

Cigarettes worth Rs. 1 crore seized in Guwahati

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GUWAHATI: A total of 4,93,400 sticks of foreign cigarettes valued at ₹ 98,68,000 was seized by Guwahati Customs in two consecutive case that were of foreign origin had been booked at Blue Dart Express Ltd. The Customs team immediately proceeded near the junction of Zoo Road and Ambikagiri Nagar and captured the consignment.

A total of five packages had been booked under Air Waybill (AWB). On checking the contents of each package, the customs officers detected cigarettes of foreign origin which are Win and Esse Light brands of Chinese and Korean origin. A total of 1,48,000 sticks of foreign-origin cigarettes valued at ₹ 29,60,000 was recovered and seized in the above case.



Smuggled foreign cigarettes seized in Guwahati | Image Credit : Guwahati Customs

Further, fresh information was received about a vehicle bearing registration number AS-01/NC-8940. It also contained a huge consignment of smuggled foreign cigarettes. It was approaching the immediate area of Blue Dart Express Ltd., located near the junction of Zoo Road and Ambikagiri Nagar. The consignment of cigarettes was meant to be unloaded at Blue Dart Express Ltd. Upon checking, eight packages were found and were booked. The cigarettes of foreign origin were Esse Light Super Slim, made in Korea. A total of 3,45,400 sticks of the above brand were captured. They are valued at ₹ 69,08,000.

One person was apprehended while another person managed to flee. The Customs team acted on specific intelligence gathered regarding the transportation of smuggled cigarettes of foreign origin through couriers.

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