

## **Capacity Building for Maldives Customs Services (MCS) officials**



On Sept 22, 2022 a sending-off ceremony was organised at Maldives' Customs Service (MCS) for a group of 30 Custom Officers who are visiting National Academy of Customs, Indirect Taxes and Narcotics (NACIN), Faridabad from 26-30 Sept 2022.

The MCS officers would be attending a 5 Days' special training program on "Intelligence, information & Investigation (3-Is)". Interactive sessions, case studies on relevant topics like overview of enforcement & intelligence architecture, investigation - physical, financial, cyber, investigation reporting, prosecution, etc have been included in the training programme.

High Commissioner Munu Mahawar attended the ceremony along with Mr. Abulla Shareef, Commissioner General of Maldives Customs Service.

High Commissioner, Munu Mahawar, appreciated custom officers participation in all the events in previous training programmes. HC mentioned that "Security & other Challenges can only be addressed by cooperation & collaboration incl in area of capacity building". HC also mentioned that "Capacity Building is an important segment of India-Maldives development cooperation".

The MoU on Customs Capacity Building was signed in June 2019 during the State Visit of PM of India Narendra Modi to the Maldives.

India-Maldives cooperation in Customs has grown significantly in recent years. With the current batch going, under MoU, 160 Maldives Customs Service (MCS) officials have undergone in-person training in India on various subjects related to customs. In addition, 90 plus MCS officials have also been trained through online programmes. MCS officials are also getting benefitted by ITEC trainings. More capacity building programmes shall be organised in future under the MoU.

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