

## **Post–Union Budget 2026 Outreach Activities**

**Outreach programmes were conducted by all Commissionerates under the Bengaluru Customs Zone to deliberate on the implications of Union Budget 2026 with various stakeholders.**

All Commissionerates under the Zone conducted focused outreach programmes to apprise stakeholders of the implications of Union Budget 2026 and recent customs reforms, with emphasis on clarity, compliance, and trade facilitation.

Airport and ACC, Bengaluru Customs conducted a focused post–Budget 2026 outreach programme to ensure effective dissemination of information and stakeholder alignment on the new provisions. The Commissioner engaged directly with heads of major airlines to explain amendments to the Baggage Rules, the policy rationale, and compliance requirements, thereby facilitating transparent implementation. The Joint Commissioner complemented these efforts by organizing an open house at the DHL facility, Bengaluru, where courier-related changes were presented and operational issues addressed, receiving positive feedback from participants. Further, the Deputy Commissioner (Shed) participated in Budget awareness programmes organized in collaboration with KASSIA, with wide participation from trade members. Through these coordinated engagements, the Commissionerate reinforced its commitment to trade facilitation, informed compliance, and the Government’s vision of ease of doing business.

An interactive hybrid session was conducted by Bengaluru City Customs to apprise trade stakeholders of post–Union Budget 2026–27 customs reforms, with participation from Customs House Agents, exporters, and importers. A presentation on budgetary changes was followed by an interactive discussion addressing stakeholder queries.

Additionally, a video conference attended by 56 participants focused on Budget 2026 reforms in customs warehousing, emphasizing the shift to a warehouse operator-centric, fully digital system. Stakeholders were advised to onboard the ICEGATE Warehouse Module, as all warehousing operations—including bond clearances, bond-to-bond transfers, and SEZ-related clearances—are now mandated to be conducted digitally, with manual permissions allowed only in exceptional cases with prior approval of the

Mangaluru Customs organized two interactive sessions on 06.02.2026 at the New Custom House, Mangaluru. The first session covered budgetary changes in the Baggage Rules, including changes in definitions, duty-free import of personal effects, re-import and temporary import provisions, general free allowance, special allowance for jewellery, and TR provisions. The second session focused on broader budgetary changes in customs, covering fisheries in the EEZ and high seas, deferred payment of import duty, auto goods registration and auto OOC for imports, customs warehousing reforms, auto goods registration and auto LEO for e-sealed export cargo, amendments to Section 28(6), extension of validity of advance rulings, and changes in exemption notifications. E-scheduling of import cargo examination and use of body-worn cameras were also explained.

These outreach initiatives demonstrate the proactive efforts of the Commissionerates in promoting informed compliance, strengthening stakeholder engagement, and advancing the Government’s objectives of digitalization and ease of doing business.

