

SEIZURE V

On information, the officers of Customs Divisional Preventive Unit, Tuticorin, while patrolling the seashore near Tuticorin at 22.00 hours on 21.08.2017, noticed one person trying to load a parcel in a Vallam (small boat), waiting on the seashore. The said person on seeing the officers, left one bag in the seashore and boarded the Vallam alongwith another person. Immediately thereafter, the Vallam carrying both the persons proceeded swiftly into the sea and disappeared into darkness, ignoring the signals of the Customs officers trying to stop the Vallam by opening (five rounds) fire.



Later, the bag was opened by the officers and found to contain 48 packets, each wrapped in polythene cellotape, containing paste type sticky material suspected to be Narcotic Drug. The above persons were attempting to smuggle the said contraband weighing 24.16 kgs. to Srilanka. Hence, the officers seized the same for further action. The test report revealed the said items positive for "hashish" approximately valued at Rs.20 lakhs. The auto driver Sri Ramesh who transported the contraband is taken into custody and action is initiated to apprehend Sri Dastagir who had arranged the consignment. Further investigation is under progress to ascertain the persons involved in this case. The photo displayed above shows the team of officers who participated in the case alongwith the drugs seized.