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Burmese supari loaded train coaches seized



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The Government Railway Police (GRP) detained two compartments of a Silchar bound train at Jamira Railway station, Hailakandi on Wednesday.

On suspicion of the compartments having loaded with Burmese Supari (Betel Nut), the GRP intercepted the train. The train was coming from Bhairabi, Mizoram to Silchar, Assam.

Burmese Supari being smuggled, elsewhere in the country from the North East has not been a new issue. It has always troubled civil society from time to time, hitting the headlines. Burmese Supari is also transported to the Indian cities through the North East and due to geographical influence, Hailakandi has always been a connecting route, for the Burmese Supari to be smuggled as it shares its border with Mizoram, the Burmese hub.

Though the Assam Police have managed to arrest the kingpin of the Burmese syndicate of Hailakandi from time to time today's seizure is evident that some more are loose.

The superintendent of Police, Hailakandi, Gaurav Upadhyay has confirmed the development to the Assam Times having said that a team of GRP Silchar has arrived at the location to investigate.

"Two rail compartments full of suspected Burmese Nut have been seized at Jamira Railway station of Hailakandi. The compartments were brought attached to the Bhairabi Silchar passenger train. We received a tip, off on which our force responded promptly and initiated the investigation," said Hailakandi SP Gaurav Upadhyay.

The amount of seized smuggled Supari has not been ascertained by the police yet, but local sources claimed the two compartments to contain Supari of around 2 crores.

The Silchar bound train was allowed to depart after the detachment of the two compartments.



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