

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Passing Out Ceremony of 68<sup>th</sup> (2018) Batch IRS (C & CE) Officers**

National Academy of Customs, Indirect Taxes and Narcotics organized the Passing Out Ceremony of 68<sup>th</sup> (2016) Batch Indian Revenue Service (Customs & Central Excise) Officers on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018. The 2016 batch of Indian Revenue Service consisted of 172 Officers Trainees including 39 lady officers. These young officers will be at the helm of administering the GST, India's biggest tax reform since independence.

2. The Ceremony was presided by Hon'ble Minister of State (Finance) Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla. The Hon'ble MoS inspected the Passing out Parade and took the Guard of Honour.

3. Shri S. Ramesh, Chairman, CBIC welcomed the MoS. In his address, he emphasized the passing out officers to maintain a fine balance between law enforcement and trade facilitation.

4. In his valedictory address, Shri Shukla, Hon'ble MoS, congratulated the 2016 batch for successfully completing their training. He emphasized on the role of the fresh batch of officers in GST implementation across India. He also underlined the importance of Customs in enforcing different laws of the land and protecting economic frontiers of the country.

5. During the passing out ceremony, eight officer trainees who have excelled in different areas of training, were awarded the medals for their exceptional achievements. Shri Vivek Anand received the Finance Minister's Gold Medal for overall best performance.

6. On this occasion the MoS unveiled the book "History of Indian Customs and Tariff", a compilation by Officer Trainees. The MoS also unveiled NACIN Annual Book and a Book titled "Swatchta Uday", an initiative of CBIC.

7. The event was attended by senior officers of the Department both serving and retired as well as family members of Officer Trainees and other distinguished guests.