

DRI seizes 7.7 kg gold from 5 passengers

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Trichy: Sleuths from the directorate of revenue intelligence (DRI) have seized 7.7 kilograms of gold ornaments valued over Rs 2.30 crore from five passengers who arrived at the international airport here on Wednesday.

Based on a tip, the DRI officials conducted a thorough checking of all passengers who arrived here from various destinations like Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Colombo and Sharjah.

During the process, they grew suspicious of five passengers who arrived from Kuala Lumpur by Air Asia and Malindo Air.

When all the five, including a woman, were taken to the private room and their belongings checked, they came to know that all of them had concealed gold ornaments in their luggage.

Subsequently, officials seized 2.5 kg gold from Jumaikhan Sardar Alamkhan and 1.4 kg gold from Jainulabudeen Abdul Subani, both from Chennai. They also confiscated 1.3 kg of gold from Samsudeen Abdul Masjeed Mohammed and 1.3 kg of gold from Khaja Mohideen Azarudeen, both from Ilayankudi in Ramnad district besides 1.25 kg of gold from Jaibunisha of Trichy.

The passengers are being interrogated to collect further details regarding the gold seizure.