

# Gold consignment halted at airport, tax evasion suspected

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Hyderabad: Suspecting a case of tax evasion, Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) officials on Monday are said to have withheld a huge gold consignment in the cargo wing of Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA). Though senior DRI officials were inaccessible, sources in RGIA said that the gold was withheld and that investigation is underway since it reportedly belongs to a jewellery merchant. In the past too, officials seized gold at the cargo for tax evasion.

Meanwhile in an another case, customs officials seized 574 gm of gold from an international passenger upon his arrival from Abu Dhabi.

The gold was hidden by the passenger in different articles such as a juicer, bluetooth speaker, watch and others. The gold was coated with a silver colour to misguide officials. The value of the gold seized was ascertained at Rs 19.63 lakh.

In a similar incident, Air Intelligence Unit (AIU) booked a case against a Sudan national when she tried to smuggle gold while entering at RGIA by concealing it in her undergarments. 193 gm of gold worth Rs 6.58 lakh was seized. The passenger had come from Dubai via Kuwait before she arrived in Hyderabad. The gold was in biscuit form and officials seized five pieces. TNN