

# Imported ciggies worth ₹78L seized from post office

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**NEW DELHI:** The customs department at the foreign post office, ITO, has recovered a cache of cigarettes worth ₹78 lakh imported from Cambodia.

Packed in parcels, the cigarettes were declared as books, stationery items and gifts, officials said. The customs officers intercepted 17 parcels at the foreign post office and found cigarettes inside. "The parcels belong to 10 consignees and were registered as books, stationery, handicraft items and gifts. When the parcels were being scanned for security purposes, following a tip-off, we noticed something suspicious. A thorough checking led to the recovery of cigarettes worth ₹78.36 lakh," a senior customs officer, who did not wish to be named, said.

The officer said they are trying to trace the source of the parcels and the addresses to which they were to be delivered.

At the Indira Gandhi International Airport, on Thursday, a 65-year-old man from Delhi was arrested for allegedly smuggling eight pieces of gold by hiding them in his rectum. "The gold weighed a little more than 870 grams and was worth ₹31.86 lakh," an officer said.

On Monday, an Afghan man was arrested after the police found two gold bars, weighing about 2kg and worth ₹72.9 lakh, by hiding them in his shoes.

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## डाक से मंगाई गई 78 लाख रुपए की सिगरेट जब्त

नई दिल्ली। सीमा शुल्क विभाग ने यहां कंबोडिया से स्पीड पोस्ट और रजिस्टर्ड डाक से गैरकानूनी तरीके से आयातित 78 लाख रुपए की सिगरेट जब्त की है। अधिकारियों ने बृहस्पतिवार को बताया कि इन सिगरेट का आयात किताबों और हस्तशिल्प के लेबल का इस्तेमाल कर किया गया। अधिकारियों ने कहा कि विदेशी डाक कार्यालय में शनिवार और रविवार विदेशी ब्रांड के सिगरेट जब्त किए गए। दस लोगो ने 17 पैकेट का आयात किया था और बताया था कि इनमें किताबें, स्टेशनरी, उपहार और हस्तशिल्प उत्पाद हैं। इन सिगरेट पैकेटों पर जस्ती स्वास्थ्य चेतावनी नहीं छपी थी। सिगरेट के इन डिब्बों का बाजार मूल्य 78,36,000 रुपए के करीब था। इन्हें सीमा शुल्क कानून के संबंधित प्रावधानों के तहत जब्त किया गया।