

Tamil Nadu: Trichy man arrested for possessing 35 kg of banned tobacco products

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TRICHY: Trichy city police on Friday arrested a man and seized 35 kilograms of banned tobacco products from him.

The contraband was confiscated during a vehicle check near Bharathi Nagar junction by the sub-inspector of police Sivasubramanian of government hospital police station on Friday afternoon.

The accused has been identified as K Dharmalingam from Muthrasanallur.

The police seized six varieties of tobacco products from the man.

Total weight of the contraband was 35.088 kilograms. A single product accounted for 17.4 kilograms of the total weight and another product weighed 9.9 kilograms.

Sub-inspector Sivasubramanian said on Saturday that preliminary inquiries with Dharmalingam revealed that he used to supply the contraband to shops in a few parts of the city. The accused said that he purchased it from Bengaluru, Karnataka.

Dharmalingam travelled by bus to Bengaluru and returned to Trichy by train.

Police estimated the value of the seized contraband to be Rs 31,314.

He was booked under IPC and Cigarettes and other Tobacco products Act (COTPA). After being produced in the court, he was remanded in judicial custody.

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