

**PRESS INFORMATION BUREAU
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**INDIAN CUSTOMS TABLEAU DEPICTING INDIAN CUSTOMS AS GUARDIANS OF
OUR ECONOMIC FRONTIERS TO BE PRESENTED IN THE REPUBLIC DAY PARADE,
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The year 2012-13 marks 50 years of the Customs Act, 1962 and to celebrate the occasion, Central Board of Excise and Customs' (CBEC) tableau depicting **“Indian Customs: Guardians Of Our Economic Frontiers”** is part of this year's Republic Day Parade. Beside being a significant contributor to Central Government Revenue & facilitator of international movement of passengers & goods, Indian Customs protects our economy, environment, wildlife and heritage by checking smuggling including that of Fake Indian Currency Notes (FICN), endangered species of flora & fauna, arts & antiquities among others. By checking the smuggling of Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances, the Customs Department plays an important role in preserving and promoting our social well-being. The Customs Department has presence at International Airports, Sea Ports and Land Customs Stations.

The first ever tableau of Central Board of Excise and Customs presents the myriad facets of the working of Indian Customs and the proactive role it plays in facilitating trans-border movement of persons & goods, while exercising eternal vigilance.

The signature tune of Indian Customs **‘Pragati Ki Dhadkan’** shall be played with the tableau. This tune has been specially composed by noted music director Shri Adesh Srivastava. This Signature tune marks a curtain raiser to the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of the Indian Customs Act, 1962. It captures the presence of Indian Customs on the Indian waters, over the Indian skies and the land borders in the three movements of the music. Its vibrant beat is evocative of this dynamic force and symbolises the March of Progress.

The Indian Customs tableau is of special significance as 26th January is also celebrated as Customs Day.



CENTRAL BOARD OF EXCISE AND CUSTOMS TABLEAU DEPICTING "INDIAN CUSTOMS : GUARDIANS OF OUR ECONOMIC FRONTIERS"



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Indian Customs is the Guardian of our Economic Frontiers. Besides being a significant contributor to Central Government revenues & facilitating the movement of international passengers & goods, Indian Customs protects our economy, environment, wildlife and heritage by checking smuggling including that of fake Indian Currency Notes (FICN), endangered species of flora & fauna, arts & antiquities etc. By checking the smuggling of Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances the Customs Department plays a yeoman's role in preserving our social mores & contributes to preserving and promoting social well-being. The Customs Department has presence at International Airports, Sea ports & Land Customs Stations including Attari & Munnabao.

The tableau presents the myriad facets of the working of Indian Customs and the proactive role it plays in facilitating trans-border movement of persons & goods, while exercising eternal vigilance. It has four (4) elements:

- To draw attention to the Customs presence in the Indian waters, a Customs Patrol boat, with Customs Officers keeping a look out with Night Vision Binoculars is featured.
- Public most readily relates to the Customs presence/role at International Airports. The professional approach of the Customs at the International airport is depicted through

the facilitation accorded to International passengers clearing Customs through the Green Channel. At the same time Customs screening of passengers and their baggage is in process and a conveyor belt adds to the typical scene at the airport.

(c) A scene of a Customs Station with the crane lifting an import or export container. This portion shows Customs officers diligently & with utmost courtesy clears travelers from across the border, and their baggage. The tableau thus depicts the basic features of the working of Indian Customs.

(d) A scene from the Indo-Pakistan Land Customs Station at Attari is also depicted. Here Indian Customs diligently & with utmost courtesy clears travelers from across the border, and their baggage. The tableau thus depicts the basic features of the working of Indian Customs.

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