

Assam Rifles seizes smuggled foreign cigarettes worth Rs1.95 cr in Tripura's Khowai

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Seized cigarettes. (Photo/Assam Rifles)

Khowai (Tripura) [India], March 15 (ANI): In a major crackdown on smuggling in the Northeast, Assam Rifles seized 195 cartons of smuggled foreign cigarettes worth approximately Rs 1.95 crore in Tripura's Khowai district, officials said on Friday.

According to a release, the contraband, valued at approximately Rs 1.95 crore in the international market, was confiscated during a joint operation.

The seized goods have been formally handed over to the Customs Department for further investigation and legal proceedings.

"This operation underscores Assam Rifles unwavering commitment to curbing smuggling activities and ensuring enhanced vigilance in the region," read the statement.

Earlier in a series of operations, security forces recovered arms ammunition and explosives, including 50 weapons, Improvised Devices (IEDs), and grenades across multiple districts in Manipur.

The seizure comes after the Indian Army and Assam Rifles under Spear Corps launched intelligence-based operations in the hills and valley districts of Chandel, Imphal West, Kakching, and Thoubal between March 12 and 13.

The recovered items were handed over to the Manipur Police. (ANI)

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