम् प्रदेश के पुलिय अणिकाणिं भी प्रतंस चरते हुए उन्होंने अले का कि स्वरंतर संपर्ध के व्यवजूर प्रवर्तन अधिकारियों ने तस्कलें जारतमाजी कर खेरो एवं सम्बरी अन्ते जालों को पीछे धकेलने के प्रति इतिमद्भत तत्रई है। मार्पक्षम के यौगव समत तिमांग को लेकर कुछ आग बाते प्राप्ते आई, जिनमें अपराप्तें की जांच एवं अपराषिणों को एकाइने की अवयन्त्र में पुणा के लिए प्रचले एसेंस्टिंग में कौंशल जिस्तम, हम्प्रस्ट्रक्वर एवं टेप्नोलीचे चेतन अरने की पान कही नहें। साथ से अधिरेक्ष मेन्याला, समर्थित आणिक अमापा जाखा, जार-वार होने खले अमरापाँ को पेर जवालती अमराभ की बेली में रखने, कठेंग कालवाय, जावन अधिक देह स्रवेत किंधन करवें पा भी जोर दिस सम

### तस्करी व नकली नोटों से अर्थव्यवस्था को क्षति : एडीजी टेनिंग

कोलकाता. राज्य पुलिस के एडीजी-ट्रेनिंग डॉ देवाशीष रॉय ने कहा कि नकली नोट रोकने की विभिन्न कोशिशों जैसे कि छापे या मल्टीपल पैकेजिंग तकनीक. उपभोक्ता शिक्षा के बावजूद इसका चलन बद रहा है.

फिक्को कासकेड (कमेटी एगेंस्ट रमगलिनेग एंड काउंटरफिटिंग एक्टिविटीज डिस्टॉइंग द इकोनॉमी) की ओर से आयोजित एक कार्यक्रम में डॉ रॉय ने कहा कि सिगरेट, अल्कोहल, इग्स व फामॉस्युटिकल्स जैसे प्रतिबंधित सामान की नियमित जब्ती होती है, इनकी आमद के अलावा अवैध रूप से आयालिन कपड़ी आदि से बेरोजगारी और गरीबी बढ़ी है. तस्करी व नकली नोटों से अर्थव्यवस्था को क्षति पहुंचती है. फिक्की कासकेड के सलाहकार और नयी दिल्ली के पूर्व स्पेशल कमिश्नर ऑफ पुलिस अनिल राजपूत ने कहा कि देश में मुख्य सुरक्षा एजेंसी पुलिस विभाग है और अवैध कारोबारियों से वैध कारोबार को बचाने में उसकी महती भूमिका है, कोविड काल में भी पुलिस अफसरों ने इस दिशा में उल्लेखनीय कार्य किया है

### Counterfeit, smuggled goods impacting socio-economic prosperity: Industries Minister PED BUREAU

BHIBANESWAR, DEC 25

THE memory of a and snuggled goods have penetrated deep into our society and is impacting the

secto-economic prosperity of the country, which needs to be addressed ammediatoly. State Industries Minutes Capt Dibya Shankar Mishea has said Addressing a webinar on 'Combating

Addressing a websize on "Combining Connecteding and Smoggling during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond", organ-tized by ECCFs Committee Against Smoggling and Counterfeiting Advities Distroying the Economy (CASCADE) on Feidag. Midwa sued, "Strict enforcement plays a very important role in carding the measure of illicit trade. I am privad to share fract Odilables enforcement agencies have been signlarit in fighting these illegal activ-ties." diam'r.

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## डीआरआई ने जब्त किया 984 किलो सोना

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## During pandemic year, DRI seized 984 kg of gold, illicit cigarette sticks worth over Rs 100 cr

Consumer awareness has become an imperative part of the anticounterfeiting strategy in developed economies: Hem Kumar Pande

#### OUR CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI: Hem Kumar Pande, Former Secretary, Min-istry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Gol on Tuesday said that given the economic condition of our country, consumer awareness has become a propeller of the anti-counterfeiting strategy. Addressing the webinar

on Consumer Protection in the COVID age organised by FICCI's Committee Against Smuggling and Counterfeit-ing Activities Destroying the Economy (CASCADE) on World Anti-Counterfeiting Day, the former secretary said, the 'Jaago Grahak Jaago' campaign of the Indian Govern ment has received reasonable success with urban commun ers looking out for the safety and genuineness of the product. However, we still have a long way to go to inculcate and

Delhi police were able to block almost 550 fraud bank accounts, seized more than Rs 1.25 crore, and suspended almost 1500 sim cards'

develop a sense of responsi-bility amongst the rural coner haue Shibesh Singh, Additional Commissioner (Crime), Delhi Police said, "there has been

a significant rise of frauds against public during the sec-ond wave of the coronavirus. During the recent wave of the pandemic, he said, the Delhi police were able to block almost 550 fraud bank accounts, seized more than Rs 1.25 crore, and suspended almost 1,500 sim cards.

Highlighting the problem of black marketing and selling of counterfeit, fake, spuri-ous covid care products, Singh ing of cou

said. "with the help of local enforcement agencies, Delhi

police arrested more than 300 black marketeers and broke the backbone of COVID related crime syndicate?

Emphastering the unwav-ering efforts of the DRI officers during the unprecedented coronavirus crisis, Rajesh Pan-dey, Pr Additional Director General, DRI said, "during the pandemic year, DRI has seized 984Kgs of gold & illicit ciga-rette sticks worth more than Rs 100 crores along with seirures a large amount of her-oin, cocaine, hashish, opium, and synthetic drugs." He added that the Covid-19 pandemic

impacted manufacturing and trade, and the gap was filled with counterfeit and smugfilled. gled products. "Law enforce-ment and trade & industry must work more closely so that llicit activities can be neutral-

ised to a great extent", he fur-ther urged. Anil Rajput, Chairman, FICCI CASCADE in his wel-come address said, "the Covid-19 virus and illicit trade have a lot in common, both cause immerve economic, social and dividual distress." Applauding the enforcement officers who have relentlessly pursued the smugglers and counterfeiters and seized many contra-band and fake products during the current crisis, Raiput urged them to keep up the good work which will ensure that the perpetrators of crime do not see the covid-19 situation as a reason to exploit vulnerable con-sumers and organizations.

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#### Gujarat Police seized counterfeit goods worth Rs 12.5 cr in last 2 years



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## Smuggling, counterfeiting need to be dealt strictly: R P Thakur

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Srinagar, July 9: Ranjan Prakash Thakar, IRTS, Prin-cipal Secretary, Department of Industries and Commerce, Govi of Jammu and Kash-mir today said that Illicit trade is a grave concern, is undermines the nation's economy, affects the health of the citizens and needs to of the citizens and needs to be addressed on an urgent Interior. Addressing a webinar on

Policies and Strategies to Tolicies and Strategies to Prevent Counterfeiting and Smurgding organized by PICCT's Committee Against Smurgding and Counterfeit-ing Activities Thestroying the Economy (CASCADE), Thakur in his keynote address said adequate prior ity needs to be placed across the soverment demantment the government department in J&K, be it enforcement, training, or consumer awareness in addressing this issue, FICCI said in a statement.

statement. Anil Barjurt, Chairman, PICCI CASCADE in his wel-mme address said, "tilleit products have infiltrated everyilay avenues of com-merce, making their way into supply chains and consumerc' homes, thereby threatening manufacturers' remmetiliyemes, undermin. competitiveness, under minreing consumer confidence and posing a threat to indi-viduals' health and safety". Congratulating the work of the enforcement authori-

thes, he said, "while smug-glers and counterfeiters are explaining the current situation by supplying illicit alternative of products, the allort enforcement authori-ties in J&R have uncovered and arreated people eugaged in illicit trade of biquor, chn-rettus, currency, drugs, sani-tieres and much more". Molid Akhar, Joint Direc-tor, Department of Food, Givil Supplies and Con-sumer Affairs said, "large scale consumer awareness through the help of print and destronic media needs to be created which will assistible the public on this menace". Irfana Ahmed, Departy Drug Controller, Kaahmite while sharing the initiatives of the department to address of the department to address this issue stated that in last few years, almost 23 drugs were found to be spurious in the UT and 7040 percent

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Headquarters, Jamma & Kashmir Police said, "During the year 2029, we have select a reand 1 laikh 87 thousand intoxicated uppeales, lake injections and youngs." In the year 2018, 2019 & 2020, 15, 34 & 26 cases have been registered under the copyright act at various police attaitions of Jammu & Kashmir UT", he added. Irfan Ahmed Guin, Chairman, FICCI J&KK State Counseril and MD I A Multi Venture Pvt Lid and, "Counterfeiting and anunggling are lucrative usaines that take advan-ters and simply exploits their financial position has orthestrated strategy including communicaincluding communica-tion, coordination and tion, coordination and close cooperation amongsi various government agen-cies. Iaw enforcement offi-cials and private sector to combat this menace is imperative."

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Gujarat Police seized counterfeit goods worth Rs 12.5 or in last 2 years



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## Imperative to take stern force against smuggling, counterfeiting: Bimal



himla: "It has become imperative that India as a part of the global economy calls for stern and resolute counterstrike forces against O the IE-intentioned activities such as smuggling and countertelling." This was stated by Mr. Bimal Gupta, DIG cam Principal, HP Pokce Training College while addressing FICCI CASCADE's (Committee Against Smuggling and Counterfeiting Activities Destroying the Economy) virtual capacity building program for police officers on 'Prevention of Counterfeiting and Smuggling yesterday. He said further. Criminals have started to exploit consumers under the shield of COVID-19 pandemic through counterfeit medical products,

frauds and cybercrimes. Mr. Deep Chard, Advisor, FICCI CASCADE and Former Special Commissioner of Delhi Police said, "The grey market economy is fuelling Regitimate industry, leading to increased criminalization of the society in the form of organized crimes including terrorism. This capacity building

program is aimed to sensitize police officers to emphasize on the importance of continued awareness and seriousness of the impact of counterfeit and smuggled products." Assam Rifles committed to work with all

Central, State agencies to combat illegal trade & smuggling: Lt Gen Pradeep Chandran Nair, DG, Assam Rifles



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#NorthEastIndia: @official dgar is committed to work with all central and state agencies to combat illegal trade and smuggling in Northeast India, said Director General Lt Gen Pradeep Chandran Nair. #AssamRifles



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#### SESSION ON STRATEGIES TO COMBAT SMUGGLING & COUNTERFEITING' HELD

CHANDIGARH FICCI CASCADE organized an interactive session on the 'Strategies to Combat Smuggling and Counterfeiting' at Welcome Hotel Amritsar vesterday. The objective was to facilitate a wider exchange of ideas and ensure a multifaceted perspective to understand the gravity of the menace caused by illicit trade. The session focused on issues such as need for increased consumer awareness; strengthening of enforcement regime; improvement in regulatory mechanism and enhanced stakeholder collaboration. Highlighting the global menace of counterfeiting and smuggling, lustice Manmohan Sarin Former Chief Justice Former Lokayukta, NCT of Delhi, Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir & Judge, Hight Court of India said, "The World Economic Forum, stated that illicit trade has resulted in an annual drain of US\$2.2 trillion which is approx. 3 percent of world GDP in 2020.\* / DW BUREAU /

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#### Drugs worth Rs 40 Lakhs concealed in antique wall clock seized



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#### AhmedabadMirror

Stock seized worth Rs - 13 CR

## **DRI** seizes illegal stock of cigarettes from Mundra

he Directorate of Revenue Intel- was supposed to be shipped from ligence (DRI) on Friday evening Mundra Port in Gujarat to Liverpool intercepted a ship-MUNDRA ping container filled with cigarettes illegally leaving the country after being declared as a container was found to be filled with consignment of pillow covers. Sourc- 80,000 sticks of cigarettes valued at es said that a shipping container that approximately Rs 13 crore.

(UK) via Dubai (UAE) was checked and seized by the DIL. Sources said that the AM



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Goods worth Rs 1.25 crore seized: seven lakh pieces of smuggled cigarettes seized in Gorakhpur, two arrested

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On 13.04.22 under #Operationsatark RPF CPDS/Howrah arrested 01 person with recovery of 08 poly bundles of Tobacco Product worth Rs.5,37,300/- at Howrah Parcel Godown.

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Northeast states declare war on drugs as illicit trade booms on Myanmar border

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Goa: Goods worth Rs 25 lakh seized as cops bust interstate burglary racket

Person police has busied an interstate barginy racket with arrest of two presents and recovery of electronic item worth its 25 takh.

Accounting to Pernom police, these had been continuous burglaries reported from different places. Har Astronett, Morjies, Mandore and Anaphol in the last two months, where harghers used to target foreign and Italian tearties by scatting their valuable terms like liptops, Ipad, cameria, mobile phones, cash, 140

Pernempolice said they were continuously on track to hab the calgority, however they another change the places.



During investigation, police received inputs that the accused persons are from Korda and Kordanka, and senglt the avisance of the Karnataka and Kerda Police. Person police theo around Lattic Khar (26) and K.S.Amen(46)

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During the intensiate operation. Pernem Police recovered the stolen properties like 13 Japops and MacBooks, 15 tradicle phones of different branck. 2 tabs and three cameros of different branck and other articles, all worth Rs 25 takh.

Both accessed are in castedy of Pernors police and investigations are in progress to occertain their links with other undetected assessed Pernetty police station and other police stations in the State and to find out if others are illustrativelyed in the errors.

The Person judice term was led by PI Viterm Nelk and the ontice operation was conducted under the supervision of SDPO Person Stadesh National galdance of Nerth Gos SP Shobbit Selecena.

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#### 7 kg of gold seized at Calicut airport

Investmenther major hand, the Air Intelligence Unit of the Castorn department without over 7 kg of gold in compound form valued at 0.3 28 cores from a couple who arrived by the Air-India Depress Fight from Dabus at the Calina International Airport on Satarday.

Officials said that Abda Senard Kettikkodur and his preprint wife Safet Abda Sarnal, hulling from Perintalmann, Malapperint district had concentral the gold in their rectore, undergaments and welow. Abdu had in his processive 3.672 kgs while Saftu, 3.642 kgs. of the yellow ment.

They usere charged under Section 17 and 135 of the Customs Act. Both of them, carriers were arcoad and produced before the Chief Jadicial Magistrate (acoustics) offences) at Manjeri. They were remanderlinipational cantedy for 14 days, offectals said.

Further investigations were on the melots involved in the smaggling via the airport. Gold smaggling syndicates normally use the modus operand) to exploit valuarable surgets to unaggle the contrabund, they said.

The second gold was confriseded under section 111 of the Castern Act. The science corres close on the keels of the slouths of Directorine of Revenue Intelligence recomming 6.3 kg of gold valued at \$3.25 store from six passengers at the airport on Thursday.

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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 at FICCI Federation House, New Delhi.

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