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DRI seizes 7 kg gold, Rs 39 lakh cash in WB

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The DRI has seized seven kilogram of gold and Rs 39 lakh cash in West Bengal in two separate cases.

In the first case, the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) on Wednesday intercepted a person, travelling in a Maruti WagonR, from Jaigon on the India-Bhutan border to Siliguri, and seized two kg of foreign origin gold, an official statement issued today said.

On immediate follow up at the residence of the suspected recipient at Siliguri, cash amounting to Rs 39.83 lakh was recovered, it said.

The gold and cash was seized and both the persons arrested, the statement said.

In a separate operation at Kolkata, the DRI officials intercepted two persons near the Durganagar railway station on Wednesday.

The duo had flown in from Chennai to Kolkata on the same day and were to receive smuggled gold, which they were to take back with them to Chennai by flight.

Sleuths of the DRI nabbed the two persons with five kg of gold valued at Rs 1.55 crore, it said.

The gold in the form of one solid gold bar and three gold chains was found concealed inside the metal rods of a sports scooter cycle being carried by them, the statement said.

The duo were arrested.

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Four arrested for gold smuggling in Bengal

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About 7 kg of gold including 2 kg of foreign-origin yellow metal was seized and four persons arrested from West Bengal in two different operations conducted by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, an official said on Friday.

"Acting on a tip-off, one person coming in a car from Jaigon at the India-Bhutan border to Siliguri was arrested and 2 kg of foreign-origin gold was seized from him," a Directorate of Revenue Intelligence official said.

On immediate follow up at the residence of the suspected recipient at Siliguri, huge cash amounting to nearly Rs 40 lakh was recovered and the recipient of gold was also arrested, the official said.

In another operation, two persons, Dubeal and K. Thikka Khan, were arrested near Kolkata airport and 5 kg gold valued at Rs 1.55 crore was recovered from them, the official said.

"The gold in the form of one solid bar and three chains were found concealed inside the metal rods of a sports scooter cycle," a DRI statement added.

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