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Session on Integrity and Ethics in Public Service Held in Chennai; Hon'ble Justice N. Anand Venkatesh Delivers Keynote Address

CHENNAI — A high-level interactive session on **"Integrity and Ethics in Public Service"** was conducted today, November 14, 2026, at The Music Academy, Chennai. The event brought together over 1,400 officers across all cadres from the Central Goods and Services Tax (GST) and Customs departments.

The session commenced with a welcome address delivered by **Shri S.K. Vimalanathan**, Principal Chief Commissioner of GST & Central Excise and Customs, who formally welcomed the Chief Guest and underscored the fundamental role of ethical conduct, transparency, and accountability in revenue administration and citizen service delivery.

Delivering the keynote address, the Chief Guest, **Hon'ble Justice Shri N. Anand Venkatesh**, Judge of the Madras High Court, set a solemn and inspiring tone by administering an oath to all participating officers through a collective reading of the **Preamble to the Constitution of India**. Drawing upon India's philosophical heritage, Hon'ble Justice cited timeless verses from the **Isha Vasya Upanishad** to emphasize selflessness, duty, and public trust.

In his address, Hon'ble Justice shared personal experiences and practical observations from his daily life and judicial tenure, illustrating how steadfast adherence to moral principles guides decision-making in public office. He encouraged officers to regard integrity not merely as a statutory obligation, but as an active, daily habit vital to sustaining democratic institutions and public confidence.

The gathering saw enthusiastic participation from 1,400 officers of the GST and Customs formations, reaffirming their collective commitment to upholding the highest standards of probity, ethical governance, and dedication to the nation.





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