

Assam Rifles seizes foreign cigarettes worth Rs.1.08 cr and Rs. 15.29 cr in two separate cases

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The Assam Rifles carried out two major operations and seized foreign cigarettes in Champai and Aizawl of Mizoram. In the first case, Assam Rifles in conjunction with Legal Metrology Department, Champhai launched an operation in General Area Tuipui, Champhai District.

During the operation, the team intercepted a vehicle transporting contraband which resulted in recovery of 45 Cases of illegal foreign origin cigarettes. The seized consignment comprised 33 cases of Benson & Hedges Cigarettes and 12 cases of V Cigarettes. The estimated value of the seized consignment is approximately ₹1,08,00,000/-.

A TATA Sumo Gold vehicle was also recovered and one individual was apprehended during the operation. The seized contraband, vehicle and the apprehended individual were subsequently handed over to Legal Metrology Department, Champhai, Mizoram for further investigation and requisite legal proceedings.

In the second case, Assam Rifles in a joint operation with CID (SB) Aizawl and Bawngkawn Police Station, conducted an operation at Zuangtui, Aizawl, Mizoram.

During the operation, the team conducted a search of a godown at Zuangtui, resulting in recovery of 637 smuggled cigarettes, comprising 182 Master Boxes of ORIS, 252 Master Boxes of Mond, 33 master boxes of WIN, 130 Master Boxes of Patron and 40 master boxes of ESSE Lights. The recovered cigarettes, containing approximately 63,70,000 cigarette sticks, were valued at approximately ₹15.29 crore. One person was also apprehended during the operation.

The apprehended individual and confiscated cigarettes were subsequently taken into custody by Bawngkawn Police Station, Aizawl, for further legal proceedings, officials informed.

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