

Big haul of smuggled goods at KIA

Foreign cigarettes, beauty creams worth Rs 3.4 lakh seized from passenger from Dubai

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The items seized at the Kempegowda International Airport

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BENGALURU: Imported cigarettes and beauty products valued at Rs 3.4 lakh were seized by Customs officials at the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) from a passenger from Dubai. The 23-year-old native of Kasargod in Kerala was caught after he alighted from the Air India Express flight (IX 1246) on Wednesday night, said a senior Customs official. "The flyer had concealed 11,800 cigarette sticks of popular brands — 'Dunhill Switch' and 'Benson and Hedges Blue Gold' — in his check-in baggage," the official said. They are totally worth Rs 2,36,000.

"It was through passenger profiling and scanning that we caught him," he added. The passenger had also concealed 120 pieces of Faiza Beauty cream valued at Rs 84,000 and 45 pieces of 'New Face' beauty cream valued at Rs 20,250. The total value of all the goods came to Rs 3,40,250, he said.

Smuggling of imported cigarettes and creams from Dubai to KIA have been on the rise the last two months. "An international passenger is permitted to bring a maximum of 100 cigarette sticks. While pieces of creams can be brought in, bringing them in bulk is not permitted," another official said.

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