

DRI seizes illegal tobacco products worth 91L in Surat

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Ahmedabad: Teams of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) seized e-cigarettes and cigarettes of foreign origin worth a total of Rs 91 lakh, in raids on two places in Surat.

The residence and warehouse of a chocolate shop owner fetched 3.6 lakh sticks of foreign origin cigarettes of various brands. In addition, 198 sticks of prohibited e-cigarettes were also recovered. These goods, with a market value of about Rs 75 lakh, have been seized under provisions of the Customs Act and one person has been arrested.

In the second case, a railway parcel was intercepted at Surat railway station and found to contain 80,000 sticks of smuggled cigarettes, worth about Rs 16 lakh, officials said.