

Shri N. S. Dev, an accomplished officer from the 1992 batch of the Inspector of Customs, has had a distinguished career spanning over three decades. His extensive experience includes significant roles in Intelligence and Anti-Smuggling units within the Customs Department, as well as deputation assignments in the Special Economic Zone. He was promoted to Superintendent in 2002.

His enforcement experience is extensive and distinguished, with 11 years in Customs Preventive Units, SIIB, and three Airports (AIU) as Inspector, Superintendent, and Assistant Commissioner. Additionally, he has an impressive 7½ years of deputation with the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) and the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), showcasing his versatility and expertise in various enforcement roles.

In 2017, he was conferred the Indian Revenue Service (IRS). He has handled diverse assignments, including Legal, Review, Adjudication, Audits, and Customs Preventive work. Currently posted at NACIN (National Academy of Customs, Indirect Taxes, and Narcotics), Palasamudram, Andhra Pradesh, he serves as Assistant Director in the In-Service Training (IST) vertical. He had also mentored the 75th batch of IRS Probationers.

His educational background is equally impressive. He holds an MA in Criminology & Police Science, along with PG Diplomas in Forensic Accounting and Forensic Science, as well as a Diploma in Police Administration. His expertise spans a wide range of fields, including Customs Enforcement, Drug Law, Intelligence Tradecraft, Scientific Interrogation Techniques, Criminal Psychology, Criminology, Penology, Prosecution, Money Laundering, Financial Investigation, and Criminal Investigation.

As a committed lifelong learner, he has completed 62 courses on the Karmayogi Portal, 8 on the WCO Click Portal, 6 on the UNODC E-learning portal, 2 NFSU (National Forensic Sciences University) courses, and earned 6 private certifications underscoring his dedication to continuous professional development.

He has undergone specialized training from

- US DEA: Asset Forfeiture
- US Dept of Energy: Weapons of Mass Destruction
- US CBP: International Air Cargo Interdiction
- R&AW: Intelligence Tradecraft
- NISM: Stock Markets
- NLU, Delhi: Legal Matters
- NACIN-UNEP: ToT Workshop to combat illegal trade in HCFCs
- CDAC: Cyber Forensics
- NICFS: Drug Abuse & Forensic Science
- CBC-SPJIMR: Faculty Development Programme

- BPR&D: ToT workshop on New Criminal Laws
- WCO: CITES Enforcement
- NACIN -MDSEI: PMLA – 3600

Achievements:

- Experience in the end-to-end investigation of Narcotics, Anti-Smuggling & Commercial Fraud cases including Prosecution & Preventive Detention
- Drug Cases: Heroin, Ketamine, Ephedrine & Hashish Oil valued at ₹ 956 crores. Credited with obtaining a conviction in a diversion case solely based on documents. Assets to the tune of ₹ 4.5 crores were unearthed and frozen.
- Customs Offences: 78 Kg of Gold valued at ₹ 54.6 crores including the sensational case of smuggling of gold in the guise of diplomatic baggage. Commercial Fraud cases/FICN/ Red Sanders of value ₹ 43 crores.
- Audit/CGST: Duty evasion detected ₹ 23.34 crores, spot recovery ₹ 2.84 crores. Total recovery of arrears ₹ 41.57 crores in CGST.

Awards/Appreciations

- Presidential Medal for Specially Distinguished Record of Service- RD 2015

He has received 13 Certificates of Commendation which include

- Drug Liaison Officer, British High Commission
- DG, Directorate of Revenue Intelligence
- DG, Narcotics Control Bureau (2 occasions)
- DG, NACIN
- Development Commissioner, Cochin SEZ
- Commissioner of Customs (4 occasions)
- Zonal Director, Narcotics Control Bureau
- Commissioner, CGST, Thiruvananthapuram
- State Commercial Tax Department

Capacity Building Experience

Master Trainer for

- NACIN: Bangalore/Kochi/Hyderabad/Vizag/Chennai/Bhopal/Mumbai/Palagamudram Resource Person since 2006, during the last 18 years has handled more than 780 sessions [75 MIN] on various topics, particularly relating to Anti-Smuggling, Drug Law Enforcement, Money Laundering & Financial Investigation.

Resource Person with over 1500 hours/21 years of experience for

- Coast Guard RTI, Kochi (Trained 30 batches of AC Probationers since 2004)
- Intelligence Bureau SZ RTC, Trivandrum
- Fiscal Policy Institute, Karnataka [Karnataka Excise Officers]
- SVP NPA, Hyderabad

- Indian Navy, Southern Naval Command, Kochi
- Kerala Police (KEPA/PTC)
- Kerala State Excise.
- Karnataka Police
- CISF -ASG
- State Bank of Travancore Learning Centre
- National Law University, New Delhi
- LLM (Off Campus – Criminal Law) MG University [criminology, penology, economic statutes, forensic science]

In-house training experience for new recruits in Custom House- more than 400 sessions [75 min]. Member of the committee formed to revise the Kerala Police Manual, Economic Crimes Chapter. Presented a paper on Terrorism & Narcotics during the International Seminar organized by Govt Law College, Kozhikode, Kerala

He has received 14 Commendation /Appreciation certificates for capacity building which include

- Chief Commissioner, Central Tax & Customs, Kerala Zone
- Chief Chemical Examiner, Kerala – 2 occasions
- Coast Guard, RTI, Kochi – 3 occasions
- ADG – NACIN, Kochi- 2 occasions
- Indian Navy, Southern Naval Command, Kochi
- Intelligence Bureau, SZ RTC, Trivandrum
- Fiscal Policy Institute, Bengaluru
- State Bank of Travancore
- State Excise, Kerala
- Adani Trivandrum Airport