

## 85 drones smuggled from China seized

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The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), Ahmedabad seized 85 drones worth more than Rs 1 crore from Ahmedabad airport on Monday.

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Based on an intelligence input, they apprehended the consignment landed at airport and recovered a total of 85 high end drones of DJI Mavic, DJI Phantom and MI brands. Officers have also seized, 27 DJI Mavic Air Fly More Kit and 34 DJI Ronin S Handheld Gimbal Stabilizer for DSLR and Mirrorless camera, used in film shootings, were also recovered and seized being smuggled items.

## DRI nabs drone consignment from Ahmedabad

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AHMEDABAD: Directorate of revenue intelligence (DRI) on Sunday seized China-made drones from Paldi and Vasna shops after an input. The drones — prohibited by the city police — were declared as camera tripod, household goods and electronic items at city airport's cargo warehouse.

A team followed the receiver of the cargo and nabbed the person from Paldi with 85 drones along with DSLR kits used with the quad copters.

The drones were coming from Imphal, said team members, adding that the use of drones are banned by multiple agencies in India. Still, groups use it for photography, they said.

In another case by DRI, a container at Inland Container Depot (ICD) at Sachin near Surat was checked for contents in which the officials found 54 bags in which footwear, wrist watches, cosmetics, purses, bags, lingerie, clothes, etc. were stuffed. The cargo was reported to have furniture for inland haulage.

“It has been established that the cargo had reached to Mumbai and it was then taken to Sachin. Further probe is on to ascertain from where it was imported and who was the end receiver. The accused have been booked under provisions of customs act,” said an official.