

Customs team seizes over 50 lakh foreign cigarettes worth ₹11.50 crore

One Person Arrested; Further Investigation Underway

NEW DELHI: In a major crackdown, a team of Customs Preventive, Delhi, has seized over 50,46,000 sticks of foreign-origin cigarettes valued at approximately **₹11.50 crore** from a warehouse located in Sanjay Gandhi Transport Nagar. The operation was carried out based on specific intelligence inputs.

The customs team conducted a raid at the premises and recovered a large quantity of illegal cigarettes, which were concealed in bulky packages stacked inside the warehouse. During the operation, one **individual** was apprehended and arrested, and further questioning is currently underway.

Officials stated that the seized cigarettes are of foreign origin and were smuggled into India through illegal channels. The department suspects the involvement of a larger network engaged in illicit trade.



Seized consignments of foreign-origin cigarettes stacked at the warehouse in Sanjay Gandhi Transport Nagar, New Delhi.

The operation was carried out by a dedicated team of Customs Preventive officers, including Superintendents Akhilesh Kumar, Vijay Panwar, Ajay Jangra, and Inspector Anuj Kumar.

➔ The Customs Department has confirmed that further investigation is in progress to uncover an entire smuggling network.

➔ Authorities have also assured that strict action will be taken against all those involved in the case.