

## Mizoram: Foreign cigarettes worth over Rs 1.31 crores recovered by Assam Rifles troopers

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A massive illegal consignment of foreign cigarettes has been seized by the troopers of Assam Rifles in Mizoram's Champhai district.

## The consignment of foreign cigarettes has been estimated to be of worth over Rs 1.31 crores.

"The operation was carried out by a joint team of Assam Rifles and Customs department Champhai based on specific information," read a statement from the Assam Rifles.

The statement adds: "Approximate cost of the sized foreign origin cigarettes, Mkt value – Rs. 1,31,17,000/- recovered items handed over to Customs Preventive Force Champhai."

As many as 100 cases and 45 loose packets of foreign cigarettes were seized in the operation from Maulkawi-Hruaikwn road area in Champhai district of Mizoram.

One person has also been arrested in connection with the recovery.

"Ongoing smuggling of drugs is a major cause of concern for the state of Mizoram, especially along the India-Myanmar Border," the Assam Rifles said.

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