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41 stolen antique statues recovered

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JAIPUR: The city police have recovered 41 more antique statues from Jhalawar district after interrogating three members of the Vaman Narayan Ghiya gang, who were involved in stealing them.

With this, the police have recovered 205 antique idols and arrested 18 persons. The latest recovery include a nine ft idol of Lord Mahaveer. It is estimated to be worth about Rs 7 crore in the international market. Besides this, the police also recovered idols of Jain Tirthankars, Lord Shiva and Parvati, panels and sculptures of men and women in different postures. Some of the idols dates back to the first century.

According to Anand Srivastava, superintendent of police, Jaipur North, the police had arrested three members of the Ghiya gang. Their interrogation revealed that some antique idols were present in two Jhalawar villages. After that, the Jaipur police team went to Baldaya and Badiya village in Jhalawar and recovered the idols. Srivastava said the idols dated from the first to the eleventh century period They are believed to be worth crores of rupees in the international market.

This is the second major recovery within a week. Last week, the police recovered 73 antique idols, worth more than Rs 100 crores, that were also stolen by the Ghiya gang. The SP claimed that the police is likely to recover more idols.

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Poor guys they love to sell the priceless wealth of our nation and why not...who ever bothers now a days or even pays attention or the matter of fact even take care of these idols.Look around at the forts and monuments how well they are looked after... really disgusting. Why blame these guys who are uneducated and uncared for. They are like the contemporary living idols created by God if you sell them they wont be worth even Rs.5.Here we are talking about 41 carved stones.My question here is would these living idols would do such a thing if they were taken care off...? Hope some more are stolen it may create more job for people to find such gangs.

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