

यूएई से समुद्री रास्ते के जरिए मुंबई लाया गया 19 किलो सोना, डीआरआई ने किया जब्त

डीआरआई ने 19 किलो वजन के 163 सोने के बार बरामद किए हैं. जिनकी कीमत 5 करोड़ रुपए से ज्यादा है.

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मुंबई: महाराष्ट्र में डीआरआई (डायरेक्टोरेट ऑफ रिवेन्यू इंटेलीजेंस) की टीम के हाथों बड़ी सफलता आई है. दरअसल डीआरआई ने मुंबई के नावा सेवा पोर्ट से 19 किलो सोना बरामद किया है. यह सोना स्मगल कर के समुद्री रास्ते के जरिए यूएई से मुंबई लाया गया था. बरामद किए गए सोने की कीमत करीब साढ़े 5 करोड़ रुपए बताई जा रही है.

डीआरआई के मुताबिक सोने को लोहे की पाइप में डालकर लाया गया है. जिस कंटेनर में इस सोने की स्मगलिंग की गई है उस कंटेनर को स्क्रेप से भरा हुआ कंटेनर घोषित किया गया था. जिसे शौर्य एक्विजिशन नामक कंपनी ने इंपोर्ट किया है. सोना बरामद होने के बाद कंपनी के मालिक राजेश भानुशाली को भी गिरफ्तार कर लिया गया है.

Maharashtra: Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) examined 5 containers stationed at M/s Hind Terminal CFS, Nhava Sheva, Raigad on 3 April. 163 gold bars weighing 19 kg, valued at Rs 5.54 Crore were seized. Importer has been arrested. The consignment had arrived from the UAE pic.twitter.com/onZQ3rvmiK

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गौरतलब है कि डीआरआई ने 3 अप्रैल को हिंद टर्मिनल सीएफएस, नावा सेवा, रायगढ़ में 5 कंटेनरों की जांच की. इस जांच में डीआरआई को 19 किलो वजन के 163 सोने के बार मिले. जिनकी कीमत 5 करोड़ रुपए से ज्यादा थी.

19 kg gold biscuits seized at Nhava Sheva, importer arrested



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The gold is of 24 KT 999 purity.

The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) has seized 19 kg gold from Nhava Sheva port in Uran in Raigad district and arrested a Vashi-based importer.

As many as 163 gold bars worth ₹5.5 crore were seized from five containers on Wednesday and Thursday. The gold biscuits were being carried under the cover of heavy melting scrap, kept inside heavy iron pipes screwed shut on both ends. Some biscuits were wrapped in black insulation tape, while some were unwrapped.

The DRI had received information about the gold being smuggled from Dubai to M/s Hind Terminal CFS, Nhava Sheva, on Wednesday. It seized one container with 7 kg gold the same day, and four more with the remaining 12 kg gold on Thursday.

The DRI has arrested Ghatkopar resident Rajesh Bhanushali, who had imported the consignment in the name of M/s Shourya Exim in Vashi by declaring it to be heavy melting scrap. According to DRI officers, a few more people involved in the racket are yet to be apprehended.

Mr. Bhanushali is suspected to have been running the racket for the last two years. The gold bars were all of 24 KT 999 purity, each weighing 10 *tolas*.

This is the second such seizure by the DRI in a week. On March 29, it had seized 110 kg gold from Dongri.

Gold bars worth Rs 5.5 crore seized from JNPT, one held

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The gold was smuggled to India from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in three scrap metal pipes.(File Photo)

The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) busted a gold smuggling racket on Thursday and seized 163 gold bars, weighing 19-kg, worth Rs 5.54 crore at the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) in Navi Mumbai.

The gold was smuggled to India from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in three scrap metal pipes. On Friday, DRI officers arrested the proprietor of an import company for allegedly smuggling the yellow metal into the country.

Senior DRI officers said that they had received specific information on the five suspected containers, based on which they seized the smuggled gold at JNPT. On searching the metal pipes, the officers found gold bars concealed in black tapes.

“It was quite challenging for the DRI to seize the smuggled gold bars, as they were concealed inside the pipes. But we succeeded in finding the bars,” said a DRI Mumbai unit officer.

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“We may arrest more people in the case in the coming days,” said another DRI officer.

This is the second major gold smuggling racket in two weeks. Last week the DRI had busted another smuggling racket and had seized 116kg of gold worth around Rs 32 crore and cash worth over Rs 1 crore. The gold was being smuggled from Dubai. Officers had arrested 11 people, including the mastermind, Kerala native Nisar Aliyar, who is based in Dubai.

Gold worth Rs 5.54 crore seized by DRI

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The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) said that it has seized 19 kg of smuggled gold worth Rs 5.54 crore. Acting on a tipoff, DRI officials intercepted five containers carrying metal scrap at Hind Terminal container freight station outside the country's largest container port, JNPT.

During the search, DRI officials found one of the pipes unusually heavy, with its one end closed and the other plugged with nuts and bolts, it said.

When it was opened, 18 bundles wrapped with black insulation tape were found. Packed inside were 163 bars of ten tolas each of 24KT gold, with a purity of 0.999. Last week, the DRI had claimed to have busted a massive smuggling racket with a seizure of 106.9 kg of gold and arrest of seven persons in Mumbai.