

Customs officials seize smuggled cigarettes worth Rs 55 lakh

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SURAT: Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) and Customs officials seized imported cigarettes to the tune of Rs55 lakh at Surat railway station on Thursday.

DRI and Customs officials had received information about the smuggled cigarettes that had been brought into the city in Howrah-Ahmedabad Express train. The consignment of the cigarettes was kept in the coach reserved for angadia parcels. The officials checked the entire train under the supervision of Customs superintendent Ghanshyam Soni. The cigarettes were brought to the Diamond City in boxes and were to be supplied to Asif Shaikh, official sources said.

An officer said, “We have seized the consignment of smuggled cigarettes. We could not find the person who brought the consignment. However, it was found that the consignment was to be delivered to Asif Shaikh in Surat. Investigations are on to find out the real owner of the consignment.”