

Foreign currencies worth Rs 40L seized at Trichy airport

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Trichy: Authorities from the directorate revenue intelligence (DRI) secured three people and seized Rs 40 lakh worth of foreign currencies from them at the Trichy international airport. According to airport authorities, a team of officials from the DRI intercepted the three passengers at the terminal when they were about to board a Sharjah-bound Air Indian Express flight on Saturday morning.

Subsequently, the team seized US dollars and Saudi riyals valued at Rs 40 lakh. The passengers were identified as Afraf Ali, 33, Prem Nazir, 33, Trichy and Mohammed Rizwan, 28, from Chennai.

With this, officials have so far recovered over Rs 1.08 crore worth foreign currency notes in the last five months, sources said.

It may be recalled that the customs seized assorted foreign currency of 45,000 Saudi riyals valued at Rs 8.44 lakh from Naseer Khan, a native of Chennai on June 27.

The customs department also seized 20,000 US dollars equivalent to Rs 13.41 lakh from Dhanapal of Pudukottai on June 5.

They also recovered foreign currency valued at Rs 28.02 lakh and Indian currency of Rs 2,000 denomination valued at Rs 4.70 lakh, totalling Rs 32.72 lakh from Jaynulabudeen, 27, of Trichy on April 23.

Foreign currency notes Rs 13.84 lakh worth foreign as well as Indian currency notes were seized from two passengers at Trichy airport on March 2.