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## Goods worth Rs 1.25 crore seized: seven lakh pieces of smuggled cigarettes seized in Gorakhpur, two arrested

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a cigarette seized. - photo: amar ujala.

A team of the directorate of revenue intelligence (DRI) in Gorakhpur district arrested Mohammad Irfan and Mohammad Javed of Rampur on Monday for smuggling foreign cigarettes from Sahajanwan area. the cigarette was being loaded in a truck and taken to new Delhi. seven lakh pieces of cigarettes have been seized under the customs act. the price of cigarettes is said to be 1.5 crore rupees in the international market.

According to information, the cigarette was brought to India via Myanmar, then Kohima was loaded in a truck from Nagaland and sent to new Delhi. to avoid the DRI, the smugglers loaded old tyres in the upper part of the truck and placed a consignment of cigarettes under it, but the trickery did not work.

Hariram rai, additional assistant director, DRI, bd mishra, intelligence officer and head havildar cp Tiwari received information about the smuggling of cigarettes. on this basis, the team camped in Sahajanwan. as per the information, the truck with Uttarakhand number was stopped. when the investigation was carried out with the help of police, a large number of smuggled cigarettes were recovered from the truck.

A case has been registered by DRI Gorakhpur in the case. the arrested truck drivers Mohammad Irfan and Mohammad Javed will be produced before the DRI court in Varanasi soon. according to sources, the truck is said to be from Rizwan in Rampur. the team of revenue intelligence is investigating. the interrogation of the arrested truck drivers is on. efforts are being made to reach the last phase of cigarette smuggling. more arrests - are possible soon in the case.

The demand for cigarettes seized from Sahajanwan is high in Delhi as well as in Haryana Punjab. cigarettes are widely used in pubs and restaurants. cigarettes per piece are quite expensive. now the DRI team is collecting the details of the pub and restaurant operators who order smuggled cigarettes. the operators will also be cracked down. the information of the entire matter has been sent to the DRI headquarters.

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