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UP: DRI team nabs smuggler with 5.2kg gold worth Rs 1.66 cr at Mughalsarai station

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VARANASI: The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) personnel caught a gold smuggler and seized gold worth of Rs. 1.66 crore at Mughalsarai railway station in UP's Chandauli district on Friday.

According to Varanasu unit in-charge of DRI Anand Rai, acting upon a secret information that huge quantity of foreign origin smuggled gold bars are being transported from Kolkata to Kanpur, the DRI team intercepted and de-boarded a person from B-1 coach of 12987 (Sealdah-Ajmer Express) at Mughalsarai on Friday afternoon. The intercepted passenger was identified as Sanjoy Soni, resident of Bally, Howrah (WB). During the search, five pieces of gold bars and one cut piece (gold) were recovered. They were concealed in the waist and a small hand bag.

The recovered gold was weighing 5.2 Kgs (approx.) and valued at Rs. 1.66 crore. The gold bars reportedly were smuggled through Bangladesh to Kolkata from where it was being sent to Kanpur. The gold was seized and the person was arrested and sent to jail. Further raids are being conducted at Kolkata and Kanpur to nab the other accomplices. The arrested person disclosed that he is member of a syndicate of regular carriers of smuggled gold from West Bengal to Kanpur and in last two month he had carried many times such smuggled gold.