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CUSTOM HOUSE, PORT AREA, VISAKHAPATNAM**

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**PRESS NOTE**

On the basis of information received by officers of Air Intelligence Unit at Visakhapatnam International Airport, one Indian National by name Mr.Palli Srinuvasa Rao , who arrived from Kuala Lumpur to Visakhapatnam by Air Asia flight AK83 was intercepted at the Customs Exit while passing through Green Channel on 01.03.2018. On enquiry, he stated that he was not carrying any dutiable goods on person/ or in his baggage. Not satisfied with his replies, the passenger and his baggage were examined thoroughly. It was noticed that two gold strips were fastened to the metallic frame inside the suitcase and the passenger was in possession of gold bracelet weighing 21.50 grams. The weight of the two gold strips and one bracelet was found to be of 376.50 gms totally valued at Rs.11,67,800/- Further investigation is under progress.

In another incident, One passenger namely Sri Manthadathil Abdurahiman arrived from Kuala Lumpur to Visakhapatnam by Air Asia airlines flight AK 083 on 20.02.2018. The passenger was intercepted at the Customs Exit gate while passing through the Green Channel. On enquiry, he stated that he was not carrying any dutiable goods on person/ or in his baggage. Not satisfied with his replies, Baggage of the passenger was checked thoroughly. During the examination of his baggage one LED Rechargeable Emergency light was found to be suspicious. The LED Rechargeable Emergency light was scanned and systematically dismantled and found that two gold pieces concealed in cavities of one of the batteries of the Rechargeable light. The two gold pieces of gold total weighing 250 gms valued Rs 7, 75,000/ (Market Value) were confiscated as the passenger who tried to smuggle the gold into the country by concealing the same in the Rechargeable Emergency light.

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Commissioner of Customs