

35 Smuggled Exotic Birds, Animals Seized At Kolkata Airport, 2 Arrested

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KOLKATA: Around 35 exotic birds and animals smuggled into India from Bangkok via Myanmar were seized by DRI personnel at the city's international airport and two persons were arrested, an official said on Sunday.

The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) officials intercepted the consignment valued around Rs. 85.55 lakh on Saturday and handed over the seized animals and birds to the Kolkata Zoo authorities for safe custody.

"The cargo was booked in the name of Domnic Jacob Sequeira of Pune, who along with an accomplice was found waiting to receive the consignment. Both were arrested when they were trying to load the five cages containing the birds and animals in a vehicle," a DRI official said.