



DRI, customs find gold biscuits worth ₹3cr from airport lavatory

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Pune: The directorate of revenue intelligence (DRI), in coordination with the Pune customs authorities, recovered 86 gold biscuits concealed in smartphone covers from a lavatory in the arrival area of the airport here on Thursday.

Sources said DRI, which has a Pune regional unit now, had received a tip-off about the gold. Its officials coordinated with their counterparts in the customs, leading to the recovery. The DRI officials have detained one person for questioning.

“Once the SpiceJet flight from Dubai to Pune (SG-52)

THURSDAY SEIZURE		
86  gold biscuits	Worth ₹3.09 CRORE	
This is the biggest gold haul so far at the Pune airport		
ON JULY 22	Customs seized 6 gold biscuits worth ₹22lakh	The biscuits were hidden in the oxygen panel of the rear lavatory of the same flight

landed at the airport here, the officials started searching the entire facility. They found four smartphone covers hidden in a dustbin at a lavatory near the immigration hall of the

airport. The gold biscuits were stuck inside the covers with adhesive. Gold was also recovered in some pouches hidden in the dustbin,” a source said. The officials pegged the

value of the seizure at Rs 3.09 crore. Though the officials did not divulge much details, they expressed concern over the flight being frequently used by the gold smugglers.