

3 flyers held with foreign cigarettes worth Rs 13 lakh

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Lucknow: The customs department at Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport caught three men for smuggling South Korean brand cigarettes worth Rs 13.05 lakh.



Customs department officials with the seized consignment

The seizure was made after Indigo flight 6E 8457 from Dubai landed at Amausi airport here at 3:15am. According to customs department, 85,000 sticks of ESSE special gold and ESSE light cigarettes were seized. One of the passengers was from Lucknow, while others hailed from Bareilly.

Niharika Lakha, deputy commissioner, customs, Amausi airport, said, "During questioning, the trio confessed to smuggling cigarettes in

Lucknow and Bareilly to make a quick buck. We caught the accused during luggage scanning as their baggage showed full with stacked cigarette boxes."

Last Saturday, customs sleuths seized cigarettes worth Rs 53.64 lakh from 13 passengers, along with perfume worth Rs 2.12 lakh and gold Rs 15.28 lakh. On Monday, the department caught another passenger with gold worth Rs 12.35 lakh. All the accused were smuggling the consignment into Lucknow via Dubai or Sharjah.

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