



Two Gold Smuggling Attempts Foiled at Ahmedabad Airport; Gold Worth Over ₹1.3 Crore Seized

Customs officials have foiled two separate gold smuggling attempts at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International (SVPI) Airport, seizing gold worth over Rs 1.3 crore from passengers arriving from Abu Dhabi and Dubai.

In the first case, the Air Intelligence Unit (AIU) of Ahmedabad Customs intercepted nine passengers and a tour operator after they arrived from Abu Dhabi on Tuesday based on specific intelligence.

Officials said the passengers were carrying 24-carat gold chains, pendants and beads weighing a total of 770.3 grams, valued at around Rs 1.1 crore, without declaring the jewellery or paying the applicable customs duty.

During questioning, the passengers told officials they had paid around Rs 35,000-40,000 for the Abu Dhabi tour package. The tour operator allegedly offered them a Rs 10,000 discount or refund if they agreed to wear and bring the gold back to India, assuring them they would face no problems.

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