

Shri Surjit Bhujabal inaugurates ICEGATE–LPMS integration at ICP Agartala, advancing digital transformation in cross-border trade

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Shri Surjit Bhujabal, the Special Secretary & Member (Customs), Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs (CBIC), today inaugurated the integration of the Indian Customs Electronic Gateway–Land Port Management System (ICEGATE–LPMS) at the Integrated Check Post (ICP), at Agartala, Tripura. The initiative marks a significant milestone in CBIC's ongoing journey toward comprehensive digital transformation in cross-border trade facilitation.



The ICEGATE–LPMS integration enables real-time, bidirectional exchange of data between ICEGATE and the Land Port Management System, creating a seamless digital ecosystem at land ports. This integration mirrors the efficiencies already achieved at seaports, airports, and inland container depots,

ensuring faster clearance of goods, automated workflows for import and export processes, secure and reliable data exchange, and robust reconciliation mechanisms to maintain data integrity.



The integration focuses on critical customs data elements, including Bill of Entry, Shipping Bill, Out of Charge (OOC), and Let Export Order (LEO), along with event-based updates tracking cargo movement, from slot booking to gate-in and gate-out. These enhancements significantly reduce manual intervention and improve operational efficiency at Integrated Check Posts.

The initiative is a practical embodiment of Coordinated Border Management, promoting harmonised functioning among multiple border agencies through shared data, common risk assessment, and synchronized decision-making. Automated status updates and digital workflows lower transaction costs and enhance the ease of doing business, aligning India's border management practices with global benchmarks.

From an enforcement perspective, the integration strengthens risk-based targeting. Real-time logistics data from LPMS, when combined with declarations and intelligence available on ICEGATE, enables early risk assessment, identification of anomalies, and selective application of controls. This approach improves compliance outcomes while minimising disruption to compliant trade.

The inauguration reflects the combined efforts of the CBIC and the Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI) to ensure that India's trade infrastructure remains future-ready and globally competitive making cross-border trade simpler, faster, and more transparent.



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