

# DRI seizes 24 kg gold worth Rs 8crore

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KOLKATA: The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) claimed it had busted a racket smuggling gold into India from Myanmar through Moreh in Imphal with the seizure of gold bars weighing 24 kg and valued at nearly Rs 8 crore.

Six people were arrested in Siliguri for carrying the gold and booked under the Customs Act, 1962.

Acting on intelligence inputs, a DRI team intercepted a bus from Cooch Behar to Siliguri. The gold bars were found in a specially designed brief used by one of the carriers. Altogether, 20 gold bars of 1 kg each were recovered alongwith 25 gold biscuits of 166 gm each. On interrogation, the carriers revealed they had travelled by buses all the way from Imphal, which is close to the Moreh border.

The arrested were identified as Md Numan, Md Lukuman, Hafiz Misbahuddin, Md Zamil Ahmed, Md Dawood Akhtar and M M Washim Khan. All of them are residents of Manipur and had been engaged in carrying smuggled foreign-origin gold for quite some time now.