

## Operation Nepal Gold: Synopsis

The investigative news series titled Operation Nepal Gold exposing the smuggling of gold into India from Nepal with the help of visuals, has been the first of its kind in Malayalam television. The gold smuggling takes place by capitalizing on the porous border between India and Nepal and the lenient check posts between the two countries. We too travelled along the dangerous routes through which gold is smuggled into the country by evading all kinds of taxes. We started our investigation by going to Kathmandu on the basis of the information that Malayalis were the kingpins of the gold mafia. We travelled from Tribhuvan International Airport at Kathmandu to different places along with the gold carriers to collect information and secret visuals of the illegal trade. We gathered information by meeting some carriers in Nepal jails. They were incarcerated after having been betrayed by the smuggler gangs. We could also tell the world the pathetic condition of the Malayali inmates cooling their heels in Nepal jails in minus degree temperatures. According to the World Gold Council, 95,000 kg gold was smuggled into India last year. It means the country lost tax revenue to the tune of Rs. 3,325 crore. GST worth crores of rupees too was being lost this way.