

Cigarettes worth Rs 40L seized from Surat

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In yet another haul of illegal tobacco products, the DRI has seized foreign origin cigarettes worth Rs 40 lakh from a railway parcel that arrived at the Surat railway station.

Based on specific intelligence, the DRI officers intercepted a parcel from Chennai at the Surat railway station. They recovered 1.96 lakh sticks of foreign origin cigarettes of brands Esse Lights (Korean), Gudang Garam (Indonesian) and 555 (UK). Total market value of the parcel is estimated to be Rs 40 lakh and the goods have been detained under the provisions of the Customs Act 1962.

DRI in Gujarat has been waging a vigorous battle against smuggling of cigarettes and other nicotine products that are harmful to health.

In this financial year alone, the agency has seized 2.88 crore sticks of smuggled foreign origin cigarettes and 2.86 lakh e-cigarette (vapes) sticks, which are valued at Rs 138 crore in Gujarat.

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