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To

All Pr. Chief Commissioners/Chief Commissioners (CGST Zones),
All Pr. Chief Commissioners/Chief Commissioners (Customs Zones),
All Pr. Directors General/ Directors General of Directorates.

Subject: - Swachhta Awards, 2020-21-reg.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Kind attention is invited to the Chairman CBIC's Weekly Newsletter D.O. No. 82/CH(IC)/2020 dated 10.08.2021, whereby Swachhta Awards for the year 2020-21 have been declared. (copy enclosed)

2. Under Swachhta Action Plan 2020-21, an objective and scientific evaluation system was adopted for ranking, which took into consideration the following factors:-

(i) Task achievement with respect to the project (Not Started / Work in progress / Completed)

(ii) Impact Potential Weightage (Social / Behavioural impact of the Project)

(iii) Opportunity and Resource Weightage (Initiative Value in Comparison to Resources with respect to the Project)

(iv) Scalability Weightage (Degree to which the Project can be replicated or scaled up)

(v) Sustainability Weightage (Ease of Sustaining the Project Over Long Duration)

(vi) Participation Weightage (Scope of people’s participation in the Project)

(vii) Work undertaken during Swachhta Pakhwada

(viii) Monthly Reports sent by the Zone/Directorate

(ix) Percentage of Swachhta Fund Utilized

On the basis of above methodology, following Zones/Directorates/ Commissionerates have been selected as the best performing CGST Zone/Customs Zone/Directorate and Commissionerates of CBIC.
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<th>Sr. No.</th>
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<td>1.</td>
<td>Best CGST Zone</td>
<td>Meerut CGST</td>
<td>Project 1: Organic Waste Management&lt;br&gt;Organic Waste Composter Machine, installed in the CGST Ghaziabad office complex, converts the waste into compost fertilizer which is being utilised in the trees and plants. It also helps in maintaining the cleanliness in office premises.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;Project 2 : River Rispana Cleaning Project&lt;br&gt;The project involved cleaning of River Bed by collecting and disposing the river garbage. Along with cleaning, beautification and sanitization works were also carried out.</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>Best Customs Zone</td>
<td>Delhi Customs (Preventive) Zone</td>
<td>Project 1 : Various outreach activities for society&lt;br&gt;(i) Facilitating Muskaan (an NGO of mentally challenged persons) by supplying various items viz. Gas Stove, Cloth Stand, Cloth Steaming Iron, Microwave, Cloth Dryer Machine so as to upgrade their living facilities.&lt;br&gt;(ii) Installation of water coolers and renovation of toilets in more than 20 Govt institutions of Delhi &amp; Jaipur.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;Project 2 : Installation of Waste Composter Machines&lt;br&gt;Two waste composter machines installed at Ludhiana Customs Commissionerate, are being used to transform waste arising out of canteen into organic fertilizer through decomposition process. Fertilizer generated through compost machines is being used to improve the soil fertility of office lawn and garden.</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>Best Directorate</td>
<td>DG Systems</td>
<td>Project 1: Toilet Renovation&lt;br&gt;Renovation and up-gradation of toilets in various Govt schools of Bengaluru and Karnataka as well as in Custodial Homes (Delhi) for Leprosy and T.B. affected beggars and for mentally sick abandoned woman respectively.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;Project 2: Clean Habitations&lt;br&gt;Beautification and Cleanliness works at departmental residential quarters, Bengaluru.</td>
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| 4. | Best Commissionerates/ Zonal Units | Project 1: Open Air Green Conference Area  
Under the project, the office terrace has been converted into a green conference area where all officers/staff can interact while maintaining social distance.  
Project 2: Cleanliness Drive  
Cleaning and sanitization works in and around the office of DGGI Siliguri Zonal Unit which is situated in Ashrampara, Siliguri on regular basis.  
Project 3: Desilting of lake in Alichikudi Village, Cuddalore District  
The project involved de-silting/removal of debris and increase in the depth and water storage capacity of the lake.  
Project 4: Outreach Activities in Government School  
The project included renovation of toilets and providing of clean drinking water in Adi Dravida school at Aggarapettai Thanjavur. |
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<td>Trichy CGST Commissionerate</td>
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| 5. | Special Mention | For various Swachhata works such as toilets construction/ renovation & provision of facilities for better hygiene and clean drinking water in different Government schools and in a health centre and for the work towards better amenities to the office staff.  
For the project of eco friendly pencils from newspaper waste.  
This project involved recycling of newspaper waste into eco-friendly pencils for distribution to poor school children and office staff.  
For the Rain Water Harvesting project in NACIN Faridabad campus. It stores the rainwater and helps in groundwater recharge.  
For overall improvement of infrastructure of the office.  
For the Project ‘Srishti’ - the Nature Class in Atal Adarsh Bengali Balika Vidyalaya, New Delhi. Under the project, following works have been undertaken:  
1. Development of herbal & aromatic plant yard with herbs and aromatic plants like Basil (Tulsi) Dill, Rosemary, Aloe, Fennel, Sage, Lemon grass etc.  
2. Construction of an open air eco-shade (Gazebo) equipped for teaching and learning.  
For the project of Green office Cafeteria- A green open cafeteria has been developed by modifying a used shipping container. Most of the materials used were recycled from the office building, including old furniture, crockery, an |
<p>| Hyderabad CGST Zone | | |
| Vadodara-II CGST Commissionerate | | |
| NACIN Faridabad | | |
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| HRM-I, DGH RD | | |
| Pune Customs Commissionerate | | |</p>
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<td><strong>old ship anchor, bamboo fencing, and food preparation machinery.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Ludhiana CGST Commissionerate</strong></td>
<td>For the Prevention of Stubble burning by providing machines called Happy Seeders &amp; Mulchers and creating awareness among the farmers of Punjab. It allows the farmer to sow their land without having to burn stubble while mulchers are used for land clearing by cutting, grinding and clearing the vegetation.</td>
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<td><strong>Dimapur CGST Commissionerate</strong></td>
<td>For Setting up of an Eco Park at Kacharigaon Village under Dimapur district, Nagaland. The park was earlier an unused free space where it was used as a dumping place of household waste, which is converted into a green area for recreational benefits for the locals of the village.</td>
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3. Swachhta work of the following Zones/Directorates/Formations were also found commendable by the Selection Committee, such as:

   a) Pune CGST Zone  
   b) Guwahati CGST Zone  
   c) Jaipur CGST Zone  
   d) Vadodara CGST Zone  
   e) Kolkata Customs Zone  
   f) Mumbai Customs Zone-II  
   g) Tiruchirappalli Customs (Preventive) Zone  
   h) DG Vigilance  
   i) DG Export Promotion  
   j) DG GST Intelligence  
   k) Belapur Circle, M&P wing, Preventive Commissionerate (Mumbai Customs Zone-III)  
   l) Raipur CGST Commissionerate (Bhopal CGST Zone)  
   m) Appeals-II Mumbai Commissionerate (Mumbai CGST Zone)  
   n) Ahmedabad Customs Commissionerate (Ahmedabad Customs Zone)  

4. On behalf of CBIC, I congratulate the winning formations. The schedule for the award ceremony shall be informed in due course. I also urge all the Zones/Directorates to take up innovative projects this year as well and fully utilize the O.E. (Swachhta) funds.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

(Neeta Lall Butalia)  
Director General
Dear Colleagues,

The Board, on 4th August 2021, launched the Indian Customs Compliance Information Portal (CIP) providing free information on all Customs procedures and regulatory compliance for nearly 12,000 Customs Tariff lines. This is another major trade facilitation measure of CBIC for enhancing Ease of Doing Business. CIP would empower our business entities as well as provide information to any person interested to understand trade procedures with up-to-date information on the legal and procedural requirements of Customs and Partner Government Agencies (FSSAI, AQIS, PQIS, Drug Controller, etc.) for carrying out imports and exports. My congratulations to the team led by Shri Thamizh Valavan, Commissioner (Single Window), for this trade friendly initiative.

During my visit to review the work of CGST Jaipur Zone, I interacted with the Chief Commissioner, officers & staff as well as trade and industries. A review of their performance of the zone was also done. The Jodhpur Customs (Prev.) Commissionerate had also organised a function for the launch of the Express Cargo Clearance System (ECCS) and the release of the yearbook of Jodhpur Customs (Prev) during the visit. Chief Commissioner, Delhi Customs (Preventive) was also present.

Continuing the crackdown on fraudsters and smugglers, the CBIC field formations and enforcement wings have made some noteworthy cases last week.

The DGGI, Gurugram Zonal Unit, in a follow up on the issue of mis-classification of instrument clusters has booked another case of GST evasion of Rs. 235 crore. DGGI, Meerut Zonal Unit, in a major case, has detected a huge case of passing on of fake ITC through a web of bogus firms/companies. The detection so far has been reported to be about Rs. 503 crore that is likely to go up as the investigation progresses. DGGI, Bengaluru Zonal Unit, acting on intelligence developed by the officers of BZU and further developed using BIFA, has detected GST evasion to the tune of Rs. 9.7 crore. Upon detection, the company had deposited a total of Rs. 14.32 crore inclusive of GST, interest and penalty. The CGST Ranchi Zone has unearthed a scam worth Rs. 300 crore in which companies used fake bills and invoices to pass on fake ITC of about Rs 27 crore. I would also like to mention here that CGST officers have unearthed input tax credit fraud of more than Rs. 31,000 crore involving more than 7,200 cases in FY 2020-21.

On the anti-smuggling front, the officers of DRI, Siliguri Regional Unit, recovered about 33 pieces of ivory weighing 10.17 Kgs upon intercepting three persons on 3rd August, 2021, while boarding a train at Howrah bound for Varanasi. The follow-up action resulted in recovery of 26 cut pieces of ivory weighing about 4.73 Kgs from a workshop-cum-residence.
My congratulations to these officers and formations for their success in detecting and preventing tax evasion and smuggling.

On the welfare front, proposals from DGHHRD relating to ex-gratia financial assistance of Rs. 2.85 crores to 44 families of departmental employees who died in harness, including deaths due to Covid-19, were approved. Reimbursement of medical claims of about Rs. 16.4 lakhs incurred by 11 officers/staff or their family members, for medical treatment and which had not been reimbursed under CS(MA)/CGHS Rules, were also approved. All these amounts should be disbursed to the officials / families by the respective formations, expeditiously. In another step towards streamlining the cadre, a meeting of DSC for grant of NFSG on regular basis to IRS (C&IT) officers of 1988 to 2001 batches was held on 5th August, 2021.

I am glad to share with you that the ‘Swachhta Awards 2020-2021’ have been declared. It is my pleasure to congratulate the CGST Meerut Zone, Delhi Customs (Preventive) Zone and DG Systems who have been selected as winners in Best Zone Category while DGGI Siliguri Zonal Unit and Trichy CGST Commissionerate have been selected as winners in best Commissionerate / Zonal Unit category. DGHHRD will be putting out a comprehensive list of all the winners. All the projects taken up by the field formations are laudable and are excellent steps towards a ‘Clean India & Better India’.

It is heartening to note that the CGST Ranchi Zone has taken a wonderful initiative to provide clean drinking water in a village, which did not have an adequate water source by getting a borewell, dug utilising funds under the Swachhta programme. This is a big relief to the villagers there who had to earlier travel a good distance to collect drinking water. A very thoughtful and heart-warming gesture indeed.

Before I end, I must mention that the coming week would see celebrations to mark our 75th Independence Day. Many activities have been lined up as part of the yearlong programme envisaged under ‘Azadi Kaa Amrut Mahotsav’. I am sure the Zones would be geared up to celebrate the occasion with grandeur and enthusiasm.

Our officers posted at International Airports have been giving a warm reception to the Indian Olympic Contingent returning from the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games with a haul of seven Medals. I join the department in greeting the participants for their wonderful achievements. It is also a matter of happiness that Dr. Prem Verma, Commissioner from our department was Deputy Chef De Mission for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. On this happy note, let us be inspired by our athletes and keep fit and healthy.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

(M. Ajit Kumar)

To,
All Officers and Staff of Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs