CHENNAI: Customs officials seized gold worth Rs 30 lakh and cigarettes worth Rs 64,000 from two passengers at Chennai international airport on Thursday and Friday.

On Friday, Mohamed Gani, 36, of Ramanathapuram, who arrived here from Dubai in an Emirates Airlines flight, was intercepted and searched. Three gold cut bits weighing 65 gram were recovered from his pants pocket and one gold ingot weighing 242 gram was recovered from a rubbery spread concealed in his rectum.

His check-in baggage had 6,400 cigarettes. A total of 307 gram of gold worth Rs 12.2 lakh and cigarettes worth Rs 64,000 were seized from him.

On Thursday morning, officials intercepted Mohamed Ansari, 28, of Ramananthapuram, who arrived here from Dubai in an Emirates flight. On persistent questioning, he admitted to having concealed gold in the form of rubbery material in his rectum. On extraction by heat treatment, 455 gram of gold valued at Rs 17.8 lakh was recovered.