

ICEDASH and Atithi

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Why was it in News?

- The Ministry of Finance has launched two Information Technology (IT) initiatives – ICEDASH and ATITHI.

What are these?

- ICEDASH- Dashboard for monitoring of customs clearance of imported goods.
- ATITHI – mobile app for international travelers to file the ***Customs declaration in advance*** → to facilitate arriving international passengers.
- Both the initiatives have been developed by the Central Board of ***Indirect Taxes and Customs*** (CBIC).

ICEDASH

- It is an Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) monitoring dashboard of the Indian Customs that will help the public see the daily customs clearance times of import cargo at various ports and airports.
- It will help the businesses in comparing clearance times across ports and thus plan their logistics accordingly.
- Developed in collaboration with the National Informatics Centre (NIC).

ATITHI

- It is a mobile app for international travelers 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.
- It would encourage tourism and business travel to India

