

DRI seizes cigarettes, garments worth ₹77L

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Jaipur: Following intense surveillance, the department of revenue intelligence (DRI) on Sunday seized foreign made cigarettes worth Rs 67 lakh which were smuggled into Jaipur. Sleuths of DRI have also seized smuggled ready-made garments worth Rs 10 lakh. Two persons dealing with the smuggled cigarettes and garments have been arrested by the team of DRI. The total evasion of customs duty is Rs 77 lakh.

Senior officers of DRI, Jaipur, who were part of surveillance and seizure, stated that they got a specific input that a truck from Guwahati was coming to Jaipur with cigarettes. "We have been keeping a close eye on the development and since Friday were waiting for the arrival of the truck. Finally, the truck arrived and gave delivery of the cigarettes. Thus our team raided a godown situated at Sanganer area in the outskirts of the city," said a senior officer of DRI.

A large number of sleuths from DRI raided the godown. "We have seized 3.55 lakh sticks of cigarettes worth Rs 67 lakh. These cigarettes are illegally imported to India. Thus they did not carry the warning depicting the ill-effects of smoking," the officer.

Sleuths have also arrested two persons identified as Nitesh Jain and Ashish Gupta. "We have registered a case under appropria-



The illegally imported cigarettes seized by the directorate of revenue intelligence on Sunday

te sections of Customs Act and also Copta Act. Copta Act deals with fines and punishment for those who are selling tobacco products without statutory warning," the officer added.

During the raid, it was also found that the smuggled cigarettes used to enter Jaipur via trucks and even through courier service.

"As the go down was raided we have also seized 4,500 smuggled ready-made garments worth Rs 10 lakh," the officer added.

Both the arrested accused would be produced in a local court on Monday.