

## Press Release

### Maldives Customs Service Officials delegation visit to India from 4-8 March, 2024 for attending Capacity Building programme

A group of 30 officials from Maldives Customs Service (MCS) are scheduled to visit India from **4-8 March, 2024**, for attending a training programme on "3Is - **Intelligence, Information and Investigation**" by National Academy of Customs, Indirect Taxes & Narcotics (NACIN), Faridabad, the apex customs training Institution under the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), Government of India.



2. The 5-day training programme comprised of **class-room session by experts** with focus on areas viz. the Overview of Enforcement Architecture, Intelligence, Investigation – technical and financial, Money Laundering, Alerts and Modus Operandi, Investigation reporting, Prosecution, Rewards, etc. Participants will also get the opportunity to visit Agra to see Taj Mahal.

3. The programme is being organized under the “MoU on Cooperation in Customs Capacity Building” which was signed during PM Modi’s State Visit to Maldives in June, 2019 between CBIC and MCS with an aim to enhance cooperation in capacity building of MCS.

4. Under the MoU, in 2020, more than 210 **Maldives Customs Service officers have been trained in India so far**. Also, around 90 MCS officers have participated in customised virtual training programme. In addition, a good number of MCS officers are beneficiary under ITEC in-person training programmes. More capacity building programmes shall be organised in future under the MoU.

5. In this rapidly evolving world and emergence of non-conventional challenges **including transnational crimes, drug trafficking**, etc, the law enforcement agencies of all countries need to regularly update their skills to keep pace with the challenges. The engagements between CBIC and MCS is a successful example of collaboration to meet and overcome these challenges.

6. The partnership between India and Maldives is truly multifaceted. Collaboration in the area of training and capacity building is a key pillar of this partnership which is evident from the fact that **in last 5 years, more than 3100 Maldivian friends visited India for various in-person training programmes** and the number is still growing.

**Note:** Various customized visits / training programmes conducted so far under the MoU are - "Exposure visit to supervisory-level MCS officers", "Cargo profiling and Risk Management", "Customs Induction Training Programme", "Intelligence information & Investigation", "Drug Law Enforcement", 'Chemical Analysis & Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance (NDPS) testing', Exposure visit of Customs Officers to NACIN, Mumbai, Valuation and Risk Management, "**Creating & Managing Canine Center**", etc.

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