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Dear *Colleagues,*

As you are aware the State of Kerala has been very badly affected by floods. In this hour of crisis, it is heartening to note that the officers and staff of GST and Customs Thiruvananthapuram Zone have undertaken immediate relief measures in coordination with the State Government, including deployment of Customs Boats and Dinghy in relief work. The local nodal officers along with their teams have coordinated the work of relief measures in coordination with various stake holders and well-wishers with the voluntary contributions from officers. I appreciate the efforts of these officers and staff and urge them to continue to render their assistance for this humanitarian work.

Central Government has exempted consignments of aid and relief materials from Basic Custom Duty (BCD) and Integrated Goods and Services Tax (IGST), imported and intended for donation for relief and rehabilitation of the people affected by the floods, upto 31st December 2018 *vide* Notification No. 59/2018-Customs dated 21st August, 2018. Additionally, the due dates for filing of the GST returns have also been extended for the taxpayers registered in Kerala, Mahe, and Kodagu *vide* Notifications No. 36 to 38/2018-Central Tax dated 24th August 2018.

Staff welfare is an important aspect of Human resource Management. In this regard, a praiseworthy effort of Mumbai Customs Zone-I has been brought to my notice wherein a 'Pension Adalat' was recently conducted, in presence of Bank and PAO staff concerned, to hear and resolve pension related grievances. I commend CC Mumbai Customs Zone-I and his team for this work. I urge other Zones to emulate such welfare measures.

NACIN is organizing a one-day special workshop to sensitize officers of CBIC on various welfare measures and incentives provided by the Government of India for welfare of the Scheduled Castes / Scheduled Tribes on 31st August, 2018 at NACIN, Centre of Excellence, New Delhi. The workshop will be attended by senior officers of CBIC, dealing with issues relating to cadre control and personnel/establishment matters and who are closely involved in the welfare of the Scheduled Castes / Scheduled Tribes. The need for such training has also been highlighted by the Hon'ble Committee on Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in its 19th Report on Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, presented to the Parliament.

DGPM has taken the initiative under Swachhata Action Plan to upgrade the infrastructure of the office space, beginning with refurbishing office rooms & washrooms to PVC panelling of corridors, to smart electrical fittings and finally creation of spaces like a new library and canteen. The library has given a new lease of life to the art of reading. I am told that the canteen has been carved out of a space used as garbage area /unused dump. Clearing that space out and opening the canteen, from welfare fund, is truly laudable. These results have been achieved in a short duration of six months with minimal disruption of the day-to-day work. I congratulate the officers of DGPM on this commendable achievement!

I am glad to inform you the record-breaking achievement of Dr. A Venkadesh Babu, AC ,posted in Customs (Preventive) zone, Trichy who has entered into the Guinness World Records for conducting the 'Largest Drug Awareness lesson' amidst an audience of 2009 persons on 2nd February 2018.

Shri P.M. Govande, Chief Commissioner, Lucknow Zone has joined as Member in the Customs and Central Excise Settlement Commission, Mumbai Bench. I wish him best in his new endeavour.

With *best wishes*

Yours sincerely,

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To,

All officers and staff of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs