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PRESS RELEASE

In a joint operation, GST intelligence units from Kerala and Karnataka have arrested two key individuals involved in a fake invoicing cartel that generated fake invoices for areca nut trading.

The racket created GST registrations and manipulated personal credentials for generating fake invoices and e-way bills.

The individuals behind this cartel, Sri. Kattungal Aliyar Ashraf (48 years) and Sri. Shoukath (54 years) are natives of Kerala. They were apprehended from Kannur and Alappuzha following searches at various locations in Kerala and Karnataka. These searches had led to the discovery of crucial evidence. Preliminary analysis of seized records and other data point to tax evasion to the tune of Rs 9.5 Crores in this case

The arrested persons have been remanded into judicial custody.

The State GST Department has been taking strong action against fake invoicing. Fake invoicing in GST can result in the arrest and prosecution of those involved, along with other severe consequences such as fines, penalties, confiscation of goods, and provisional attachment of property and bank accounts.

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