

**CENTRAL ZONE TASK FORCE APPREHENDED (02) PERSONS AND SEIZED (40)
BANNED E-CIGARETTES WORTH OF RS. 1,00,000/-**

On 20-01-2023 Commissioner's Task Force, Central Zone team along with begum Bazar police, on credible information apprehended two persons namely **01) Mohammad Abdul Razzack @ Ameer Hamza**, and **02) Mohammad Abdul Qader Alias Faraz**, who are selling banned Electronic Cigarettes near Shezan Hotel, Gandhi Bhavan in the limits of Begum Bazar PS.

Details of apprehended persons :

01) Mohammad Abdul Razzack @ Ameer Hamza, S/o Md Abdul Sayeed, Age 19 years, R/o H. No. 1-16-305, New Bowenpally, Pension Lane, Secunderabad.

02) Mohammad Abdul Qader Alias Faraz, S/o Md Feroz Pasha, Age 18 years, R/o H.No. 1-4-65, New Bowenpally, Pension Lane, Secunderabad.

Facts of the case:

The facts of the case are that, since few days the accused persons posting the adds regarding E-Cigarettes in social media i.e. Facebook, Instagram by creating the page styled as "**Vapes Hyderabad**" and attracting the consumers who are mostly college students and teenagers. On order, they are purchasing E-Cigarettes from Mumbai through courier for the price of one piece Rs. 1200/- and selling the same to needy customers Rs. 2500/- by delivering on their two wheeler vehicle by violating the rules under COTP Act and gaining illegal profits by charging higher price.

As Telangana State has banned the sale, manufacture, distribution and storage of noxious tobacco and all its variants. Recently Central Government promulgated an Ordinance to ban electronic cigarettes in India. The accused planned to earn easy money by way of selling of banned noxious tobacco contents in the market as it has much demand and gaining easy profits illegally and violated the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTP Act).

On credible information the Commissioner's Task Force, Central Zone Team, Hyderabad along with Begum Bazar police apprehended the above accused persons and seized the following mentioned property.

Property Seized:

- 1) Banned E-Cigarettes - 40 x Rs.2500/- each (Worth of Rs.1,00,000/-)
- 2) Two Mobile Phones
- 3) Two wheeler Activa vehicle White Color

The apprehended accused persons along with seized property were handed over to SHO, Begum Bazar PS for further investigation.

The arrests were made under the supervision of Sri. **P. Radha Kishan Rao**, Dy.Commissioner of Police (OSD), Commissioner's Task Force, Hyderabad by Sri. **R. Raghunath**, Inspector of Police, Commissioner's Task Force, Central Zone, SI Sri. **S. Sai Kiran** and staff of Central Zone Task Force, Hyderabad.

Sd/-
Dy. Commissioner of Police (OSD),
Commissioner's Task Force,
Hyderabad City.

PRESS NOTE

As many as 195 IPS probationers of the 74th RR toured the state-of-the-art Telangana State Integrated Command Control Center and Hyderabad City Police Commissionerate to get awareness and functioning of TSPICCC and to understand how technology plays a key part in policing.

The probationers on arrival at TSPICCC were briefed on the engineering features of the building and given an overview of the technology fusion center, crisis management center, CCTVs & analytics features of the Command Control Center. The trainees got an exposure to police operations, technical, administrative and other coordination aspects.

CP Anand explained the history of city police, kotwal system since 1847 and the challenges being faced by Hyderabad City Police and outlined the importance of adapting IT technologies in policing. The CP touched upon sensitive communal and the social issues as well which police has to tackle. Through a PowerPoint presentation he explained how the state government has paid special attention to the paradigm of “peace and law and order brings about economic growth “ and given such facilities for the Telangana police to show results. He explained the novel initiatives such as H-NEW, SMASH, Operation “ROPE”, Bharosa and recited the modernisation of police department post formation of Telangana.

He asked the probationers to remember the significance of the time they are entering their career when policing is undergoing transformation at all levels. He asked them to keep pace with the developments in the world of Cyber Crime and the threat of Narcotics to our future generation .

The teams of HCP also explained the concept of war room, integration of IT applications and how all government agencies work in tandem to deliver public service and offer swift response during calamities.

“The over all impact of the TSPICCC, Hon’ble CMs brainchild, is being realised across multiple facets of policing, internal security, crisis management and urban development.” Said Mr.CV Anand.

The probationers were enthused by the grandeur of the iconic structure. The trainee officers thereafter visited the museum, helipad and other wings in the building.

Smt.D.Sunitha Reddy, DCP ICC; Mr. CH.Srinivas, DCP SMIT and other officers accompanied the group.
