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Kerala: Gold worth 18.23 lakh seized at Karipur airport

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KOZHIKODE: In yet another case of gold seizure at the Karipur airport, 591 grams of gold worth Rs 18.23 lakh was seized from two passengers.

Officials of Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) and Air Customs Intelligence in a joint operation foiled a bid by Kasaragod native Abdul Harris to smuggle 314 grams of gold in the form of gold foil which was used as chocolate wrappings.

A gold coin was also seized from his custody. He had arrived in Air India Express flight IX 346 from Dubai late Monday night. Customs officials estimated the value of the contraband at 9.68 lakh.

In another seizure, Air Customs officials seized 277 grams of gold from Shamseer hailing from Bekkal in Kasaraod. Gold foil was recovered in the wrappings of chocolates, chewing gums and toffees. The seized gold is valued at Rs 8.55 lakh.