



Customs seizes ₹19L worth gold, liquor

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Customs officials at the city airport seized ₹19 lakh worth gold, liquor and cigarettes on Wednesday. Based on a specific tip-off, Susai Alexander (62) and Robert Tinku (29) of Chennai, who had arrived from Myanmar via Bangkok by a Thai Airways flight were intercepted. As both appeared to be nervous and gave evasive replies on being questioned, their personal search was carried out.

During a search, 6 gold cut bits of 24 K purity weighing 210 grams valued at ₹8.26 lakh was recovered. On further examination of their checked-in luggage 20 bottles of Remy Martin cognac valued at Rs1.18 lakh and 20 cartons of Davidoff classic cigarettes valued at ₹40,000 were found concealed in their personal effects. The total goods valued at ₹9.84 lakh was recovered

from both passengers and seized under the provisions of the Customs Act 1962.

In another case on the same day, Nazeer Basha (54) of Hyderabad, who had arrived from Riyadh via Sharjah by an Air Arabia flight was intercepted on suspicion. On examination of his checked-in baggage, a red emergency light which appeared to be unusually heavy was found concealed in his personal effects. On dismantling the emergency light, gold weighing 233 grams and valued at ₹9.17 lakh was found concealed in the battery compartment. This was recovered and seized under the provisions of the Customs Act 1962.

In total, goods worth ₹19 lakh (gold worth Rs. 17.43 lakh, liquor worth ₹1.18 lakh and cigarettes worth ₹40,000/-) were seized under the provisions of the Customs Act 1962. Further Investigation is under progress.