ICEDASH and ATITHI

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Why in News

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

- **ICEDASH-** For improved monitoring of **customs clearance of imported goods.**
- **ATITHI -** For **facilitating** 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 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.
- It has been developed in collaboration with the **National Informatics Centre (NIC).**

ATITHI

- It is an easy to use **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.

Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs

- CBIC is a part of the Department of Revenue under the **Ministry of Finance.**
- It deals with the tasks of formulation of policy concerning levy and collection of Customs, Central Excise duties, **Central Goods & Services Tax,** Integrated GST (IGST) and prevention of smuggling.

National Informatics Centre

- NIC of the **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology** provides network backbone and **e-Governance support** to the Central Government, State Governments and UT Administrations.
- It was established in **1976** and is located in **New Delhi.**

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