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Dear *Colleagues,*

I am happy to inform that Hon'ble Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman was the Chief Guest at Passing out Parade of 69th Batch of IRS (C&CE) officers held this morning at NACIN, Faridabad. I take this opportunity to congratulate Ms. Mishal Queenie D'Costa who received the Finance Minister's Gold Medal for the best overall performance among officer trainees.

Earlier this week, Hon'ble Finance Minister in presence of Minister of State, Finance and Corporate Affairs Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, Secretary (Revenue) and other senior officials of CBIC had unveiled two new IT initiatives – ICEDASH and ATITHI – for improved monitoring and pace of Customs clearance of imported goods and facilitating arriving international passengers by electronic filing of Customs baggage and currency declarations. She lauded the measures taken by CBIC to leverage technology for providing better taxpayer services. She was particularly appreciative of the work being done in the Network Operation Centre and Security Operation Centre. I urge you all to use ICEDASH for better monitoring of Customs clearance and give wide publicity to ATITHI at airports.

It gives me immense pleasure to inform that competent authority has approved the Customs enclave project at Wadala, Mumbai for the construction of one office tower with 322917 sq.ft. of carpet area and 769 number of residential quarters from type 2 to type 8 for the CBIC Officers at the cost of Rs. 975 crores on 46 acres of land. Customs Wadala Project would be the biggest ever Infrastructure Project to be undertaken in the history of CBIC. I sincerely hope that once the project is completed, it would mitigate the shortage of office space and residential units for the CBIC's officers in Mumbai to a great extent. I congratulate Pr. Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai-I and the entire team of DGHRD for the stupendous efforts put in this regard.

I am also pleased to inform that the Document Identification Number (DIN) system of CBIC has come into existence today. From now onwards, specified CBIC communication to taxpayers will have to have a document identification number. This step is to further the Government's objectives of bringing transparency and accountability in the indirect tax administration through widespread use of information technology.

With *warm regards,*

Yours *Sincerely,*
(Pranab K. Das)

To,

All Officers and Staff of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs.