

Bid to smuggle foreign cigarettes foiled at Kochi

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Kochi: Foreign cigarettes worth Rs 2.18 lakh, meant to be smuggled into the country, were today seized from a passenger who arrived at the Thiruvananthapuram airport, a top customs official said.



Representative image

Customs Commissioner Sumit Kumar said officers of the Customs Preventive Unit, Thiruvananthapuram, under the jurisdiction of Customs Preventive Division, Kochi, intercepted a passenger who arrived from Dubai, at the exit gate of the arrival hall of the airport.

As a result of the search of his baggage, 218 cartons of foreign cigarettes of fresh origin having a market value of Rs 2,18,000 were seized from the passenger from Mattancherry here.

“Enquiry revealed that he intended to smuggle the cigarettes by non-declaration before the Customs authorities,” Kumar said.

On preliminary verification of his passport, it was found that he was a frequent traveller, he said, adding further investigation is on.

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