

## **Rs 1.5L worth illegal tobacco products seized in Erode**

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Erode: Food safety officials seized Rs 1.5 lakh worth banned tobacco products in Erode on Monday.

“On a tip-off, a team of officials inspected shops in East Kongalamman Temple Street in the city. They found illegal tobacco products like gutka, pan masala kept in a secret room constructed underneath the staircase of a shop,” said Dr T Kalaivani, district designated officer of The Tamil Nadu Food Safety and Drug Administration Department. The shopowner was identified as L Manojkumar, 24.

The team seized 110kg of tobacco products worth Rs 1.5 lakh from the shop, she said. A few samples of the seized items were sent to a lab for further test.

The dairy decided to manufacture the sweet to utilize the excess milk procured during flush season, from October to March. During flush season, milk production goes up during which the dairy company wants to make use of the excess milk to produce basundi. A Maharashtra-based costing consultant is working on minimizing the cost of the sweet as Goa Dairy is keen to reduce the prices for customers.