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Dear *Colleagues,*

Swachhta Pakhwada is being observed by all the field formations of CBIC from 15.10.2018 to 31.10.2018 with a view to achieve the dream of clean India. A time line of various activities to be undertaken during this pakhwada has been circulated to all field formations by DGHRD and is also available on the website of CBIC. I urge all field formations of CBIC to carry out the activities as prescribed in the time line and also come up with their own innovative projects to be carried out during the *Pakhwada*.

Efficient Expenditure Management by Budgetary authorities is imperative for robust and innovative organization. The review of Budgetary Authorities under CBIC in this regard in the middle of Financial Year indicates that the Expenditure in certain object heads such as Office Expenses, RRT, *Swachhta* are below the expenditure targets. This area needs special monitoring by the field formations and all the 68 Budgetary Authorities under CBIC so that we make efficient and effective use of the allocated funds.

Bengaluru CGST zone has implemented a novel trade friendly initiative called '*Kar Sampark Abhiyan*' which is a continuous assessee contact program. Under this program, all officers of the Zone have been encouraged to actively engage with the Trade through formal as well as informal meetings so as to inculcate a culture of proactive, assessee-centric

functioning at all levels, as well as to obtain grass-root level feedback on GST and its implementation. In addition to the informal meetings, regular meetings are also scheduled every month at the Commissionerates. I am told that the feedback for this initiative has been encouraging.

I am happy to inform that the DPC for the promotion to the Apex grade and HAG+ grade has been conducted by the UPSC. Recommendations of the DPC, after approval of the competent authority, will be forwarded to ACC for approval. I shall keep you informed of the developments in this regard.

There is an urgent need to step up the fight against wild life crime, which has environmental, social and economic impact and a concerted effort is needed by all the law enforcement agencies in combating the same. DRI has been working on combating wild life smuggling apart from various other types of Cross Border Crime. Recently a major smuggling racket was busted by DRI wherein exotic birds and animals of foreign origin including critically endangered species listed under CITES Appendix-I such as black-and-white ruffed lemur were being smuggled into India from Bangkok, Thailand via Myanmar. I congratulate the DG DRI and his team on this spectacular effort.

With *best wishes,*

Yours sincerely,


(S. Ramesh)

To,

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