

Smugglers caught with gold, phones worth ₹40L

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Bengaluru: Two men who landed at Kempegowda International Airport with nearly Rs 30 lakh worth of smuggled gold in their undergarments were nabbed on Tuesday. They also had iPhones, AirPods and foreign cigarettes.

Sleuths with the Air Intelligence Unit of Bangalore Customs intercepted the duo — one from Puttur in Dakshina Kannada and the other from Pathoor in Kerala's Kasaragod — soon after they disembarked from Emirates Airlines flight EK-564 from Dubai at 8.30am.

Sleuths found they were hiding gold chains weighing nearly 300 grams each in their underwear, smuggling in iPhones and AirPods worth Rs 7.8 lakh and foreign cigarettes worth Rs 2.5 lakh. They were booked for Customs duty evasion; the smuggled goods were worth Rs 40 lakh.