

Hon'ble Finance Minister launches two new IT Initiatives - ICEDASH & ATITHI

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Smt Nirmala Sitharaman, Hon'ble Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, Government of India has launched two new IT initiatives, ICEDASH and ATITHI – for improved monitoring and pace of Customs clearance of imported goods and facilitating arriving international passengers by electronic filing of Customs baggage and currency declarations.

ICEDASH is an Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) monitoring dashboard of the Indian Customs helping public see the daily Customs clearance times of import cargo at various ports and airports. With ICEDASH, Indian Customs has taken a lead globally to provide an effective tool that helps the businesses compare clearance times across ports and plan their logistics accordingly. This dashboard has been developed by Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) in collaboration with National Informatics Centre (NIC). ICEDASH can be accessed through the CBIC website.

With ATITHI, CBIC has introduced an easy to use mobile app for international travellers to file the Customs declaration in advance. Passengers can use this app to file declaration of dutiable items and currency with the Indian Customs even before boarding the flight to India. ATITHI is

available on both, iOS and Android.

According to Finance Minister, both ICEDASH and ATITHI would be key drivers for improvement in India's global ranking in the Trading Across Border, as they reduce interface and increase transparency of Customs functioning. She added that ATITHI would in particular create a tech savvy image of India Customs and would encourage tourism and business travel to India.

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