

**BRAVERY AWARD  
TO  
SHRI T S NAJIMUDHEEN**

Shri Najimudheen T S alias Najeeb is a part time casual labourer/contract staff with DRI Cochin since 1998. During all these years, he has contributed to the success of numerous anti-smuggling operations alongwith his primary responsibilities.

On 12th January, 2015, Shri Najeeb was part of a team involved in an operation against Red Sanders smugglers. During the operation, the officers of DRI were attacked by the smugglers and Shri Najeeb suffered serious injuries.

In another instance, on 6th September, 2020, the officers of DRI received specific intelligence that the handing over of smuggled gold would occur at the Calicut International Airport. Acting on the intelligence, one senior intelligence officer along with Sh. Najeeb, who were on a motorcycle, kept surveillance and followed the suspects. The suspect sitting in the car, on being approached by the officers, did not stop his vehicle and tried escaping. He rammed into the motorcycle and dragged the officials to about 20 metres. Though the officer and Shri Najeeb were badly injured, the operation led to the seizure of smuggled gold and arrest of the offenders. This incident is a testament to Najeeb's dedication and unwavering commitment to his job.

This incident was acknowledged by the Ministry of Finance through their official twitter handle as the Chairman, CBIC and Pr. DG, DRI.

The exemplary bravery and dedication without fear of life shown by Shri Najeeb makes him a worthy recipient of this Bravery Award.