

**PANCHANAMA DATED 28.01.2020 drawn in the Arrival Hall of Terminal 2 at**

**Sardar Vallabhbai Patel International Air Port, Ahmedabad**

Sr. No.	Name & Address of the Panchas	Age	Occupation
1	Mr.Miten Rajendrabhai Pandya, S/o Rajendrabhai Kantilal Pandya 26 Payal Parhe society, Next to Star bazaar, Satellite, Ahmedabad (AEP AMD0122826)	29 years	Service
2	Mr. Nadim Ahmed Hanifsab Rathod, S/o Hanifsab A Rathod Mala Appartment, Sardarnagar, Airport circle, Ahmedabad (AEP AMD0114564)	24Years	Service

We the above named Panchas on being called upon by Jyothimon Dethan, Superintendent, Air Intelligence Unit, Customs, at Sardar Vallabhbai Patel International (SVPI) Airport, Ahmedabad present ourselves on 28.01.2020 at 00:05 hours at Arrival Hall of Terminal 2 of SVPI Airport, Ahmedabad to witness the personal search and examination of the baggage of a passenger in the Arrival Hall near the baggage screening machine located near the green channel of the Arrival Hall of Terminal T2, SVPI Airport Ahmedabad. The officer informs us that on the profiling, a passenger namely Mr. Nirav Mukesh Pithawa, arriving at Ahmedabad Airport from Dubai by Spicejet Flight No. SG 16 is required to be frisked and his baggages are required to be scanned. We the aforesaid panchas therefore give our consent to remain present as witness in the said proceedings. Now, the Customs Officer introduces us to other officer present as Ms. Linsa Ashok, Inspector of Customs, Shri I.D. Solanki and Shri . Ketan Mandaliya, both Superintendent of Customs, Air Intelligence Unit, SVPI Airport Ahmedabad and Shri S.M. Makwana, Driver of Customs AIU, Ahmedabad. The AIU officers intercept said passenger 00:10 hrs., after he tried to clear from the green channel. The passenger introduced himself as Mr.Nirav Mukesh Pithawa, (hereinafter referred to as 'the passenger'), aged 22 years [ holding Indian passport having No N4539568].

In the presence of we the panchas, the AIU Officer asks the passenger if he is having anything declarable to the Customs, in reply to which he denies. In presence of we the panchas, the Customs Officer scans the one check in bag and one hand bag but nothing objectionable is found.

Now, we the panchas alongwith the AIU officers and the said passenger came near the Door Frame Metal Detector (DFMD) Machine installed near the green channel in the Arrival hall of Terminal 2 building located opposite belt No. 4 of the arrival hall. Here, all the AIU officers offer their personal search to the passenger but the passenger denies saying that he is having full trust on the AIU officers. Now, the AIU officer asks the passenger whether he wants to be checked before Superintendent of Customs or Magistrate, in reply to which the passenger gives his consent to be searched in front of the Superintendent of Customs.

Now in presence of we the panchas, the AIU officer asks the passenger to walk through the Door Frame Metal Detector (DFMD) machine; prior to passing through the said DFMD, the passenger is asked, in our presence, to remove all the metallic objects he is wearing on his body. The passenger readily removes his belt, wallet, mobile, and a one golden coloured Kadda and a golden coloured chain hidden under his white jacket and keeps them in a plastic tray and thereafter passes through the DFMD machine. On

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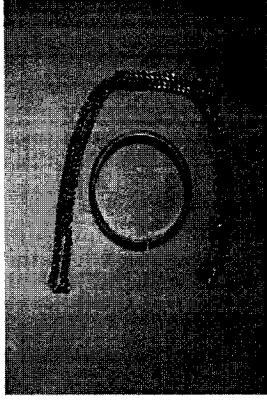
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his passing through the DFMD, no beep sound is generated from the DFMD machine. The AIU officer then passes the plastic tray containing the said Kadda and Kaddiwali chain through the X-Ray scanning machine. The passenger's Kadda and Kaddiwali chain and remaining articles are now scanned in the X-ray machine to which a dark Black coloured image with Yellow outline appears. The Officer asks whether the Kadda and chain are made of 24 Carat Gold, to which the passenger confess that the said Kadda and Kaddi wali chain are in Raw form and made out from Gold Biscuit. Thereafter, the said passenger, alongwith we the panchas is taken to the AIU office located opposite belt no. 5 of the arrival hall of Terminal 2 building, SVPI Airport. The passengers two checked in suitcases and one hand baggage are also passed through the X-Ray scanning machine, but nothing adverse is observed. Now, the Custom officer takes a photograph of the Kadda and chain, which is as under:




Thereafter, the Customs officer calls the Government Approved Valuer Shri Kartikey Soni, and informs him that a Kadda and chain have been recovered from one passenger and that it seems to be 24 Carat Gold and hence, he needs to come to the Airport for testing and Valuation of the said material.

After some time, i.e. at 02:10 Hrs. a person arrives at the office of the Air Intelligence Unit, whom the Customs Officer introduces to us panchas as well as to the passenger as Shri Kartikey Soni, Government Approved Valuer; thereafter, Shri Kartikey Soni informs us as well as to the passenger that he has brought testing kit.

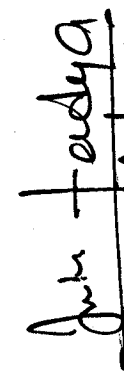
Thereafter, in our presence as well as in presence of the passenger, Shri Kartikey Soni tests the said One Kadda and One Kaddiwali Chain and confirms that the same are made up of pure gold. Shri Kartikey Soni prepares the valuation report for the same as detailed in **Annexure-A** to this panchnama, wherein it is certified that said items mentioned above are made up of 24 Carat gold of purity 999.

Further, Customs officer shows us the above valuation report Annexure-A which shows that One Kadda and One Kaddiwali Chain, having purity of 999.0 recovered from the passenger Mr. Nirav Mukesh Pithawa are totally **weighing 186.070 Grams , Tariff valued at Rs. 6,62,595/- [Tariff Value] (Rupees Six Lakh sixty two thousand thousand five hundred and ninety five Only) and Market Valued at Rs. 7,80,192/- [Market Value]] (Rupees Seven Lakh eighty thousand one hundred and ninety two only) .** The Customs Officer also informs us that the above value has been taken as per

Before me,  
  
(Jyothimon Dethan)  
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Notification No. 04/2020-Customs (N.T.) dated 15.01.2020 (gold) and Notification No. 05/2020- Customs (N. T.) dated 16.01.2020 (exchange rate).

Testing and the valuation is done by Shri Kartikey Soni in a perfect manner as per the latest device in presence of we the panchas and the passenger are also satisfied and agreed with the testing and valuation report given by Shri Kartikey Soni. Therefore, we independent Panchas, the passenger and Shri Kartikey Soni put our dated signature on the said valuation report.


The travelling documents produced by the said passenger are as under:-

- i) Boarding Pass, in original, Seat No.7 B; from Dubai to Ahmedabad of Spice Jet flight No. SG 16 dated 27.01.2020,
- ii) PNR No. S19T7R and Checked in Luggage tag in original of Spice Jet flight No. SG 086 in the name of Mr. Nirav Mukesh Pithawa.
- iii) Photocopy of stamped pages of Indian Passport No. N4539568 issued from Regional Passport Office, Ahmedabad on 29.10.2015 and valid up to 28.10.2025;
- iv) Copy of Manifest of Spice Jet Flight No. SG 16 dated 27.01.2020 wherein the name of Mr. Nirav Mukesh Pithawa, fall at Sequence No. 173.
- v) Copy of ticket of Mr. Nirav Mukesh Pithawa Ahmedabad to Dubai on 27.1.2020 of Spice Jet SG16.

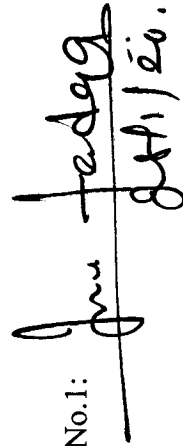
We the panchas as well as the passenger put our dated signatures on copies of all the above mentioned travelling documents and above passenger manifest as a token of seeing the same.

Now, the AIU Officers inform we the panchas as well as the passenger that the above mentioned 24 kt. Gold rings and chain weighing totally **weighing 186.070 Grams , Tariff valued at Rs. 6,62,595/- [Tariff Value] (Rupees Six lakh sixty two thousand five hundred and ninety five Only) and Market Valued at Rs. 7,80,192/- [Market Value] (Rupees Seven lakh eighty thousand one hundred and ninety two only)** recovered from the said passenger was attempted to be smuggled inside India with an intent to evade payment of Customs duty, which is clear violation of the provisions of Customs Act, 1962. Thus, the AIU officers informs that they have a reasonable belief that the said gold which was attempted to be smuggled in form of Raw Gold by way of concealment in his body of the passenger, Mr. Nirav Mukesh Pithawa, is liable for confiscation as per the provisions of Customs Act, 1962; and hence, the same is being placed under seizure.

The officers, then, in presence of we the panchas and the said passenger, place the said Kadda and Kaddawali Chain inside a transparent plastic box and after placing the packing list (Annexure-B) on the same, tied it with white colour thread and sealed

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with Customs lac seal. We, the above mentioned two panchas, the AIU officer as well as the passenger have put our dated signature on the packing list (Annexure B) and seal the transparent plastic box containing said Gold and packing material, in our presence and in the presence of the passenger.

Nothing else is seized or taken over except what has been mentioned above in the panchnama and the other items were returned to the passenger. No threat, coercion or inducement is made during the entire proceedings. No religious sentiments of the passenger are hurt during the course of panchnama. The panchnama has been recorded on a computer installed in the office of the Air Intelligence Unit at SVPI Airport, Ahmedabad. The panchnama which is recorded is true and correct version of search proceedings. The panchnama is read/read over and explained in detail in local language to the passenger and we panchas. After understanding the same, we both the panchas as well as the passenger put our dated signature on it as a token of it being true version of the proceedings. The Panchanama concludes in a peaceful manner at 03:30 Hrs. on 28.01.2020.

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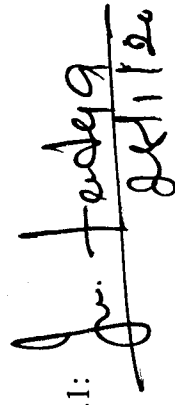
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