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DRI seizes gold from two foreigners in Hyderabad airport

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Sleuths of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence on Thursday recovered 14 kg of smuggled gold at the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport here. The gold was allegedly concealed in hollow pipes under the seats of the Air India aircraft that came from Dubai.

In a statement, the DRI's **Hyderabad** Zonal Unit said the pipes containing tightly wrapped gold strips were concealed under seats 31 A and 32 A on Air India flight AI 952 which landed from Dubai. The DRI said two passengers, who were the two suspects foreign nationals, were suspects. While one is from South Korea and the other, admitted to bringing the gold.

Police unwrapped the black adhesive tape in which the gold strips were concealed and found 112 bars of 24 karat gold of 99.5%. The DRI valued the gold at ₹5.46 lakh. Both passengers admitted to bringing in the gold and were unable to produce documents.