

CENTRAL BOARD OF INDIRECT TAXES AND CUSTOMS CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL CUSTOMS DAY, 2022

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A formal function to mark this event was also organised at the Ministry of Finance, North Block, New Delhi, in the afternoon, which was attended through the virtual mode. This was graced by the Chairman CBIC, Sh. Vivek Johri, Members of the Board, senior officers and all the field formations and Directorates under CBIC.



The Chairman CBIC congratulated all the officers of the department on this occasion. He also urged the officers to focus on better service delivery and work towards enhancing predictability and transparency in their day-to-day decision making. On the digital front, he exhorted the officers to have a fair understanding of the automated systems and be active users, so as to provide a meaningful feedback for strengthening the data culture in the organisation.



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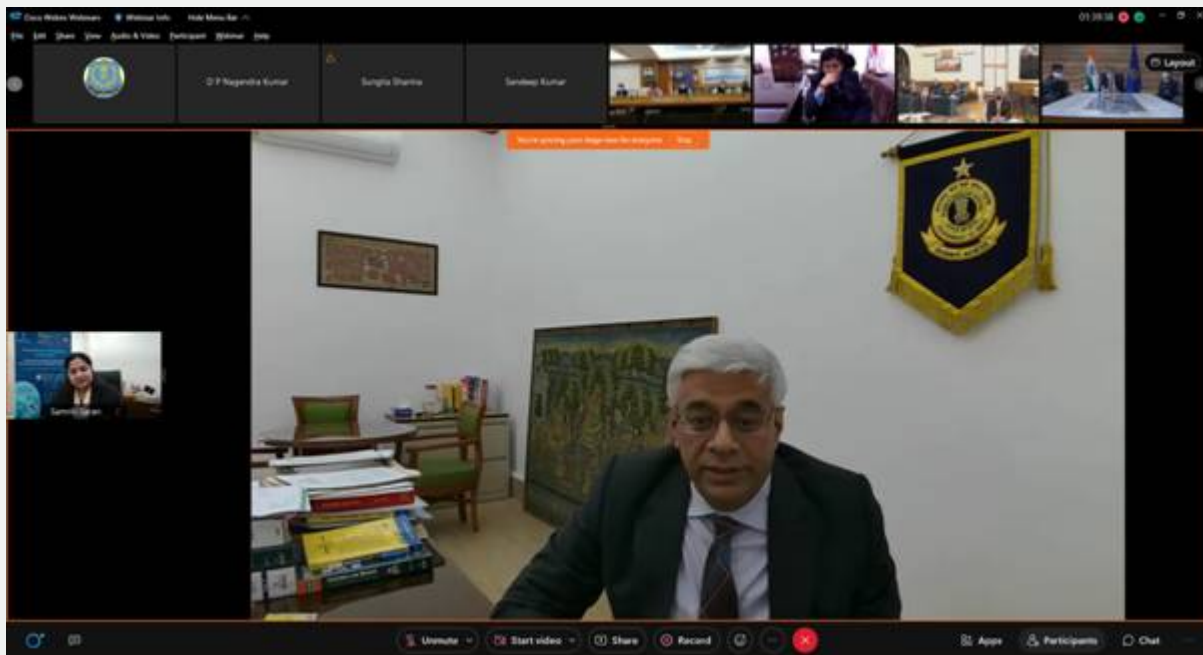
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