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Theatre sealed as operator pirates movie

Police sealed shut a movie theatre in Tindivanam, where the operator was caught pirating the movie 'Kavan' with a video camera. He was running the movie using the satellite-based UFO digital projection.

The act of piracy was found out through the 'UFO Analyzer' which tracks projection of movies from a centrally-based server. The evidence helped the video piracy wing of the Crime Branch - Central Investigation Department book the offenders under sections of the Copyright Act (1957) and Cinematograph Act (1952). The operator of Swastik theatre, Tindivanam, Prakash, who was caught in the illegal act, was arrested. Theatres use satellite-based digital cinema projection platforms like Qube and UFO for receiving and projecting films. The theatre owner is permitted to screen the film only during the slotted show timings. Swastik theatre operator Prakash was nabbed through the central server data which caught him projecting the film well past midnight when all the shows for the day were over. Police confiscated all digital equipment including the UFO projector from the theatre.

Similar arrests were made over the last week at three other theatres in Cheyyar, Tiruvannamalai, where theatre operators tried to pirate the movies 'Pa Paandi' and 'Kadamban' using the Qube digital cinema network. Police arrested the manager and theatre operator of Kanniappa theatre, Chellam Paradise and V A B theatre. Moviez."