

## Gold worth Rs 40 lakh seized from Kerala man

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COIMBATORE: Sleuths of the directorate of revenue intelligence on Saturday seized gold worth Rs 40 lakh from a man in his late twenties at the city airport.

The gold was hidden inside a coffee maker and was carried by Jamshid, a native of Kozhikode in Kerala, who arrived in the city from Sharjah.

The regional unit of the directorate of revenue intelligence had received a tip-off about the gold smuggling. “We received information that a passenger from Kozhikode will bring gold from Sharjah to Coimbatore on

March 23 via the Air Arabia flight. We narrowed down the passengers and confronted Jamshid. We found a coffee maker inside his baggage, which looked suspicious. We seized it and opened it on Monday, and found 1,200g of crude gold in the form of a hollow cylinder inside. The gold was seized and the passenger was detained,” an officer said.

“Jamshid, a labourer, had flown to Sharjah twice for ‘work’ but this was the first time he was caught being a courier of smuggled gold. He doesn’t seem to know who the gold was intended for, just that someone will pick it up once he walks out of the airport building. He admitted he did it for a commission,” he added.