

Capacity building programme to enhance MCS capacity in Drug law enforcement



On Nov. 17, 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 21-25 November, 2022.

The MCS officers would be attending a 5 Days' special training program on "Drug Law Enforcement Training". Interactive sessions on topics like International Drug Control, Framework & UN Conventions, Types and Classification of Drugs; Global & regional Trends in Drug Trafficking, Intelligence Collection & Special Investigation Techniques, Financial Investigation & Money Laundering-in context of illegal Narco-Trade, Crypto-currency: New Dimensions in Drug Trafficking & Use of Internet in Drug trafficking, Identification of drugs, etc have been included in the training programme.

Deputy High Commissioner Pooja Tillu attended the ceremony. She highlighted Capacity Building as 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, 190 Maldives Customs Service (MCS) officials have undergone in-person training in

India on various subjects related to customs. These programmes are designed as per MCS needs. 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.

In the year 2022-23, various other customized visits / training programmes conducted so far are in areas like "Exposure visit to supervisory-level MCS officers", "Cargo profiling and Risk Management", "Customs Induction Training Programme", "Intelligence information & Investigation", "Drug Law Enforcement".
