



■ The gold bars that were seized from the three arrested accused on Saturday.

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# 3 nabbed with 34kg gold from New Delhi stn

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**NEW DELHI:** The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence on Saturday arrested three men, including a Bhutan national, from the New Delhi Railway station and recovered 34 kilos of smuggled gold from them.

DRI officers said that the consignment was smuggled into India through Bhutan and was found to be of Chinese and Swiss origin.

In the past two days, DRI has seized 100 kilogram of gold from across the country.

A senior officer said that in an operation executed after receiving a tip-off on Saturday afternoon, a DRI team intercepted three men and detained them for frisking and baggage search. During their search, it was found that the three men had tied cloth belts around their body in which gold bars, each weighing one kilo, was concealed.

"The three men were arrested. During questioning they told that the consignment

was smuggled into India by road from Bhutan. They also revealed that the smuggled gold is of Chinese and Swiss origin. The three men said that the gold was to be supplied in Delhi to various gold traders in Karol Bagh, Old Delhi and other markets," said an officer requesting anonymity.

Officers said, the DRI in four of its operations across the country on Friday and Saturday has seized 100 kg gold in all from Delhi, Siliguri, Bengaluru, Chennai and Madurai.

"Out of the total 100 kgs gold, 13 kgs was smuggled into India on flights arriving at Chennai, Bengaluru, Madurai and Indore airports from Colombo and Singapore. In three out of these four cases, gold was concealed under the life jacket pouch and hollow pipe under the aircraft seats," the officer said.

On Friday, the DRI recovered 55 gold bars, each weighing one kilogram, from two men near Siliguri. The bars were concealed in a specially prepared cavity under a seat of the car which the duo was driving.