

Gold, ciggies and laptops worth ₹29 lakh seized

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Gold, cigarettes and laptops to the tune of ₹29 lakh were seized by sleuths of the customs department at the Chennai Airport on Saturday.

One Seyad Ibramsa (35) of Ramanathapuram, Mohamed Niyas (32) of Vysarpadi, who arrived from Dubai by Emirates Airlines and Ameenoor Rahuman (33) of Pudukottai, who arrived from Colombo by Sri Lankan Airlines, were intercepted at the exit of the airport.

On personal search conducted on Seyad and Niyas,



three gold bits weighing 69 grams valued at ₹2.4 lakh and 70 grams valued at ₹2.43 lakh were recovered. Further, three bundles of gold in paste form were

recovered from the rectum of each person. On extraction, 449 grams of gold valued at ₹15.2 lakh was recovered.

Also, on examination of their baggage, a total of 5,760 sticks of Gudang Garam cigarettes valued at ₹57,600 and 10 refurbished laptops valued at ₹50,000 were recovered. Gold valued at ₹8 lakh was recovered during a personal check on Ameenoor.

He was arrested, and a total of 831 grams of gold valued at ₹28.10 lakh along with cigarettes and laptops worth ₹1 lakh were recovered and seized under the Customs Act 1962. Further investigations are on.