

Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) to host National Symposium on Customs Reforms and International Customs Day 2026 with the theme of ‘Customs protecting society through vigilance and commitment’

Union Minister of State for Finance Shri Pankaj Chaudhary to preside over International Customs Day 2026 in New Delhi tomorrow

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The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) is hosting the **National Symposium on Customs Reforms, 2026, and International Customs Day, 2026**, in New Delhi, tomorrow.

Union Minister of State for Finance Shri Pankaj Chaudhary will preside over the International Customs Day 2026 along with Shri Arvind Shrivastava, Secretary, Department of Revenue; Shri Vivek Chaturvedi, Chairman, CBIC; and officials of Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, and CBIC, will also remain present.

The International Customs Day 2026 will witness screening of a short film on Customs Reforms; an audio-visual presentation and launch of Single Window SWIFT 2.0; release of the SWIFT 2.0 Booklet and the Digital Travellers Guide; and release of the revamped Atithi App.

The celebrations will also witness the stakeholder feedback from representatives of trade and industry. The event will also include the distribution of the WCO Certificate of Merit to distinguished officers (List in Annexure-I).

Prior to the International Customs Day 2026 celebrations, CBIC is also organising the National Symposium on Customs Reforms 2026.

Shri Arvind Shrivastava, Secretary, Department of Revenue, will preside over the National Symposium on Customs Reforms 2026 along with Shri Vivek Chaturvedi, Chairman, CBIC, for the session. The session will commence with remarks by the Member (Customs), CBIC, setting the context for the deliberations.

This will be followed by an overview presentation on Customs Reforms by the Joint Secretary (Customs), CBIC, outlining key policy and procedural advancements. The session will comprehensively cover trust-based customs processes and digital governance, including recent legal changes and import procedural reforms. It will also highlight the evolution of the digital ecosystem through initiatives such as SWIFT 2.0 and the Customs Integrated System (CIS). In addition, the discussions will focus on emerging export

opportunities, including courier reforms, fisheries enablement and export procedure reforms. Special emphasis will also be placed on ease of living measures, particularly reforms relating to baggage rules and personal imports.

The Symposium will highlight India's ongoing transformation in Customs administration, focusing on trust-based processes, digital governance, trade facilitation and ease of living for citizens.

The event will bring together senior government officials, policymakers, trade representatives, industry stakeholders and officers from across the country to deliberate on key reforms shaping the future of Indian Customs.

The Symposium underscores CBIC's continued commitment to simplifying procedures, enhancing transparency, strengthening digital infrastructure and fostering a partnership-driven approach with trade and citizens.

ANNEXURE-I

List of Distinguished Officials awarded WCO Certificate of Merit

Sl. No.	Name of Officer	Designation and Formation
	(Shri/Smt.)	
1	Dr. Puneeta Bedi	Director, TRU-I, CBIC, New Delhi
2	Balmukund	Additional Commissioner, CCO, Mumbai Customs Zone-I
3	Ms. Parinati Sunkar	Additional Director, DRI, Indore Zonal Unit
4	Kazi Suhail Aneesahmad	Additional Director, NCTC (Cargo), Mumbai
5	Rigved Thakur	Joint Commissioner, Member (IT, TPS & Tech), CBIC,
6	Sadeesh Kumar K	Joint Commissioner, Chennai Airport Customs, Commissionerate
7	Amit Kumar Gupta	Joint Commissioner, Directorate of International Customs
8	Sandeep Suryabhan Gunjal,	Joint Commissioner, Commissioner of Customs, Airport and ACC, Bangaluru
9	Roy Varghese	Deputy Commissioner, Custom House, Cochin
10	Prabhjot Kaur	OSD, Customs & EB, CBIC, New Delhi
11	Veenu Kavaria	Deputy Director, DRI, Mumbai Zonal Unit
12	Sakshi Garg	Under Secretary, GST Policy Wing, CBIC, New Delhi

13	Rajender Kumar Gupta	Assistant Commissioner, O/O the Chief Commr., Customs Delhi Zone, New Delhi
14	Ananya Kumar Singh	Technical Officer, TRU-I, CBIC, New Delhi
15	Rajan Keswani	Superintendent, Customs IV Section, Customs Policy Wing
16	Veena Rao	Superintendent, Custom, Canine Centre, Attari
17	Bhawani Singh	Superintendent, Custom, Prev. Jaipur
	Shekhawat	
18	Rajbinder Singh	Superintendent, DRI Regional Unit Mangaluru
19	Khaimuansang	Intelligence Officer, DRI, Aizawl Regional Unit
20	Vinod Badola	Tax Assistant, DRI, Head Quarter, New Delhi

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