

Passengers caught at Hyderabad airport for smuggling gold in paste form

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HYDERABAD: In two days, Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) nabbed two passengers travelling from Muscat to Hyderabad for smuggling gold in paste form at Rajiv Gandhi International Airport. On Thursday, a passenger who travelled in Oman Airlines, was found carrying black coloured cloth tied to his belt containing paste, which on examination was found to be 1398.31 grams gold. The value of the gold was found to be Rs 46,25,129.

On Wednesday, the officers of DRI nabbed another passenger in a similar case. The passenger who arrived at RGIA from Muscat to Hyderabad on Wednesday as found carrying gold in paste form weighing 738 grams valued at Rs 24,57,540.

The passengers on interrogation admitted that the gold was smuggled into the country while they did not have any documents to prove the licit purchase or import of the gold they were carrying. The smuggled gold has been seized under the Customs Act, 1962.