



PRESS NOTE

BUSTING OF e-CIGARETTES & VAPES CASE

SAVING TELEGANA YOUTH & CHILDREN

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The Telangana Anti-Narcotics Bureau (TGANB) and Hyderabad City Police noticed the selling of e-Cigarettes in and around the educational institutions of Hyderabad during the Drug Awareness campaigns conducted in the educational institutions. Some of the teachers of the said institutions raised their doubts regarding the selling of e-Cigarettes as well as Vapes to the youth & children at Abids. Then the TGANB kept surveillance at schools and colleges namely Little Flower School, St Marys Jr College, St George Grammar School, Rosary Convent High School, Sujatha High School and Jr College located at Abids, Hyderabad.

Later with efforts of TGANB established that one Sadiq Lalani and his brother Anil Lalani R/o Flat No.404, Shakthi Sai Complex, Near Haj House, Nampally, Hyderabad are involved in illegal sale of intoxicating Vapes and banned e-Cigarettes in Abids and other parts of Hyderabad and Andhra Pradesh.

They are selling these Vapes & banned e-Cigarettes to the youth as well as to the school going minor children by creating a WhatsApp group with **nearly 500 people** in the name of "SID" and advertising the new production if any arrived in this group. Seeing these advertisements, the group members will purchase by making online payments. The customers make UPI, Wallet, Bank transfers to the Phone & accounts of accused and his sister's, father's friend, mother & his Childhood friend.

Further it is also established that **Amit R/o New Delhi and Waseem R/o Mumbai** are supplying the e-Cigarettes to these Accused. The both brothers are utilizing the services of Hawala operators **Mangi Ramji Goutham R/o Hyderabad and C.R.Sharma** to send money if it is greater than Rs.50,000/-. If the value of the consignment is less than Rs.50,000/- they use the normal banking channels. They also used the Rapido, Uber and DTDC to deliver these e-Cigarettes. 13 juvenile students below the age of 18 yrs have been identified along with their phone numbers. These 13 juveniles have a very high chance of being sucked into Drug Abuse at a tender age. Local Police would be visiting their houses and counselling their parents.

Besides this, we have positively identified more than 400 users, who are a part of this group from the UPI, Wallet, Bhim, Bank Transactions & replies received from Rapido, Uber & DTDC Couriers. There is enough incontrovertible evidence available on record against these Accused. From the Bank Transactions, a conservative estimate can be made that they did this

e-Cigarettes Sales to a tune of around one Crore rupees in Hyderabad and AP. In this regard, a case in Cr.No.98/2025, U/s 7 r/w 4 PEC & 77 Juvenile Justice Act registered on 20.04.2025

The following are the sections to take necessary action on the accused persons involved under PECA and JJ Act. Case is also made out on DTDC Courier and Uber & Rapido for their negligence in not screening the parcels and supplying the same to the youth and minor children.

From the house of Sadiq Lalani (7) brown colour carton boxes were seized. We found banned e-Cigarettes of different sizes, shapes and companies in all the seven carton boxes.

- 1) **B-1** – When the first carton box B-1 was opened we found e-Cigarettes of different companies 1) POD Salt - 8 boxes containing 79 pieces 2) Elfbar Raya D2 – 12 boxes containing 116 pieces 3) Ignite – 3 boxes containing 30 pieces. (Total **225** e-Cigarettes)
- 2) **B-2** - When the second carton box B-2 was opened we found e-Cigarettes of different companies 1) Elfbar Raya D2 – 2 boxes containing 20 pieces 2) Platinum Bar – 1 Box containing 6 pieces 3) Waka – 9 boxes containing 80 pieces. (Total **106** e-Cigarettes)
- 3) **B-3** - When the third carton box B-3 was opened we found e-Cigarettes of different companies 1) Waka – 6 boxes containing 56 pieces 2) POD Salt – 11 boxes containing 96 pieces. (Total **152** e-Cigarettes)
- 4) **B-4**- When the fourth carton box B-4 was opened we found e-Cigarettes of different companies 1) Iget Flare – 4 boxes containing 20 pieces 2) Nasty – 6 boxes containing 53 pieces 3) Priv Bar – 12 boxes containing 61 pieces. (Total **134** e-Cigarettes)
- 5) **B-5** - When the fifth carton box B-5 was opened we found e-Cigarettes of different companies 1) Olive Bar – 38 boxes containing 187 pieces 2) Elfbar Ice King – 9 boxes containing 42 pieces 3) Ignite – 7 boxes containing 90 pieces. (Total **319** e-Cigarettes)
- 6) **B-6** - When the sixth carton box B-6 was opened we found e-Cigarettes of different companies 1) Elfbar TE6K – 7 boxes containing 36 pieces 2) ELFBAR Raya D2 – 3 boxes containing 27 pieces 3) ELFBAR Raya D3 – 9 boxes containing 92 pieces. (Total **155** e-Cigarettes)
- 7) **B-7** - When the seventh carton box B-7 was opened we found e-Cigarettes of different companies 1) JUUL – 10 boxes containing 87 pieces 2) Packed e-cigarettes – 6 pieces 3) Olive Bar - 2 boxes containing 10 pieces 4) POD Salt – 5 pieces 5) Raya D2 – 3 pieces 6) Raya D3 – 1 piece 7) Priv Bar – 1 piece 8) Waka – 4 pieces 9) Nasty – 9 pieces. (Total **126** e-Cigarettes)

Thus, a total number of **1217** e-Cigarettes were seized which worth of Rs. 25 lakhs. Further, seized an amount of Rs.18,440/- in denominations (13x500), (28x200), (62x100), (1x50), (3x20) & (3x10), US Dollars 225\$, Canadian Dollars 100\$ from the accused Sadiq Lalani.



PEC Act- 2019:

Production, Manufacturing, Importing, exporting, transportation, selling, distribution, stocking and advertising of e-Cigarettes is banned in India as per PEC Act- 2019.

Section 6 COTP ACT-2003:

As per this section - No person shall sell, offer for sale, or permit sale of, cigarette or any other tobacco product-to any person who is **under eighteen years of age**, and in an area within a radius of one **hundred yards of any educational institution**.

JUVENILE JUSTICE ACT 2015:

Section 77 :

Whoever gives, or causes to be given, to any child any intoxicating liquor or any narcotic drug **or tobacco products** or psychotropic substance, except on the

order of a duly qualified medical practitioner, shall be **punishable with rigorous imprisonment for a term which may extend to seven years** and shall also be liable to a **fine** which may extend **up to one lakh rupees**.

NO PAN SHOP

INTOXICANT PROHIBITED ZONE

100 Metres

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SCHOOL & COLLEGE

100 Metres

100 Metres

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NO LIQUOR SHOP

NO BAR

"ప్రజ్ఞ రహిత సమాజమే తెలంగాణ ప్రభుత్వ ద్వేయం"

RING 1908 TO SAFEGUARD YOUTH AND CHILDREN

➤ Selling of intoxicating substances like cigarette, e-cigarette, inhalants, vapes to person below 18 years is **BANNED**.
PUNISHMENT:-
Upto 7 years imprisonment and fine upto 1 Lakh rupees (77 JJ Act, 2015).

PROHIBITION OF E-S, VAPE'S ETC .
(Production, Manufacturing, Importing, Exporting, Transporting, Selling, Distributing, Storing and Advertising **BANNED** in India).
PUNISHMENT:-
Upto 1 years imprisonment or fine upto 1 Lakh rupees or both (PECA Act, 2019).
BANNED IN INDIA

➤ No Liquor to persons below 21 yrs of age.
PUNISHMENT :-
Upto 3 months imprisonment or fine upto 500 rupees or both (TG Excise Act, 2017).

Appeal to Society:

TGANB is dedicated to eradicate the Drug menace as well as the e-Cigarettes and Vapes to the Children and Youth which threatens the future of our State and Nation. We urge Students, Parents and all Citizens of the Society to join us in this vital mission and report any instances of Drug abuse and usage of e-Cigarettes and Vapes to the Telangana Anti-Narcotics Bureau through our toll-free number 1908 or email ID: tsnabho-hyd@tspolice.gov.in. Anti-Drug Committees (ADC's) and Prahari Clubs should come forward and cooperate with TGANB & Local Police and report such nefarious illegal activities.

Your identity will remain strictly confidential, and deserving contributions will be suitably rewarded.

Together, let us strive to make Telangana a drug-free state and safeguard the future of our younger generations.

**Telangana Anti-Narcotics Bureau (TGANB)
&
Hyderabad City Police**

PRESS NOTE

CYBER CRIME UNIT HYDERABAD ARRESTED ONE ACCUSED PERSON

IN INVESTMENT FRAUD (STOCK TRADING)

Hyderabad Cyber Crime Police apprehended one accused person by name **A2) Prateek Shukla S/o. Nitin Kumar Shukla, Age: 23 years, Occ: Business from UP state**, who is involved in investment fraud (Stock Trading). Accused is involved in 09 cases across India out of which 1 case pertaining to Hyderabad Cyber Crimes, registered in Cr.no. 413/2025 U/sec 66 C, 66 D IT Act, & Sec. 111(2) (b), 308(2), 318(4), 319(2), 336(3), 338, 340(2) of BNS.

Accused Person Details:

A-2: Prateek Shukla S/o. Nitin Kumar Shukla, Age: 23 years, Occ: Business, R/o. Plot No 151, SF, Shakti Khand 2, Indrapuram, Ghaizabad, Uttar Pradesh, N/o. 1st Floor, Padma Agencies, JDA Colony, Ranjhi, Monegaon, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh. **He is the account holder and account supplier.**

CASE FACTS:

A 68-year-old male victim from Hyderabad approached Cyber Crimes with a complaint stating that he was cheated by three bogus online investment companies namely (1) 5paisa Capital Ltd (2) Barclays (3) SHANDA Capital Group Ltd, further he submits that initially victim was added to whatsapp group through link called **VIP 5paisa Group**. In that group some of the people introduced themselves as Priya Agrawal (Ph: 8093678293, 3386052337) and Gourav Munjal (Ph 9902075560) as assistants who register new members in the group through their fake app and they recommend upper circuit shares, IPOs, otc trading, etc. It appears that most of the group members seem to be their own gang members where they say their recommendations are quite profit fetching, by sharing with fake screenshots in the whatsapp group, so that new members get motivated to invest and gain profit. Believing them to be genuine he deposited amount in multiple times totaling to Rs. 52,29,500/-. Based on his complaint a case was registered in Cr.no. 413/2025 U/sec 66 C, 66 D IT Act, & Sec. 111(2) (b), 308(2), 318(4), 319(2), 336(3), 338, 340(2) of BNS and investigated into.

MODUS OPERANDI:

Fraudsters contact victims through:

- 1) Social media platforms, Telegram app, WhatsApp calls and Messages.
- 2) Offers double or triple profits in a short time through stock market trading.
- 3) They display huge returns in their application initially.
- 4) Allowing withdrawals to a certain extent to build trust
- 5) Proposing investments with promise of substantial profits.
- 6) Showing virtual profits to lure victims to invest more.
- 7) Blocking withdrawals once larger amounts are invested

SEIZURE OF PROPERTY:

1. Mobile Phones : 1
2. Cheque Books : 4
3. Shell Company Stamps : 2

The team headed by the Inspector of Police **Sri S, Mattam Raju**, consisting of team members PC's Ch Sunil Kumar, B Bhaskar, P Ashok, M Ganesh, M Rajender, P Sainath, K Ajay Kumar and M G Sudharshan have cracked the case.

PUBLIC ADVISORY:

To protect yourself from cybercrime and financial fraud:

- Be cautious of online stock trading suggestions & investment frauds and offers like – huge returns in short term, multi bagger stock suggestions, investment in IPO's and Mutual Funds.
- Verify properly before accepting such offers and sharing your financial or personal details.
- Scammers approach victims through various social media platforms i.e., Telegram, WhatsApp, X, Instagram, and Face book by advertising Fake investment apps / websites.
- Such schemes are fraudulent and do not have SEBI's endorsement. Fraudsters are using simple tactics to lure gullible investors with promises of high returns and Fake profit screenshots.
- If you are a victim of cybercrime fraud:
 - Immediately dial 1930 (or)
 - Visit <https://cybercrime.gov.in/> for assistance

Sd/-

Dy. Commissioner of Police
Cyber Crime, Hyderabad

PRESS NOTE

WEST ZONE TASK FORCE BUSTS GANJA SELLING GANG – 04 ARRESTED, 2 KGs GANJA SEIZED

The sleuths of the Commissioner's Task Force, West Zone Team, in coordination with Humayun Nagar Police, apprehended 04 individuals who were involved in selling and consuming ganja, a narcotic substance at Eidgah Grounds, Near Govt. Boys High School, First Lancer, Hyderabad and Seized 2 KGs of Ganja from their possession. In this regard a case was registered in Humayun Nagar PS Vide Cr.no: 119/2025 U/s. 8(c) r/w 20(b)(ii)(B), 29 of NDPS Act-1985.

PARTICULARS OF ACCUSED PERSONS:-

- 1) Mohammed Sofiyouddin @ Sofian S/o Mohd Raheemuddin, Age: 24 years, Occ: - Roti Maker, R/o Near Mateen Bhai Hotel, Road No.12, Bhola Nagar, Masab Tank, Hyderabad. (Rowdy Sheeter of Masab Tank PS)
- 2) Syed Dawood Ali S/o Syed Jaweed Ali, Age: 26 years, Occ: Car driver, R/o. Near Chacha Nehru park, Pochamma Basthi, Masab tank, Hyderabad.
- 3) Syed Romman Ali S/o Syed Wajid Ali, Age: 26 years, Occ: Private Employee R/o Headquarter lane ex-service man colony, Eidgah ground, Humayun nagar, Hyderabad.
- 4) Mohammad Ayub S/o Mohammad Ibrahim, Age: 22 years, Occ: Vegetable Seller, R/o Asad Baba Nagar, Near Mahmoodia Masjid, Kishan Bagh, Bahadurpura, Hyderabad.

BRIEF ABOUT CASE:

The West Zone Task Force on credible information raided Eidgah Grounds, Near Govt. Boys High School, First Lancer, Hyderabad and apprehended four individuals involved in the illegal sale of ganja. During the operation, three accused were caught red-handed while selling dry ganja. The key accused – Syed Dawood Ali, Syed Romman Ali and Mohammad Ayub – bought the ganja from a supplier from near Taj Bagh Darga, Nagpur, Maharashtra with the support from Mohammed Sofiyouddin @ Sofian (Rowdy Sheeter of Masab Tank PS). A total of 2 KGs of dry ganja was seized from their possession. The arrested individuals, along with the seized contraband, were handed over to the concerned authorities for further legal action.

SEIZED PROPERTY:

1. Loose Dry Ganja -2 KGs
2. Two Wheeler- 01 (Hero Passion + 13S DRS BSVI-PH2, Colour: Black Grey)
3. Mobile Phones- 03

AN APPEAL TO THE YOUTH & PUBLIC

Drugs are a menace to society, destroying careers, families, and futures. The Commissioner's Task Force, Hyderabad City strongly urges young individuals to stay away from drugs and not fall into the trap of easy money or addiction. Substance abuse leads to devastating consequences, including loss of employment, mental and physical health issues, and criminal records that can destroy one's future.

The public is requested to be vigilant and report any suspicious drug-related activities to law enforcement authorities. Your cooperation is crucial in making Hyderabad a drug-free city. If you come across any drug peddling or suspicious activities, immediately inform the police. (Dial: 100)

The Commissioner's Task Force, Hyderabad City remains committed to eliminating drug-related crimes and ensuring a safe and secure environment for all citizens.

The above said arrests were made by Inspector of Police Commissioner's Task Force, West Zone, Sri. E.Jangaiah and SI Sri. Sri. Mohd Jahed with staff of The Commissioner's Task force, West Zone team, Hyderabad City along with SHO Humayun Nagar PS Sri. S. Mallesh and SI G.V Narsinga Rao.

Sd/-

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DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE,

COMMISSIONER'S TASK FORCE,

HYDERABAD.