

## **Foreign cigarettes worth Rs 10 lakh seized**

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Trichy: Several cartons of foreign cigarettes, estimated to be worth around Rs 10 lakh, were confiscated from five passengers by the air intelligence unit of customs at the Trichy International Airport on Sunday morning.

The five passengers, identified as Peer Mohammed, 43, Sirajuddin, 48, Mohammed Navas, 44, Maideen, 36, and Nizar, 44, were taken into custody. All the five were said to be traders from Chennai.

According to sources, the passengers had reached Trichy from Malaysia by an AirAsia flight in the early hours of Sunday. When officials conducted a security check, they found that the five had carried 1,000 cartons of Korean cigarettes. Soon, the cigarettes were confiscated.

In another incident, Rs 3.5 lakh worth foreign currency notes were seized from a middle-aged passenger who was about to board a flight to Singapore on Saturday night. According to sources, the person, hailing from Pudukottai had concealed Euros which were found during security check.

Officials conducted an investigation regarding the incident.

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