



# CBIC NEWSLETTER

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## From the Desk of the Director General, DGTS, CBIC

The growth-oriented Budget by the Hon'ble Finance Minister for the year 2021-22 has provided a strong stimulus to our abilities and the revenue growth.

It is well noted that the GST revenues during January 2021 are the highest since its introduction and a steep increasing trend over a stretch of last four months are clear indicators of rapid economic recovery post pandemic.

The MoU signed between MCA and CBIC for exchange of data was a significant step, to utilise state of the art technology and data for enhancing ease of doing business in India, a step towards government's vision of maximum governance, minimum government.

As we all know, guarding the economic and physical borders is a strenuous job. The customs department on February 2020, inaugurated its first center to train dog squads on detection of narcotics, explosives, counterfeit currency and other contraband items at the Attari border in Amritsar. It is a pride to celebrate its first anniversary with the release of its website and newsletter 'Mudhol'.

This edition also covers, CBIC's latest initiatives which echoes its mission of formulating progressive tax processes, combating tax evasions and innovative use of technology, with the proactive approach to resolve the issues of the exporters in getting their IGST refunds, the nationwide drive against fake GST invoice frauds that yielded record GST collections, and the 24x7 real time monitoring of CBIC data centre and ICEGATE operations.

I welcome our new CBIC Board Members, Shri Om Prakash Dadhich, IRS (1986) and Shri Sandeep Kumar, IRS (1987) on behalf of DGTS and look forward to an enriching guidance and experience.

In conclusion, as the spring season sets the leitmotif, I hope you will find this issue captivating your interest.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "B.V. Siva Naga Kumari".

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DG, DGTS

# **CBIC KEY INITIATIVES**



# CBIC CHAIRMAN DECODES BUDGET 2021

1<sup>st</sup> February, 2021

CBIC Chairman, Shri M. Ajit Kumar decoded the Indirect tax budget proposals of Budget 2021 while in discussions with various media houses, DD News, Times Now, ET Now, CNBC TV18, and AIR FM Gold. CBDT Chairman, Shri P. C. Mody was also present during the discussion.

The CBIC Chairman, Shri M. Ajit Kumar said that we had to ensure that primary things start getting manufactured in India instead of allowing imports of finished products or parts to come in. We have tried to raise duties of those products where our own small sector MSMEs are capable of manufacturing and reduced import duty where it is part of raw material.



The Chairman and Members of the Board interacted with the CBIC Budget Team upon conclusion of Budget 2021 speech by the Hon'ble Union Finance & Corporate Affairs Minister Smt Nirmala Sitharaman. The Chairman appreciated the hard work put in by the team in drafting the Budget proposals.



“Budget 2021-22 is a Growth-Oriented Budget. We are taking forward the Hon'ble Prime Minister's call for Aatma Nirbhar Bharat. We tried to protect those Industries where we can start manufacturing value-added products.”



## CUSTOMS K9 CENTRE, ATTARI COMPLETES ONE YEAR



CBIC Chairman, Shri M. Ajit Kumar and Members of the Board launched the website <http://amritsarcustoms.gov.in/k9> and newsletter 'Mudhol' on completion of one year of Customs K9 Centre, Attari on 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 which is the dedicated in-house canine training facility of Indian Customs.

The first-of-its-kind centre has a training ground furnished with modern equipment, a mess and a hostel for dog handlers besides a mess for dogs. A dog takes eight months to be fully trained and the dogs being trained at the centre are of Labrador, Cocker Spaniel and German Shepherd breeds.

The Customs K9 memento was also unveiled by the Chairman and Board Members showcasing the canines which are being trained at the state-of-the-art, centre for the Indian Customs at Amritsar.



## FOUNDATION STONE LAID DOWN FOR CGST GHAZIABAD BUILDING

On 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 CBIC Chairman, Shri M. Ajit Kumar and Member Admin & Vigilance, Smt Sungita Sharma laid down the foundation stone for the new state-of-the-art CGST Ghaziabad Building which will cater to four offices. Senior officials of CBIC, CGST Customs Meerut zone and DGHRD were present during the occasion.

### Salient Features of the Project

**Structure:** Elevate design based on bar code of GST, G+7 building along with double basement car parking, R.C.C earthquake resistant frame structure with measures for 3 Star GRIHA Rated Sustainable Campus, Modular office layout, and ample daylight and focus on people centric spaces

**Green Features:** Rainwater harvesting system and Sewage treatment plant (STP) to make full use of wastewater Low-flow fixtures

**Energy Efficient:** Energy saving centralized air conditioning system, Double wall construction to reduce heat gain, LED lights

**Safety Features:** Latest CCTV systems, firefighting and public alarm address system



The land measuring 2.21 acre was allocated on 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 by the Ministry of Urban Development, in Ghaziabad city for construction of new office building for the CGST Commissionerate, Ghaziabad, along with CGST Audit Commissionerate, Meerut, CGST Appeal Commissionerate, Meerut and Pay & Account Office, CGST Commissionerate, Ghaziabad.

The project will be executed by CPWD at a cost of ₹ 116 crore within a time frame of 24 months.



# **CBIC CHAIRMAN REVIEWS NOC & ADDRESSES 1<sup>ST</sup> STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING OF iGOT**

**5<sup>th</sup> February, 2021**

CBIC Chairman, Shri M. Ajit Kumar along with Principal DG, DG Systems Shri Sandeep Kumar (now CBIC Member) visited the Network Operating Centre (NOC) of DG Systems and reviewed the arrangements for 24x7 real time monitoring of CBIC data centre and ICEGATE operations.



CBIC Chairman, Shri M. Ajit Kumar headed the first meeting of the Steering Committee on implementation of iGOT project in CBIC under the Central Government's flagship programme Mission Karmayogi at CoE NACIN on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021. CBIC Member Admin, Smt Sungita Sharma and other senior officers were also present in this meeting.

## **MCA & CBIC SIGN MOU FOR ENHANCING EASE OF DOING BUSINESS IN INDIA**

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) and Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), Ministry of Finance, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 for data exchange between the two organisations. The MoU was signed by Shri Manoj Pandey, Joint Secretary, MCA, and Shri B. B. Gupta, ADG, CBIC, in the presence of Shri Rajesh Verma, Secretary, MCA and Shri M. Ajit Kumar, Chairman, CBIC.



This MoU will enable both the organisations to benefit from access to each other's databases which include details of import-export transactions and consolidated financial statements of companies registered in the country. The data sharing arrangement gains significance in light of development of MCA21 Version 3 which will utilise state of the art technology for enhancing ease of doing business in India and improve the regulatory enforcement and similar steps by CBIC like the launch of ADVAIT (Advanced Analytics in Indirect Taxation) a 360-degree taxpayer profiling tool. AI/ML, data analytics will play a critical role in achieving this synergy.

The MoU will facilitate the sharing of data and information between MCA and CBIC on an automatic and regular basis. It will enable sharing of specific information such as details of Bill of Entry (Imports), Shipping Bill (Exports) Summary from CBIC and financial statements filed with the Registrar by corporates, returns of allotment of shares. The MoU will ensure that both MCA and CBIC have seamless linkage for regulatory purposes. In addition, MCA and CBIC will also exchange with each other, on request, any information available in their respective databases, for the purpose of carrying out scrutiny, inspection, investigation and prosecution.

The MoU comes into force from the date it is signed and a Data Exchange Steering Group has been constituted, which will meet periodically to review the status and take steps to further improve the effectiveness of the data sharing mechanism.





## **CBIC CHAIRMAN VISITS NACIN SITE AT HINDUPUR**

Chairman CBIC Shri M. Ajit Kumar along with Principal DG, NACIN visited the proposed NACIN site at Hindupur and reviewed the progress of work on site and discussed the planning of various facilities, design of buildings with the Master planner and the engineers of CPWD on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2021.



## **CBIC PROVIDES FACILITATION FOR EXPORTERS HAVING IGST REFUND ISSUES**

**22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2021**



The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has extended the time limit for sanction of pending IGST refunds in such cases where records have not been transmitted to ICEGATE due to GSTR1 and GSTR3B mismatch error. This overcomes the problem of refund blockage by allowing refunds subject to undertakings/submission of CA certificates by the exporters and post refund audit scrutiny. This facilitation was issued Vide Circular 04/2021 and would be applicable to all shipping bills filed up to 31.03.2021.

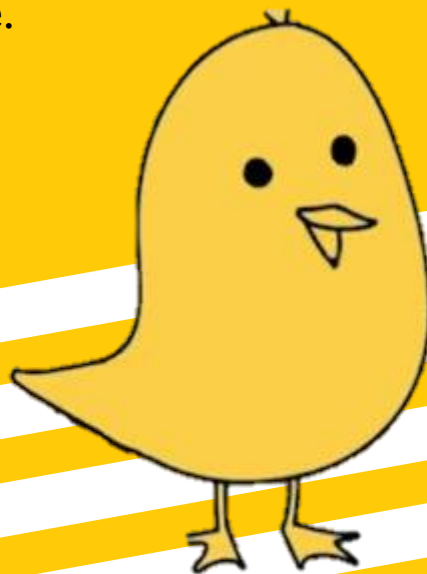
The CBIC has continuously taken a proactive approach to resolve issues faced by the trade. It is seen that a considerable number of exporters have been facing difficulties in getting their IGST refund sanctioned either due to lack of facility to amend GST 3B return or bona-fide clerical/human errors while filing the documents. With the endeavor of resolving all such pending IGST refund claims, CBIC has issued Circular 04/2021-Customs dated 16.02.2021 and Circular 05/2021-Customs dated 17.02.2021.

The CBIC has also extended the facility for resolving invoice mismatch errors (classified as SB-005 error) through customs officer interface on permanent basis vide Circular 05/2021. Earlier this facility was provided for a limited period i.e. in respect of shipping bills filed up to 31.12.2019. The exporter may avail the facility of correction of Invoice mis-match errors (error code SB-005) in respect of all past shipping bills, irrespective of its date of filing subject to payment of a nominal fee.



## CBIC'S NEW HANDLE ON KOO

Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) joined 'Koo' (@cbic) on 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2021, the new central government approved social media platform, and has more than 45,000 followers till date.



**Koo**

The app was launched 10 months ago, which had won the Aatma Nirbhar App Challenge organised by the Indian government.

The other government departments who have verified handles on Koo so far are of MeitY, MyGov, Digital India, India Post, National Informatics Centre (NIC), National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT), Common Services Centre, UMANG app, Digi Locker, National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI), among others, on its platform.



## INDIAN CUSTOMS FACILITATES CLERANCE OF VACCINES TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES

22<sup>nd</sup> Jan'21  
Morocco &  
Brazil

25<sup>th</sup> Jan'21  
Dhaka

2<sup>nd</sup> Feb'21  
Dubai

7<sup>th</sup> Feb'21  
Afghanistan

8<sup>th</sup> Feb'21  
Barbados &  
Dominican  
Republic

11<sup>th</sup> Feb'21  
Morocco &  
Myanmar

19<sup>th</sup> Feb'21  
Serbia  
1.5 lakh doses

20<sup>th</sup> Feb'21  
Nepal  
1 lakh doses

21<sup>th</sup> Feb'21  
Mongolia  
1.5 lakh doses

24<sup>th</sup> Feb'21  
UNICEF  
42,400 doses

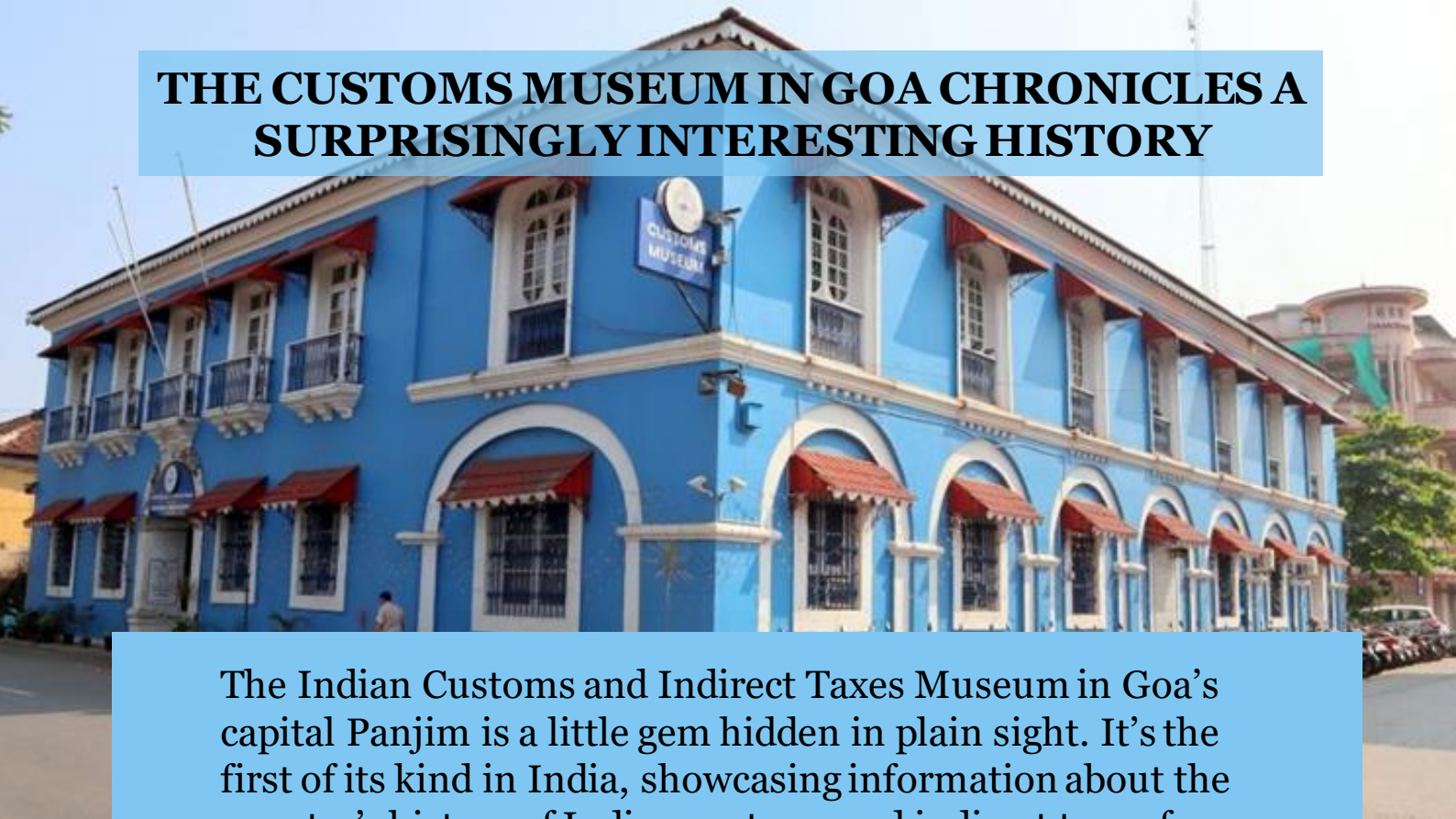
Once dependent on mercy of foreign aid, world counts on India today to overcome Covid-19 pandemic. Leaving the world to admire its Aatma Nirbhar Bharat in the Covid-19 fight, India has gifted vaccines to other countries and sent over 100 lakh doses under commercial supplies.

While India is playing an important role in getting the world out of Covid-19 pandemic, Indian Customs is playing a vital role in ensuring priority clearance for transportation of Covid-19 vaccines bound for the foreign countries.

# Zonal Updates



## THE CUSTOMS MUSEUM IN GOA CHRONICLES A SURPRISINGLY INTERESTING HISTORY



The Indian Customs and Indirect Taxes Museum in Goa's capital Panjim is a little gem hidden in plain sight. It's the first of its kind in India, showcasing information about the country's history of Indian customs and indirect taxes from ancient India to contemporary times.

The blue and white checked tiles of the foyer draw you in. You walk past elephant tusks standing like sentries into the Introductory Gallery with its overview of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes. Head to the Heritage Gallery where you begin a fascinating journey of trade and commerce as early as the Harappan civilization. This is depicted in a diorama showing the Lothal township 4,500 years ago and its innovative dockyard.

There are several galleries spanning two floors of this beautiful heritage building. The building itself is a well-maintained treasure with its high ceilings and wooden floors. The bespoke "Custom Blue" colour is a nod to one of the bestselling commodities of the colonial era, indigo.

Along with replicas of seals and coins, you will be delighted to see a handwritten copy of the Ain-i-Akbari (c.18th century CE). This elaborate document, written by court historian Abu'l Fazl, records the administration of Emperor Akbar's court including the imperial household, military and civil services and regulations for the judiciary. There's also the 'Seizure Gallery' where confiscated goods are displayed. Sculptures of bronze, wood and brass share space along with mammoth tortoise shells, shark jaws and elephant tusks, trade in wildlife which continues to be lucrative for smugglers even today.

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The 'Battle of Wits' gallery is like a scene from a kitschy Bollywood movie of the 1970s. The front half of a white Premier Padmini leaps out of the wall, its open hood reveals how smugglers hid contraband in car engines. The rim of a cycle tyre could hold a pouch of drugs while currency could be stashed in the cut-out pages of a book. In the days where 'foreign' watches were a much-treasured commodity, were smuggled in steel tiffin carriers or within the carved out body of a boom-box.



On the first floor, a diorama of the chemical lab draws you in. This shows how customs officials use various methods and implements to test banned and prohibited substances. The Narcotics gallery illustrates the opium trade, its production, use and abuse.

Tucked away behind the Sports gallery (which honours customs staff who have excelled at national-level sports) is a little room that holds several astronomical maps and clocks with Arabic inscriptions. These are stunning in scale and you can't help but marvel at the imagination that went into making them.

While taxes might not be the most interesting of subjects, the displays in this museum make the subject entertaining. So, don't forget to put it on your to-do list the next time you're in Panjim!

## HYDERABAD GST & CUSTOMS WELCOMES MOS

On 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2021  
Hyderabad GST & Customs  
welcomed the Hon'ble  
Union Minister of State for  
Finance & Corporate  
Affairs Shri Anurag Singh  
Thakur in Hyderabad.



## CBIC MEMBER REVIEWS CHENNAI GST ZONE

Shri Ajay Jain, Member Legal, CBIC  
held a review meeting with the  
Principal Chief Commissioner, Shri  
G.V. Krishna Rao and all Principal  
Commissioner/ Commissioners of  
Chennai GST Zone on 25<sup>th</sup> February,  
2021.





## **OPEN HOUSE INTERACTION WITH GOVERNMENT STANDING COUNSELS**

In order to streamline the process of filing appeal/counter affidavit and to assess the performance of each Standing Counsel defending the cases before the Hon'ble High Court, Chief Commissioner TVM Zone held Performance Review meeting and Open house interaction with all Government Standing Counsels at Cochin on 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2021. Apart from sensitising the Counsels for better performance, various useful suggestions/inputs were received from the counsels, which shall be put to use for better handling of cases before Hon'ble High Court and other courts in Kerala.





# OUTREACH PROGRAMME BY DGTS KOLKATA ZONE FOR ANDAMAN TRADE MEMBERS

**15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2021**

Directorate General of Taxpayer Services (DGTS), Kolkata Zonal Unit in collaboration with CGST & CX Kolkata Zone, organised an outreach programme on various issues such as QRMP Registration, IGST Refund, In-Bond Manufacturing and AEO programme at Port Blair and Havelock from 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021. The members of trade fraternity in Andaman & Nicobar Islands participated in this programme.

On 16<sup>th</sup> February 2021, Shri A.P.S. Suri, Principal Chief Commissioner-CGST Kolkata, Chief Commissioner-Customs Kolkata, Principal Commissioner- Kolkata North CGST, ADG-DGTS and ADG-DGGI Delhi explained the QRMP schemes and responded to the queries & doubts of the taxpayers.



## **POST BUDGET TRADE MEETING BY GUWAHATI CUSTOMS ZONE**



CGST & Customs Guwahati Zone held a post budget trade meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 to ascertain issues faced by various associations. The trade bodies came in huge numbers and had healthy discussion with the chief commissioner and other officials.



## **DISPOSAL DRIVE BY DELHI CUSTOMS ZONE**

In a Disposal Drive, Delhi Customs (Preventive) destroyed counterfeits valued ₹ 26 lakh (1,045 Jackets & 4,388 Shoes of premium brands) by way of electric cutting and incineration machine as per environmental regulations on 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2021.





## CAMPAIGN AGAINST 'FAKE INVOICE'

**Enforcement and Compliance Monitoring Unit of GST & Central Excise, Chennai Outer CGST Commissionerate, have so far detected 252 fake invoice cases, with an intention to pass illegal and unlawful Input Tax credit to the tune of ₹ 491 crore.**

Fourteen persons have been arrested so far and further investigations are under progress. In order to create an awareness regarding the economic impact of fake invoice menace, especially among tiny and small taxpayer's / GST registrants, CGST Seva Kendra has launched a campaign against fake invoice. To make the inauguration of the campaign, handouts for creating awareness on fake invoice menace was released on 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 in both English and Tamil.

The handout was released by Shri J. M. Kennedy, Commissioner of GST & Central Excise, Chennai Outer, in the presence of Shri P Anand Kumar, Commissioner of GST & Central Excise, (Appeals-II) and other senior officers.

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## HYDERABAD ZONE FOCUSES ON REVENUE GROWTH



Senior Officers of CGST & SGST, Hyderabad held a meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 for synergizing their efforts towards revenue augmentation for the financial year 2020-21.

*Coordination Meeting  
with CGST Officials  
26.2.2021*

## PRESENTING K9 MEMENTO TO SENIOR OFFICIALS



As Customs K9 Centre completes 1 year on 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2021, K9 memento was presented to Shri Gurdeep Singh, Principal Commissioner & Smt Meenu Kumar, Additional Commissioner in presence of Shri Surjit Bhujabal, CC, Customs (P) Zone, Delhi by Shri A. S. Ranga, Commissioner, Customs Amritsar at NCH, Delhi.



## FOUNDATION STONE LAID DOWN OF GST BHAWAN AT BOISAR

On 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 bhoomi poojan and the Foundation Stone of GST Bhawan Boisar was laid down by Shri Rakesh Kumar Sharma, Principal Chief Commissioner, Mumbai Zone. It will be an office building with all modern amenities which will help in staff welfare and trade facilitation.





## **CUSTOMS PARTICIPATES IN CBRN EMERGENCY MOCK DRILL AT KOLKATA**



The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) along with National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) conducted a multi-agency mock exercise on Chemical Biological Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) emergency at CISF Unit KOPT Kolkata. Customs officials along with officials of Port Management, Port Security Organisation (PSO), Local police, Port Fire Service, Traffic Police participated in this mock exercise on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2021.



# RISPANA RIVER CLEANING & BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT BY CGST AUDIT COMMISSIONERATE DEHRADUN

A cleanliness drive under "Swachhta Action Plan 2021-21" was organised by the Central Goods and Service Tax Audit Commissionerate, Dehradun, Uttarakhand office.

Under the cleanliness drive the 'Rispana' riverbed area from Rajiv Nagar bridge to Upper Rajiv Nagar bridge was taken up for cleaning by the department from 20th February, 2021. Along with this, an awareness campaign was also organised on 28th February, 2021 by the department in collaboration with the members of MAD (Making a difference by being a difference) NGO, in which residents living on the river embankment were made aware about cleanliness. Jute bags were distributed to them and they were also encouraged to use biodegradable products and asked not to use plastics in day to day life. Dustbins were also placed on both sides of the river. A drawing competition was also organised by the department in which local kids participated and prizes were distributed to them.

On this occasion, Commissioner Shahla Khan, Additional Commissioner Alok Singh, many departmental officers, employees along with members of MAD organization enthusiastically participated.



## HEALTH CAMP AT LUCKNOW ZONE

On 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 Central GST & Central Excise, Lucknow organised a health camp. About 200 officers and staff of the Commissionerate and Chief Commissioner's Office made it successful with their enthusiastic participation. The Lucknow zone plans to organise more camps for the welfare of staff.



## DELHI CUSTOMS SWACHCHHTA DRIVE



As a part of Swachchhta drive, Delhi Customs (Preventive) on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 undertook the construction of Pedestrian Guard Rail for handicapped children, installation of Water Cooler with RO system, fixing of new green boards in classrooms & distribution of dustbins in Primary Govt. School, Badusarai, Delhi.

## GOA CUSTOMS APPRECIATE IMPORTERS

Goa Customs appreciated two reputed manufacturers/importers - M/s Zuari Agro Chemicals Ltd and M/s Fortune Cotton and Agro Industries for their timely trade facilitation measures which helped them to overcome the critical stage of being shut down.



## GST CHENNAI ZONE INAUGURATES TOILETS IN SCHOOLS

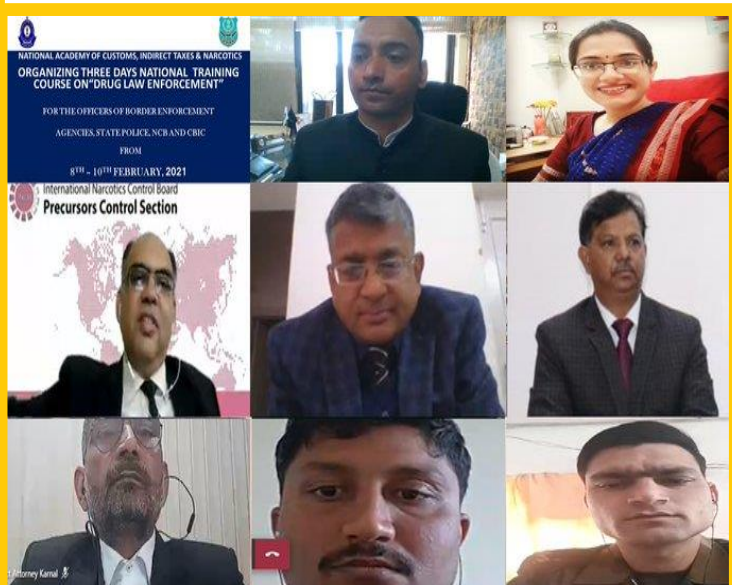
The toilets built and renovated under Swachata Action Plan (2020-21) by GST Chennai Zone, was inaugurated on 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 in Govt. Boys H S School, Kundrathur, Chennai Girls H S School at Kannigapuram and Choolai.





# Capacity Building & Trainings





## CAPACITY BUILDING ON DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT

NACIN Faridabad, the Nodal agency for capacity building on Drug Law Enforcement in India organised a three day Online National Training Course on 'Drugs Law Enforcement' for the officers of Border Enforcement Agencies, State Police, Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) & the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) from 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2021.



## GST OUTREACH SESSION FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

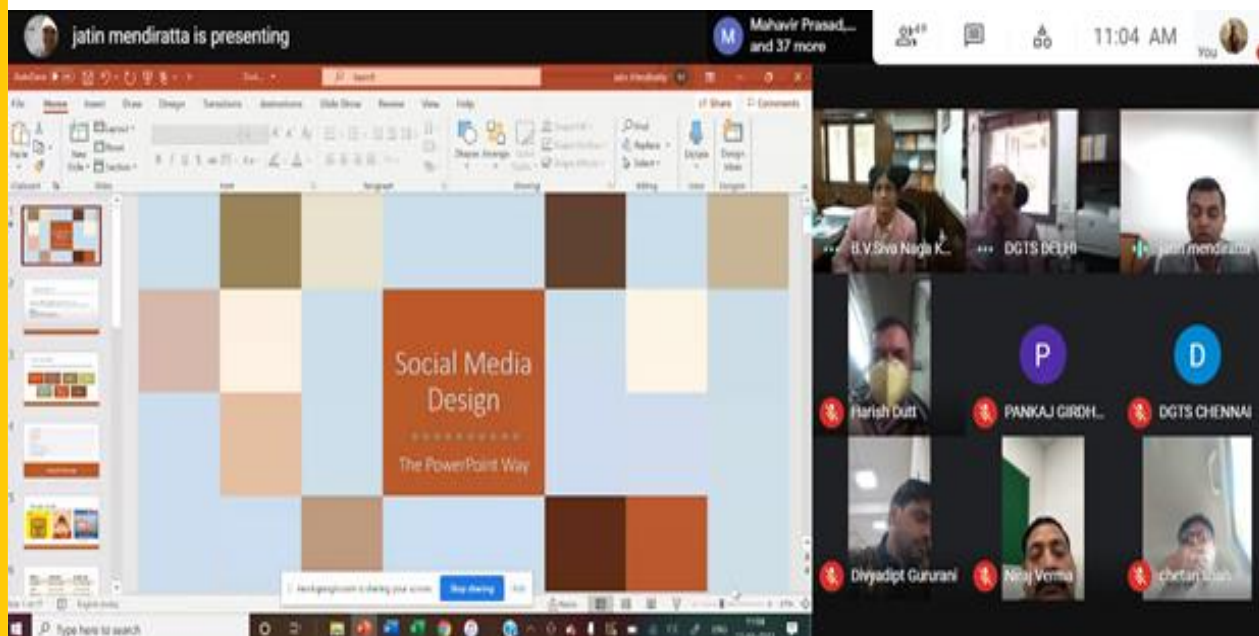
NACIN Jaipur conducted a GST Outreach Session at Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Govt. College Mahawa, Dist. Dausa, Rajasthan on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2021. Dr. Ram Singh Gurjar, DD addressed the seminar which was attended by 132 students and staff members.

## ONLINE TRAINING ON WAREHOUSING UNDER CUSTOMS

NACIN Jaipur conducted an online training on 'Warehousing under Customs' on 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2021. 42 Group A and B officers from various formations of CGST & Customs participated.



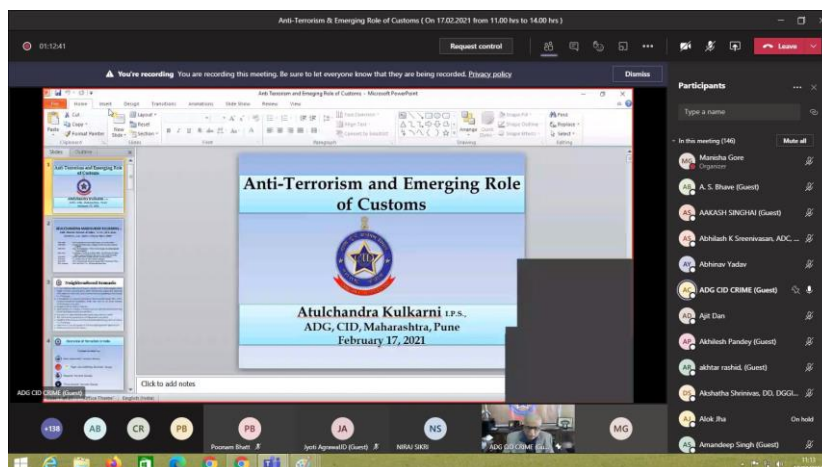
# CAPACITY BUILDING ON SOCIAL MEDIA DESIGN



On 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 DGTS conducted a online workshop to equip all officials of CBIC with the knowledge of importance of social media platforms and use of effective communication techniques. The workshop commenced with a brief note by Smt B.V. Siva Naga Kumari, DG-DGTS and 60 officials from various zonal offices participated in the workshop.

## WEBINAR ON ANTI-TERRORISM & ROLE OF CUSTOMS

NACIN Mumbai conducted a webinar on 'Anti-Terrorism & Emerging Role of Customs' on 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2021, under the aegis of MDSEI. 149 Grade A & B officers from various formations of CGST, Customs & Directorates participated in the webinar which was highly appreciated.





# **Seizures & Tax Evasions**



# AMRITSAR

On 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 Customs (Preventive) Amritsar intercepted one passenger arrived from Dubai via flight no. IX1192 suspected of carrying Gold concealed in Exhaust Fan and body building equipment. The total quantity of Gold seized was 750.42 gm having value of ₹ 35.87 lakh. Further investigation is in progress.



## BENGALURU

Customs officials of Bengaluru Air Intelligence Unit on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021, found Gold bars concealed inside a small toy ball abandoned in an Indigo aircraft from Dubai. The Gold weighed 233.28 gm and worth ₹ 11.30 lakh. The toy was found during the routine rummaging of the plane.



Based on the profiling of the passengers, the officers of Bengaluru Air Intelligence Unit intercepted a passenger on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021, and revealed 1.316 kg Gold in paste form worth ₹ 62.35 lakh in his rectum and socks. In addition, four China made drones, four iPhones valued at ₹ 12.76 lakh were seized from the passenger and was arrested. The China made drones was DJI Phantom 4PRO+V2.0 model, which cost around ₹ 1.19 lakh. The passenger had four of them, with a total value of ₹ 6.6 lakh.





# CHENNAI

In the month of February, Chennai Customs seized 4.93 kg of Gold worth ₹ 2.42 crore, along with 69.2 kg of drugs worth ₹ 7.55 crore, and 495 kg of "Red Sanders" valued at ₹ 25 lakh destined for Singapore concealed in cartons declared as bedsheets in shipping bill. The 24.5 kg of Pseudoephedrine was concealed in wooden boxes fitted in 4 coconut scrappers, destined for Australia.



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**2<sup>nd</sup> Feb'21**

588 gm Gold worth ₹ 29.74 lakh

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**5<sup>th</sup> Feb'21**

24.5 kg of Pseudoephedrine valued at ₹ 2.45 crore

3

**6<sup>th</sup> Feb'21**

2.32 kg Gold worth ₹ 1.14 crore

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**7<sup>th</sup> Feb'21**

1.01 kg Gold worth ₹ 48.9 lakh

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**8<sup>th</sup> Feb'21**

1.01 kg Gold worth ₹ 49 lakh

6

**9<sup>th</sup> Feb'21**

44 kg Hashish & 700 gm Meth crystals valued at ₹ 5.1 crore

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**10<sup>th</sup> Feb'21**

495 kg "Red Sanders" valued at ₹ 25 lakh destined for Singapore

## DELHI

Delhi Customs seized 17.6 kg of Gold, 4.05 kg of narcotics drugs, and 74.2 lakh foreign brand cigarettes in the month of February. The Gold was found concealed in parts of automobile, microwave, and grinder, while the narcotics drugs destined to Australia were concealed between the golden lace of the lehangas and child's frock.



1 <sup>st</sup> Feb'21	4870 gm Gold worth ₹ 2.15 crore
1 <sup>st</sup> Feb'21	271 gm Gold worth ₹ 25 lakh Concealed in mouth/rectum
3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb'21	932.80 gm Gold worth ₹ 41.29 lakh
4 <sup>th</sup> Feb'21	410 gm Gold worth ₹ 17.66 lakh in shape of kadas
7 <sup>th</sup> Feb'21	60 lakh cigarettes worth ₹ 7.5 crore
9 <sup>th</sup> Feb'21	3920 gm MDMA worth ₹ 1.7 crore concealed in lehangas
11 <sup>th</sup> Feb'21	505 gm Gold concealed as chemical paste
11 <sup>th</sup> Feb'21	14.2 lakh cigarettes worth ₹ 1.43 crore
16 <sup>th</sup> Feb'21	1280 gm Gold worth ₹ 55.26 lakh
18 <sup>th</sup> Feb'21	1397 gm Gold worth ₹ 60.31 lakh
19 <sup>th</sup> Feb'21	7.79 kg Gold worth ₹ 3.36 crore
20 <sup>th</sup> Feb'21	132 gm Heroin from a parcel destined to Australia



# HYDERABAD

Hyderabad Customs on 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2021 booked two cases of smuggling of foreign currency. Two passengers bound to Dubai by EK-525 concealed the forex worth ₹ 54 lakh in boondi packets.



On 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 Hyderabad Customs booked a case against a passenger arriving from Dubai. Gold in paste form was found concealed under a seat in flight no 6E-025. The total Gold seized was 794.50 gm valued at ₹ 39.03 lakh.



On 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 Hyderabad Customs booked cases of Gold Smuggling against two passengers arriving from Dubai by FZ-8779. Gold biscuits were concealed in an emergency torch & Gold paste in the waist band of jeans pant was identified. Total Gold weighing 1.4 kg valued at ₹ 69.6 lakh was seized. The passengers were detained and further investigation is in progress.

# JAIPUR



Jaipur Customs has seized 1.5 kg of foreign marked Gold worth ₹ 70,62,796 at the Jaipur International Airport (JIA) on 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2021.

The customs officials at JIA intercepted Shrawan Kumar (26), who came from Sharjah by flight no. G9 435, and recovered the Gold from him in the form of two pieces, weighing approximately 750 gm each.

As per the customs officials, the Gold was concealed in his shoes. The accused said that the Gold was to be delivered to a person unknown to him. The investigation is underway.





## KOLKATA

Officers of Airport Commissionerate at ACC, NSCBI Airport on 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 arrested an exporter involved in this racket for attempting to export four consignments of ball-bearings by mis-declaring value (overvaluation) to avail higher export incentives.

The accused was produced before the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Barasat, who sent him to judicial custody for 14 days. The attempted defrauding by the person amounted to the tune of over ₹ 3.6 crore (approx.) in terms of Integrated Goods and Service Tax (IGST) and Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) benefits.

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Officers of Airport Commissionerate at NSCBI Airport based on intelligence, intercepted 1 passenger coming from Dubai on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2021, recovering 851.93 gm of 24k Gold valued at ₹ 40.29 lakh. The passenger has been arrested.



## LUCKNOW



On 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 Team Customs CCSI Airport Lucknow seized Gold weighing at 3 kg worth ₹ 1.49 crore from four passengers coming from Dubai.

Gold was molded in paste form and was stitched on the inner side of the belt area of underwear worn by the pax. They were wearing two underwear's underneath the jeans so as to deceive the custom officers.

On 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 Team Customs LBSI Airport Varanasi seized Gold weighing 355.65 gm valued at ₹ 16.71 lakh and one iPhone valued at Rs. 74,210/-, from a lady coming from Sharjah in flight no. IX 1184.

The Gold in form of foils was concealed in steel flask and DEO bottle. Small nickel coated Gold Challas (136 Pcs) were used between each pair of beads in green beads in mala. To avoid detection she was also wearing Gold Payal coated with grey metal.



On 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 Team Customs CCSI Airport Lucknow seized Gold rods weighing 791.10 gm and valued at ₹ 39.07 lakh from a passenger coming from Jeddah in flight no. G8 6013. The Gold rods were concealed in the handle of a air compressor machine. The machine was quite heavy and the scanned image of the handle area was also very dark. The pax was arrested and produced before the Chief Judicial Magistrate.





# MANGALURU

**4<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> Feb'21**

Mangalore Air Customs made four seizures comprising of 1.42 kg of Gold worth ₹ 68.43 lakh & assorted cosmetics valued at ₹ 1.71 lakh. The modus operandum was through body concealment, trouser waist band, buttons and rivets.

**18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb'21**

Mangalore Customs officers made three Gold seizures of net weight 1.749 kg & totally valued at ₹ 83.89 lakh.

Gold was been smuggled by way of concealment in the wheels of trolley bag and motor plates of a toy & sanitary napkins.



**23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> Feb'21**

Mangalore Customs officers seized Gold of net weight 1.267 kg of total value ₹ 61.02 lakh.

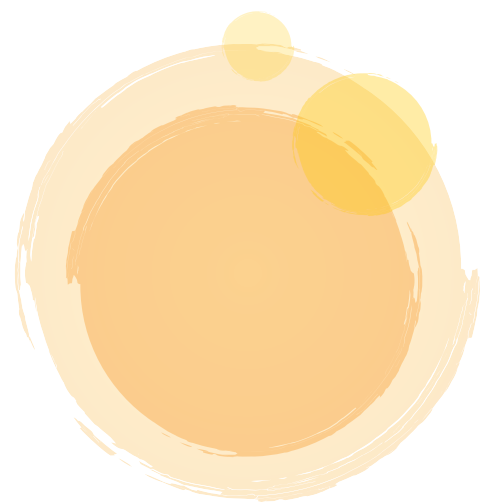
Gold were concealed inside pens & batteries of emergency lights in paste form.

## MUMBAI

On 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2021  
Mumbai Customs Preventive busted  
a racket of clandestine import. The  
seizure included 180 gm of Gold,  
1,470 mobile phones / iPhones, 322  
smart-watches, 64 drones, 41  
Bluetooth earphones, 391 cigarette  
sleeves & 36 auto parts, all valued  
around ₹ 15 crore.



On 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021, during  
the flight rummage of IX-1250  
which arrived from Dubai,  
Mumbai Customs recovered  
16 Gold bars from aircraft  
toilet. Total weight of the  
recovered Gold is 1863 gm  
valued at ₹ 82.08 lakh. The  
concerned passenger was  
further identified and arrested  
in the arrival hall.





# THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

During the month of February, 2021 Thiruvananthapuram Zone, has made a seizure of 29.257 kg of Gold valued at ₹ 26.14 crore [5.557 kg valued at ₹ 2.44 crore by Custom House & 23.70 kg valued ₹ 10.47 crore by CCP], which led to arrest of 27 persons, displaying excellent initiative & high level of dedication.

The team also seized 12 kg of Termes Saffron of Iranian origin, 8 micro drones, 4 iWatch, 65 iPhone & Foreign currency worth ₹ 7.79 lakh in the month of February.



6<sup>th</sup> Feb ●

CPD Thrissur - 2.07 kg of Gold worth ₹ 1 crore  
CPD Calicut - 1.01 kg of Gold  
AIU Kannur - 397 gm of Gold  
Calicut AIU Batch B - 893 gm of Gold  
Calicut AIU Batch A - 763 gm of Gold  
Calicut AIU Batch C - 867 gm of Gold & 12 kg of Termes Saffron

8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Feb ●

1.206 kg of Gold  
Trivandrum AIU batch B - 8 micro drones, 4 each iPhone 12 and iWatch of total value ₹ 9.36 lakh

11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> Feb ●

Calicut AIU batch A - 866 gm of Gold compound worth ₹ 38 lakh  
Calicut AIU batch C - 1.077 kg of Gold compound worth ₹ 48 lakh & Foreign currency worth ₹ 7.79 lakh  
Calicut AIU batch B - 713.20 gm of Gold  
432 gm of Gold

17<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> Feb ●

4.948 kg of Gold



# TRICHY

Officers of Trichy Customs  
(Preventive) Zone seized 4121.58  
gm of Gold, totally valued at ₹ 2  
crore (approx.) at Trichy &  
Coimbatore International Airports  
during the week between 14<sup>th</sup>  
February, 2021 to 20<sup>th</sup> February,  
2021.

**14th to 20th Feb'21**

**31<sup>st</sup> Jan'21 to 6<sup>th</sup> Feb'21**

During the week 31<sup>st</sup> January,  
2021 to 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2021,  
826.060 gm of Gold, totally  
valued at ₹ 41.60 lakh was seized  
at Trichy & Coimbatore  
International Airports by the  
Officers of Trichy Customs  
(Preventive) Zone.



## **DGGI GURUGRAM ARRESTS MAN FOR FRAUDULENTLY AVAILING ITC OF ₹ 376 CRORE THROUGH 7 FAKE FIRMS**

**10<sup>th</sup> February, 2021**

The Directorate General of GST Intelligence (DGGI) Gurugram Zonal Unit (GZU), Haryana, has arrested Shri Ritesh Aggarwal, resident of Bahadurgarh, Haryana on charges of passing and availment of fake ITC while operating dummy, fake and non-existent firms and encashing this unduly availed input tax credit (ITC) through IGST refund mode by showing export of cigarettes.

It became apparent from the investigation that Shri Ritesh Aggarwal, the proprietor of M/s SR Impex was de-facto controller of another firm — M/s SR International. In the supply chain of these firm were found to be six other dummy firms by the names of M/s Joles Trading Co, AS Traders, AR Traders, Om Traders, Capital India & S.M enterprises — all controlled by Shri Ritesh Aggarwal. In all these firms, Shri Ritesh Aggarwal had availed and passed on ITC of ₹ 376 crore by means of billing without goods. Shri Ritesh Aggarwal was sanctioned refund of ₹ 37.13 crore from the department.

In addition, Shri Ritesh Aggarwal was found to be a habitual offender. In an earlier case also Show Cause Notice for demand of ₹ 26.53 crore was issued to him for similar modus operandi of operating fake firm, M/s SS & Co. (GSTIN o6DJUPD5o67G2ZW).

Shri Ritesh Aggarwal, who also adopts the alias of Ravi Gupta, was also found to be accused in the Show Cause notice dated 01.03.2019 issued by the DGRI wherein fraudulent drawback was availed on imported areca nuts by forging the Certificate of Origins.

The investigation spanned multiple locations in Delhi and Haryana and based on documentary evidence and statement recorded of many suppliers of these firms, it was ascertained that Shri Ritesh Aggarwal is a key person in orchestrating this racket of making fake/non-existent/dummy firms and wrongly availing and passing on ITC of ₹ 376 crore. Accordingly, Shri Ritesh Aggarwal was arrested and produced before Duty MM, Patiala House Court Delhi, who ordered judicial custody.

## **FAKE GST BILLING SCAM OF ₹ 513 CRORE UNEARTHED**

**4<sup>th</sup> February, 2021**

After extensive raids conducted in Bhavnagar, Ahmedabad and Gandhidham, by the enforcement wing of the state goods and services tax (SGST) department on 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2021, a fake billing scam of ₹ 513 crore was unearthed.

According to SGST department officials, the total taxable value of these bogus bill transactions happened to be ₹ 451 crore and taxes of ₹ 81 crore were evaded using these fake bills.

SGST officials raided 40 locations for suspected tax evasion in 19 companies, of which 11 were in Bhavnagar.

Fake bills were utilised to evade taxes without actual movement of goods, an age old modus operandi in the GST fake billing scams reported thus far. The department have already begun proceedings to cancel these GST registration numbers.

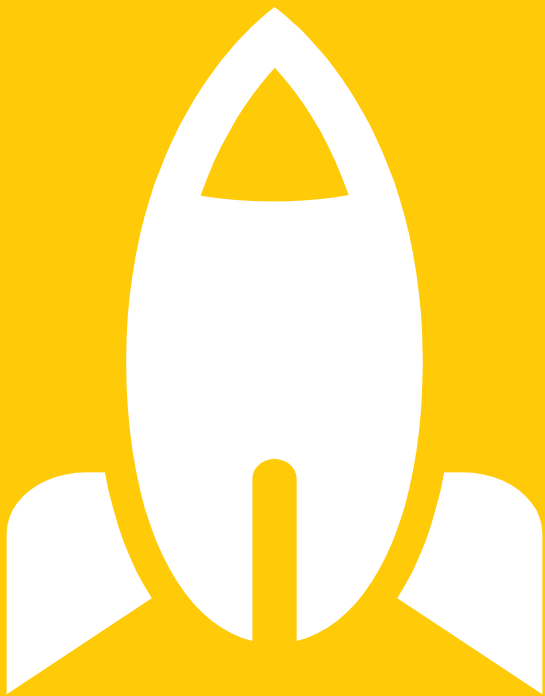
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In the nationwide drive against fake GST invoice frauds have yielded record GST collections for over the last two months – ₹ 1.15 lakh crore in December, 2020 and ₹ 1.20 lakh crore in January, 2021.

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# Success Story



## GST REVENUE COLLECTION FOR JANUARY 2021 ALMOST TOUCHES ₹1.20 LAKH CRORE

The gross GST revenue collected in the month of January 2021 till 6PM on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2021 is ₹ 1,19,847 crore of which CGST is ₹ 21,923 crore, SGST is ₹ 29,014 crore, IGST is ₹ 60,288 crore (including ₹ 27,424 crore collected on import of goods) and Cess is ₹ 8,622 crore (including ₹ 883 crore collected on import of goods).

In line with the trend of recovery in the GST revenues over past five months, the revenues for the month of January 2021 are **8% higher** than the GST revenues in the same month last year, which in itself was more than ₹ 1.1 lakh crore. During the month, revenues from import of goods was **16% higher** and the revenues from domestic transaction (including import of services) are **6% higher** than the revenues from these sources during the same month last year.

The GST revenues during January 2021 are the highest since introduction of GST and has almost touched the ₹ 1.2 lakh crore mark, exceeding the last month's record collection of ₹ 1.15 lakh crore.

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**The total number of GSTR-3B Returns filed for the month of December up to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021 is 90 lakh.**

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GST revenues above ₹ 1 lakh crore for a stretch of last four months and a steep increasing trend over this period are clear indicators of rapid economic recovery post pandemic. Closer monitoring against fake-billing, deep data analytics using data from multiple sources including GST, Income-tax and Customs IT systems and effective tax administration have also contributed to the steady increase in tax revenue over last few months.

The average YoY growth in GST revenue over the first four months in the second half of the financial year has been **8%** as compared to **(-) 24%** during the first half of the year.

*Source: PIB Delhi*

# **New Appointments**





## **CBIC WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

**16<sup>th</sup> February, 2021**



Chairman CBIC and Members of the Board welcomed the new incoming Members Shri O P Dadhich and Shri Sandeep Kumar who joined the Board today at North Block, New Delhi.

The Government notified the appointment of Members of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC).

Shri Om Prakash Dadhich, IRS, Principal Director General, Directorate General of GST Intelligence (DGGI) Headquarters, New Delhi is appointed Member of CBIC against the vacancy date of June 1, 2020.

Shri Sandeep Kumar, IRS (C&CE:1987), Principal Director General, Directorate General of Systems & Data Management, New Delhi is appointed Member of CBIC against the vacancy date of August 1, 2020.

# Recognitions & Awards



# **CGST DELHI ZONE'S SANDEEP CHAUDHARY WINS GOLD AT DUBAI 2021 WORLD PARA ATHLETICS**

**13<sup>th</sup> February, 2021**



**Congratulations to Arjuna Awardee  
Sandeep Chaudhary of CGST Delhi  
Zone for yet another feather in his  
cap. The department wishes the best  
to him for future endeavours.**

In men's javelin 38/F42/ F44/ 63/ 64, Shri Sandeep Chaudhary hurled the javelin to a distance of 61.22 metres to win gold at the 12<sup>th</sup> Fazza International World Para Athletics Grand Prix.



# PUNE ZONE BASKETBALL TEAM WON THE PHALTAN BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

10<sup>th</sup> February, 2021

**Congratulations!**

Pune Zone Basketball team for winning the  
Phaltan Basketball Championship by beating  
Sports Republic by 98- 60 points.





Directorate General of Taxpayer Services  
Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs  
Department of Revenue  
Ministry of Finance