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Dear Colleagues,

I am happy to inform that in a first ever for the department, Mumbai Customs on 29th October, 2017 is organising a half Marathon in the heritage precincts of the Customs House (Ballard Estate) and adjoining areas of South Mumbai. This event would be used as a platform to showcase the salient initiatives of the department's functioning and business processes. This event is aimed at broadening the understanding and familiarity of the citizens and stakeholders with the department and its operations. Apart from this, it is also planned to juxtapose the event with various other social messages such as promoting a green environment, good health and fitness for all, organ donation cause and the like. This initiative clearly gels with the core spirit of Rashtriya Ekta Divas to be celebrated on the 31st October 2017. I am also happy to inform that the Hon'ble Finance Minister has consented to grace the occasion as the Chief Guest.

In yet another GST outreach effort Shri D. Kumaresh and Shri J. Ravishankar of the Bengaluru Zone have published a book on jurisdiction locator called Margadarshi. I am informed that this has been of immense help to both the trade and the officers of Central Tax and the Zone is receiving positive feedback in this regard. You may also like to do something in similar lines if not already done. My congratulations to the officers for this effort.

The vigilance awareness week is scheduled for observance from 30th October to 4th November, 2017. The theme for this year is "My Vision –Corrupt Free India". In this regard, you may like to go through the letter dated 22nd September, 2017 issued by Member (Admn) for necessary action and timely submission of report.

The Exporters are facing difficulties in complying with the requirement of GST laws. In this regard a Committee on Exports has already been constituted consisting of members from both the central and state governments and is headed by the Revenue Secretary to look into such difficulties. I will update you on the decisions taken by this committee.

As you are aware, keeping the database of offence cases up-to-date is vital from an enforcement and risk management perspective. Member (Customs) vide letter dated 07.08.2017 had emphasized the need for completion of data entry in DIGIT by December 2017. DRI reports, however, indicate that progress of nomination of nodal officers and data entry in DIGIT remains slow.

I therefore urge you to accord utmost priority to this task and to ensure completion of data entry in DIGIT by the end of this year. From January 2018 onwards, we should be in a position to rely upon DIGIT as the single source of information on Customs offences.

On 27th September, 2017 during the Board video conference, we discussed many issues pertaining to GST faced by the field formations. As I have already mentioned there should be a regular feedback on the issues being faced by the field formations in implementation of GST. I would request you to address all such issues at the Zonal level first and should there be any issue that needs Boards intervention only those issues may be escalated to the Board for appropriate redressal. During the video conference with the Zonal Members you may bring up and discuss issues pertaining to your zones. I would also like to remind you to strictly comply with the instructions and timelines indicated in the letters issued by the Members of the Board and also in my weekly newsletters.

There was an invitation from the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, (LBSNAA), Mussoorie, to address the participants of the Phase V of the Mid-Career Training Programme on GST. I along with Commissioner (GST), Shri Upender Gupta, addressed the participants on 29th September 2017. We made a small presentation and discussed on various aspects and impacts of GST on Indian economy.

With warm wishes & a very happy Dusshera,

Yours sincerely,



(Vanaja N. Sarna)

To,

All officers and staff of Central Board of Excise and Customs