

Assam: STF seizes 22,000 boxes of foreign cigarettes in Kamrup, one arrested



Assam Police Special Task Force (STF) team led by Additional SP (STF) Kalyan Kumar Pathak seized 22,000 boxes of foreign cigarettes in the Amingaon area of Kamrup district, an official said. The seizure was made on Wednesday, July 31, and one person was arrested while three others were detained in connection with the incident.

Pranab Jyoti Goswami, the Chief Public Relations Officer (CPRO) of Assam Police, detailed the operation. Acting on intelligence input, the STF learned that foreign cigarettes, violating the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA) and tax norms, were to be transported from Silchar to Raipur, Chhattisgarh, in a truck bearing registration number HR-38Z-8530. The truck was intercepted in the Amingaon area.

"Upon searching the truck, we discovered 11 large cartons of foreign cigarettes concealed under furniture consignments. A total of 22,000 cigarette boxes, amounting to 4,40,000 individual cigarettes, were seized. The driver, Parashu Baishya, was apprehended," said Goswami.