FEDERATION OF FREIGHT FORWARDERS' ASSOCIATIONS IN INDIA (FFFAI)

(National Apex Body Of Custom Broker's Associations and Logistics Service Providers In India)



Annual Report 2023-2024

FFFAI OFFICE BEARERS FOR THE TERM OF 2023-2025



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Mr. Dushyant Mulani
Chairman, FFFAI

Dear Members,

Greetings from FFFAI!

On the occasion of 61st Annual General Meeting of our Federation, being a National Apex body of Customs Brokers and Freight Forwarders in India, with sincere gratitude and humility FFFAI presents itself as the nodal body in the logistics sector, encompassing the entire length and width of the country.

While our country aspires to become a developed economy in a couple of decades, FFFAI carries out important tasks of supporting entrepreneurship, generating employment and most importantly first-time employment and entrepreneurship in the sector.

FFFAI team of Office Bearers and Executive Committee Members have taken up the important task of creating a cohesive group backed up by strong unity and providing thought leadership to its members and logistics sector.

Before I begin to enumerate the events and achievements of the past year of this term, I take this opportunity to convey my sincere thanks to all Members, Executive Committee, Office Bearers, Immediate Past Chairman, Board of Advisors, Invitees and energetic team of FFFAI Secretariat.

Besides addressing the day-to-day difficulties faced by the customs clearance sector, FFFAI has importantly got engaged with various strategic tasks which are going to help the members and logistics sector for years to come. During the year, following important tasks have been accomplished for trade facilitation, training and skill development, inclusion of women in the field of Customs clearance and logistics and protecting the interest of customs brokers against any untoward action by the department.

1.FFFAI had represented since past few years to CBIC for issuance of circular / instructions that Customs Broker should not be made co-noticee in the interpretative disputes of their client with the customs department. Happy to convey that CBIC has just recently issued the instructions 20/2024 dated 3rd Sep 2024. This is one of the landmark achievements for the Federation for its Members.

2. To give impetus to learning and skill development, FFFAI with help of its entire team of our Office Bearers has tied up with renowned educational institutions such as Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Mumbai and Indian Institute of Freight Trade (IIFT), Kolkata and have rolled out learning modules for youth in the country.

3. Participation of women in the field of Customs Clearance and Logistics is an important task

which FFFAI has embarked on with partnership of World Bank., FFFAI has carried out several programs including field visits of women's wing to various CC locations across the country. The most significant being the Land Border Customs Station at India-Nepal border. FFFAI team is very focused to create internship program for women at various locations across the country,

4. FFFAI has achieved an important milestone by getting appointed under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) for training and employment for the youth in the country to be integrated in the logistics sector.

5. FFFAI is part of Working Group with Bureau of Indian Standard (BIS) to create best practices, SOP and draft standards in storage and transportation of cold chain cargo.

6. FFFAI is also part of the Working Group setup by World Bank (B-Ready) project under Chairmanship of Directorate General of Foreign Trade, New Delhi.

7. FFFAI has also taken an active role in the creation of India Maritime Centre (IMC) under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways which is likely to be an important organization in the field ofshipping and logistics.

8. FFFAI was part of the Board of Trade (BoT) meeting chaired by Hon'ble Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Shri Piyush Goyal ji.

9. FFFAI has renewed with MoU with Logistics Skill Council as Training Partner and skill development

10. FFFAI has acquired the status of consultative partner of ULIP. We shall provide our inputs to them in order to make ULIP platform both useful and user friendly to the Customs Broker and Logistics Service Provider.

Majority of FFFAI members comprise of MSME's and to support MSME's; the team of Office Bearers and Secretariat setup has worked round the clock for keeping the members updated, informed about latest developments, notifications and other regulatory information on almost by 24x7 basis to facilitate the timely Customs clearance at Seaports, Airports, Inland Container Depot's, Land Border Customs Stations, etc.

An important landmark was the invitation by the World Customs Organization (WCO) to FFFAI in the month of June 2024 which was attended by I.P Chairman Mr Shankar Shinde, who is now the Chairman of International Federation of Customs Brokers Associations (IFCBA). He was accompanied by several Office Bearers and Senior Executive Committee Members of the Federation. International outreach to adopt best practices for higher trade facilitation is very important.

As an Apex body in the field of logistics it is important to bring qualitative changes in our day to day working of our members by bringing qualitative skill development and training, FFFAI is committed to creating outreach with all its members. Create a deep connect for improving the standards of conducting the business and become a platform for our members to multiply their businesses.

The recent announcement of Vizhinjam port, Vadhavan port, New airports across the country, Dedicated Freight Corridor, creation of Multimodal Logistics Parks will prove to be a game changer for our members.

Going forward the Federation is trying its utmost to achieve the following for it members :-

- Increased outreach through skill development program and training at various locations across the country
- Identify the Trade Facilitation Measures which will help our members to create efficiency to reduce the dwell time in Customs Clearance.
- Identify the common software platform for its members to carry out business transactions
- Work actively with CBIC to reduce the late filing charges for import consignments which will help our members immensely
- Represent with CBIC for getting facilitation measures rolled out for export consignments
- Work on ESG initiatives and educate members towards the same.

Our Nation is amongst one of the fastest growing economies globally and as per the projections Customs Broker and logistics services providers will play a larger role

The Custom Broker fraternity is at a pivotal point of growth as the logistics and customs clearance sectors experience significant expansion. With increasing demand for warehousing and third-party logistics (3PL) services, alongside a rapidly growing domestic transport sector, the industry is set to thrive. Inward logistics is surpassing expectations, fuelled by positive shifts in the geopolitical landscape, which are poised to boost Indian trade and industry. By fostering specialization in areas such as Over Dimensional Cargo (ODC), hazardous cargo handling, Free Trade Warehousing Zones (FTWZ), and Special Economic Zones (SEZ), the fraternity can create an integrated value chain. Expertise in express cargo services, reverse logistics, and pharma logistics, our country has taken a pole position in involving global trade framework.

I express my deep gratitude to each and every member of FFFAI, our entire team Office Bearers, Executive Committee Members, Past Chairmen, Board of Advisors, Secretariat team for their constant hard work and handholding to Member Associations and members of the Federation.

For their support, I compliment all stakeholders, regulatory institutions such as Central Board Of Indirect Taxes & Customs (CBIC), Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), Participating Government Agencies (PGA), Shipping Lines, Airlines, Custodians, Inland Container Depot (ICD), Land Customs Border Stations (LCBS), Trade Associations etc and look forward for your suggestions for improvement.

Dushyant Mulani
Chairman

PM MESSAGE



सत्यमेव जयते

प्रधान मंत्री
Prime Minister

New Delhi
आषाढ़ 20, शक संवत् 1946
11th July, 2024

Shri Dushyant Mulani Ji,

Please accept my heartfelt gratitude for your warm wishes on the victory in the recently concluded Lok Sabha elections. This is a victory of the world's largest democracy, our abiding loyalty towards the Constitution and the vision of *Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas.*

For the first time after six decades, a government has been voted in for the third consecutive term, after two full terms. By blessing our government, people have imparted greater strength to our efforts towards nation-building.

We have been marching ahead with the goal of building a Viksit Bharat by the year 2047. This mission has received the affection, faith and blessings of the people. We are determined to continue empowering the four pillars of our nation - the poor, youth, farmers and our *Nari Shakti*. Our government has already begun to intensify efforts in this direction.

This decade will prove to be extremely crucial for India. It will witness massive efforts to fulfil the dreams and aspirations of 140 crore people. The nation's global standing will also scale greater heights during this period.

I am fully confident that through *Jan Bhagidari* - people's participation - we will take the nation to newer heights of growth, inclusion and self-reliance.

I wish you and your family good health, peace and prosperity.

Warm regards,

Yours,

(**Narendra Modi**)

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2	AURANGABAD CUSTOMS HOUSE AGENTS ASSOCIATION
3	ASSOCIATION OF CUSTOM HOUSE AGENTS THIRUVANTHAPURAM
4	BANGALORE CUSTOM HOUSE AGENTS ASSOCIATION LTD
5	BRIHNAMUMBAI CUSTOM BROKERS ASSOCIATION
6	CALCUTTA CUSTOMS HOUSE AGENTS ASSOCIATION
7	CHENNAI CUSTOMS HOUSE AGENTS ASSOCIATION
8	COCHIN CUSTOMS BROKERS' ASSOCIATION
9	COIMBATORE CUSTOMS HOUSE & STEAMER AGENTS ASSOCIATION
10	CUSTOM BROKERS ASSOCIATION HYDERABAD
11	CUSTOMS BROKERS ASSOCIATION AMRITSAR
12	CUSTOMS BROKERS ASSOCIATION JAMNAGAR
13	DELHI CUSTOMS BROKERS ASSOCIATION
14	GOA CUSTOM BROKERS ASSOCIATION
15	INDORE CUSTOMS HOUSE AGENTS ASSOCIATION

SR. NO	NAME OF ASSOCIATION
16	THE KAKINADA CUSTOMS BROKERS ASSOCIATION
17	KANDLA CUSTOM BROKERS ASSOCIATION
18	KANPUR CUSTOMS BROKERS ASSOCIATION
19	LUDHIANA CUSTOMS HOUSE AGENTS ASSOCIATION
20	MANGALORE CUSTOMS HOUSE AGENTS ASSOCIATION
21	MUNDRA CUSTOMS BROKERS ASSOCIATION
22	NAGPUR CUSTOMS HOUSE AGENTS ASSOCIATION
23	NASHIK CUSTOMS HOUSE AGENTS ASSOCIATION
24	NODIA CUSTOM BROKERS ASSOCIATION
25	ODISHA CUSTOM BROKERS ASSOCIATION
26	PIPAVAV CUSTOM BROKERS ASSOCIATION
27	PUNE CUSTOMS HOUSE AGENTS ASSOCIATION
28	RAJASTHAN CUSTOMS HOUSE AGENTS ASSOCIATION
29	TUTICORIN CUSTOM BROKERS ASSOCIATION
30	VISAKHAPATNAM CUSTOMS BROKERS' ASSOCIATION
31	WEST BENGAL CUSTOM HOUSE AGENTS SOCIETY



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Late Shri A.C. Raghava Menon



Late Shri B.P. Dumasia



Late Shri K.G Kamat



Late Shri D.H. Dave



Late Shri L.H. Chawda



Late Shri Karsandas Tulsidas

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(1963-1965)



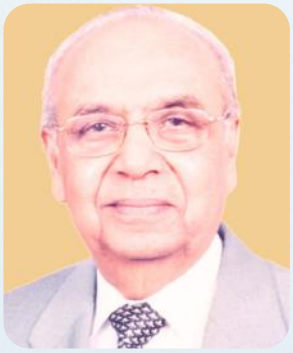
Late Shri F.R. Kapadia
(1965-1967)



Late Shri K.B. Sarwal
(1967-1969)



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(1974-1976)



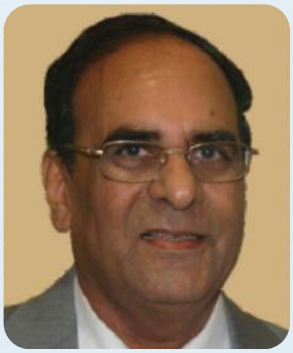
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Late Sghi S. Sambasivan
(1978-1980)



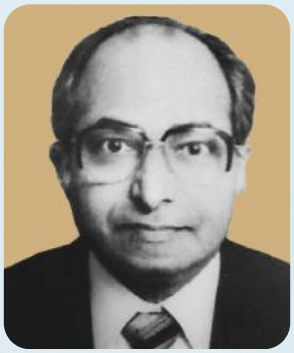
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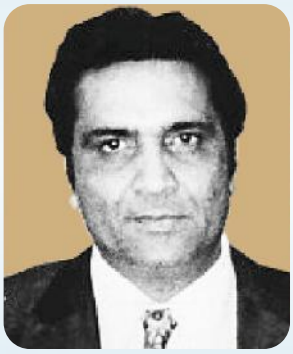
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Shri VR Naik
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Shri K.A. Patel
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Late Shri Mayur C. Contractor
(1991-1993)

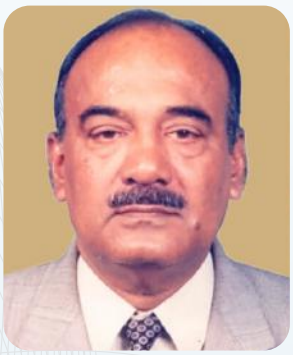


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(1993-1995)



Shri Vinod K. Chowdhry
(1995-1997)

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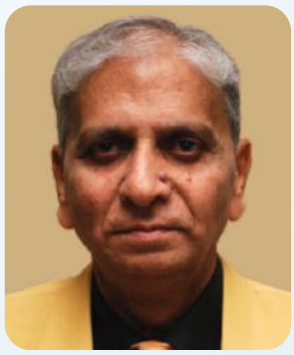
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(1999-2001)



Shri Kurien Mathew
(2001-2002)



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(2002-2003)



Shri P.S Krishnan
(2003-2005)



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(2005-2007)



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(2007-2009)



Shri Raman Raj Sud
(2009-2011)



Shri Shantanu Bhadkamkar
(2011-2013)



Shri Debashis Dutta
(2013-2015)



Shri Samir J Shah
(2015-2017)



Shri Ashish Pednekar
(2017-2018)



Shri S. Ramakrishna
(2018-2019)



Shri A.V. Vjayakumar
(2019-2021)

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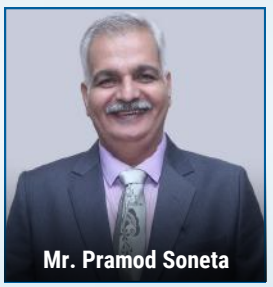
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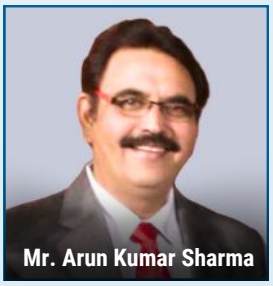
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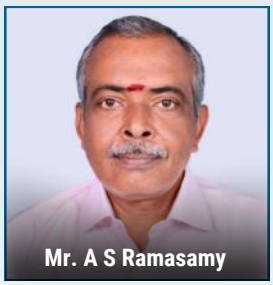

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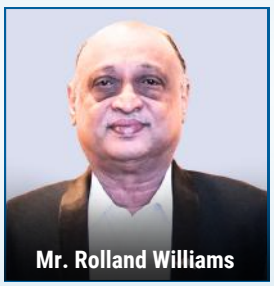

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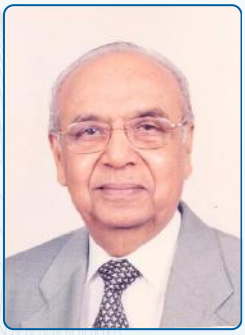


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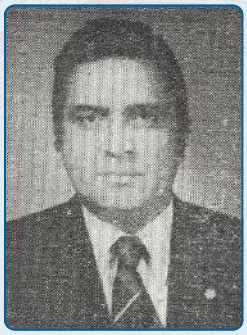
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Mr. A.Vijayakumar

OUR MISSION

FFFAI Being National Apex Body of Custom Brokers Association in India,

Our main mission would be:

1. To bring togetherness among each and very Custom Brokers Operating at each location.
2. To represent and promote the interest of Customs Brokers for their professional enhancement.
3. To engage in skill development, training at local, regional and national level.
4. To promote use of information Technology, digital process and online transaction for paperless eco-system in Customs clearance.
5. To work closely with CBIC ministry of Commerce & Industry ministry of Shipping, Ministry of civil Aviation and related ministry for establishing Custom Brokers as a nodal player in supply chain and logistics.
6. To educated trade and industry, importers and exports to engage only licensed Custom Brokers directly for the purpose of custom clearance.
7. Recreate the identify of customs Brokers on national and international platforms through network in FFAI.
8. To protect Custom Brokers Against monopolistics forces and unresonable actions.
9. To help the country to achieve the country to achieve the dream of a USD 5 trillion economy by improving the efficiency im clearance of import export consignments.
10. To make our profession and choice of first employment for youth in India.

INTRODUCTION OF FEDERATION OF FREIGHT FORWARDERS' ASSOCIATIONS IN INDIA

Background

Customs clearance of cargo at ports was handled by three kinds of people who were regulated by the customs. Dalal or "pass writer" was the oldest known category predating even the establishment of the Bombay Port Trust in 1873 and the enactment of the Customs Act in 1878. Dalals were responsible for preparing documents at the customs. The first known dalal was said to be Dosabhoy Mistry who secured a licence to transact business as far back as in 1858, the year East India Company made its exit from the country. Muccadams were another kind of people engaged in the physical handling of cargo at the docks and had no authority to process documents through Customs. The firm Curumsey Damji was said to be functioning as Muccadams around 1858. The third kind of people emerged towards the end of the eighteenth century. They were clearing agents licensed by the Sea Customs Act, 1878. They could assume the activities of both the Dalals and Muccadams and they also had the added authority of signing documents on behalf of merchants.

History of Association

In 1960, with the New Custom House Agents Licensing Rules with modifications to the then existing CHA Licensing Rules 1957 were notified. A need for a joint representation to the Government and common action was felt. Accordingly a joint conference of all Clearing Agents Associations of Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, Cochin, and the Karachiwala Association was held in Mumbai. It was during this meeting that it was resolved to form a federation of all the customs clearing agents association in India. On 2nd December, 1962, former Union Minister of Finance Late. Shri Morarjee Desai inaugurated the Federation of Customs Clearing Agents Associations Of India (now. Federation of Freight Forwarders' Associations in India). The Bombay, Calcutta, Cochin, Jamnagar, Goa, Kandla and Bhavnagar Associations formed the Federation.

Federation of Freight Forwarders' Associations in India (FFFAI) Becomes the Apex Body

Federation of Freight Forwarders' Associations in India



(FFFAI) is the Apex Body and the Sole Representative of 31 Member Associations from all over India representing 6500+ Custom House Agents (small & medium size organisation) employing over 1,00,000 people. In addition, organisation who are directly or indirectly connected with freight forwarding, shipping and commerce are also members of FFFAI.



Objectives of FFFAI

The main object of FFFAI is to

1. Co-ordinate the activities of the Custom House Agents' Associations and their members;
2. Organise united action to protect and promote the interest of the professional in all its aspects at the national level.
3. Collect and disseminate information to members on subjects of common interest;
4. Participate in conferences, seminars and exhibitions
5. Support members to acquaint the authorities with their common problems, to protect and to improve the common benefits
6. Redressal of legitimate grievances by all peaceful and constitutional means and procedures to exercise beneficial supervision over the clearing trade to maintain a high standard of integrity and public confidence
7. To evolve a code of conduct of ethics for the Custom House Agents and /or members of the Federation.

International tie ups

To further its aims and objects, the Federation enrolled as a National Association Member

1. **International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations (FIATA)**
2. **International Federation of Customs Brokers Associations (IFCBA)**
3. **International Coordinating Council on Trans-Eurasian Transportation (CCTT),**
4. **International Association of Ports and Harbors (IAPH)**

FFFAI Past Chairman Mr. Arvind Parikh had served as President of FIATA. Mr. Shantanu Bhadkamkar – FFFAI Past Chairman served as Chairman of IFCBA and Immediate Past Chairman Mr. Shankar Shinde is the Chairman of IFCBA and Vice Chairman of CCTT.

FFFAI hosted the following International Events in India for the first time.

1. FIATA UNSCAP-RAP meeting
2. FIATA Train the Trainers Program
3. FIATA Working Group Sea
4. IFCBA Board of Directors Meeting
5. FIATA World Congress 2018
6. INSTC Stakeholder Conference

Collaborators to Build India

In pursuance of its aims and objects, the FFFAI plays a constructive role in maintaining a constant rapport with the Customs, Port Trusts, Airport Authorities, Container Corporation of India (CONCOR), Central Warehousing Corporation, Central Excise, Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), etc.

FFFAI is only logistic association to be part of the National Committee on Trade Facilitation which is chaired by Cabinet Secretary. FFFAI is also part of Service Improvement Group (SIG) formed under National Logistics Policy by Ministry of Commerce & Industry.

FFFAI is invited by various Ministries/ Government department to provide suggestions on policy issues and procedural aspect.

1. Active contribution in the formulation of Policy and administrative measures
2. Simplification of various procedures for Trade facilitation measures
3. Inputs on Union Pre-Budget for formulating the policy structure in direct and indirect tax.
4. Work with BIS to formulate standards
5. Inputs on AERA Consultation Paper
6. Active participation in Custom Consultative Group, Directorate General of Export Promotion.
7. To provide comments for SCOPE – Shipping and SCOPE Air Meetings

FFFAI was entrusted with execution of INSTC Project by Ministry of Commerce ***& Industry, and TIR Convention project through Ministry of External Affairs*** which was very successful.

FFFAI being awarded Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana 4.0 (PMKVY 4.0), whereby FFFAI aims to train students under the 3 job roles.

- Consignment tracking Executive(LSC/Q1121)
- Clearance Support Agent (LSC/Q3030)
- Consignment Booking Assistant (LSC/Q1120)

Apart from PMKVY 4.0 FFFAI is also conducting short program with IIM & IIFT.

FFFAI encourage participation of Women and Youth in logistics. We have also constitute Women Wing and Youth Wing. Various efforts are made to encourage field visits and project the next-generation in logistics.

Indian Institute of Freight Forwarders

FFFAI launched its own training and education wing in the name of Indian Institute of Freight Forwarders (IIFF) on 7th January, 2005 by the hands of Mr. Issa Baluch – President of FIATA and Mr. P. K. Srivastava – then CMD of Shipping Corporation of India. IIFF is the only institute in SAARC region to conducts Diploma course in Freight Forwarding which is approved by FIATA.

Till date we have provided training to more than 1000 people. The following topics are being covered under the freight forwarding course.



Module Name
Customs
Advance Freight Forwarding
Sea Transport
Air Transport
Road Transport
Rail Transport
International Conventions
Multi Modal Transport
Warehousing ,Logistics and SCM
Packaging, Marking, Labelling of Haz. Good
Insurance
Information Technology
Management
Organizational and financial aspects of MTO
Linkage of Trade & transport, credit, Incoterms, banking
Safety and Security

IIFF has signed MOU with Six institute in Kerala and created Center of Excellence to conduct the IIFF regular courses.

SR NO	COE NAME
1	VIDYABHARTI GRP
2	MITRA INST OF MGMT
3	LEADERS COLLEGE
4	INTL ACADEMY OF LOGISTICS MGMT
5	CLOUD 9
6	VIMS AVIATION AND HOSPITALITY

Membership

As on date FFFAI has total member strength of 2212 which includes 31 associations from major and minor ports. The Executive Committee of FFFAI consists of 109 members who are representatives of various Member Association nominated by them.







List of Council for the term 2023-2025

COMMITTEES

CUSTOMS

OB Incharge
- Mr. Dinesh Gupta

Convenor - Import
- Mr. Kartik Pancholi

Convenor - Export
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MEMBERS

- Mr. Devendra Singh Bhadoria
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- Mr. Mannu Choudhary
- Mr. L Cecil Machado
- Mr. Sreeram Bhagawathi
- Mr. A. S. Ramasamy
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- Mr. Hiren Ruparal
- Mr. K. R B. Prakash
- Mr. Girish Narayan
- Mr. S. Natarajan
- Mr. Belli Gowda
- Mr. Palvinder Singh
- Dr. Darshan Mashroo
- Mr. Amit Atree
- Mr. Paresh Thakker
- Mr. Dhiren Chhaya

PGAs

OB Incharge
- Mr.Puneet Jain

Convenor
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MEMBERS

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- Mr. Hiren Ruparal
- Mr. Darshan Mashroo
- Mr. Mohit Sharma
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Convenor
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- Mr. Harihar Dash
- Mr. Kaustubh Kamat
- Mr. Riddhik Dutta
- Mr. Harsh Lapasia

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Convenor
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- Mr. A. S. Ramasamy
- Mr. R.K.Mehrotra
- Mr. Bharat Malik
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- Mr. Ketan Desai
- Mr. Mihir Bhadkamkar
- Mr. Amit Atree

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Convenor
- Mr. Paresh Thakker

Co-Convenor
- Mr. Kuldeep Thakur

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- Mr. Balu Govindrajan
- Mr. Prithwish Biswas
- Mrs. Philomena Pereira
- Mr. Devang Joshi

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OB Incharge
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Convenor
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- Mr. D.Vijayakumar
- Mr. B.N.Rajmoghon
- Mr. Kaustubh Kamat
- Mr. Vaibhav Vohra

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- Mr. T Abhimanyu

CBDT

OB Incharge
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OB Incharge
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MSME

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- Dr. Nirav Thakker

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Hon. Secretary
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COMMITTEES

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- Mr. Venkat
- Mr.Jolyon D'Souza
- Mr. Riddhik Dutta
- Mr. Ashwin Vijayakumar
- Mr. Vaibhav Vohra

CONSTITUTION

Chairman

- Mr. Dushyant Mulani

MEMBERS

- Mr. Amit Kamat
- Mr. Shankar Shinde
- Mr. Philip CC

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- Mr. Philip CC

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- Mr. Vipin Vohra

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- Mr. Paresh Thakker
- Mr. Amit Kamat

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- Mr. Shankar Shinde
- Mr. Amit Kamat

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- Mr. Shankar Shinde
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FICCI

- Dr. Nirav Thakker

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- Mr. A. V Vijayakumar

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- Mr Shankar Shinde
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- Mr. Sudip Dey

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FIATA COMMITTEES

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- Mr Shankar Shinde
- Mr. Amit Kamat
- Mr. Sudip Dey

MULTIMODAL TRANSPORT INSTITUTE (MTI)

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- Mr. Shankar Shinde
- Mr. Debashis Dutta

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- Mr. Mihir Bhadkamkar

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- Mr. Vinod Sharma

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- Mr. Debashis Dutta
- Mr. Sailesh Bhatia

FIATA CUSTOMS AFFAIRS INSTITUTE

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- Mr. Samir J. Shah

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- Mr. Amit Kamat
- Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar

FIATA HQ

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- Mr. Amit Kamat
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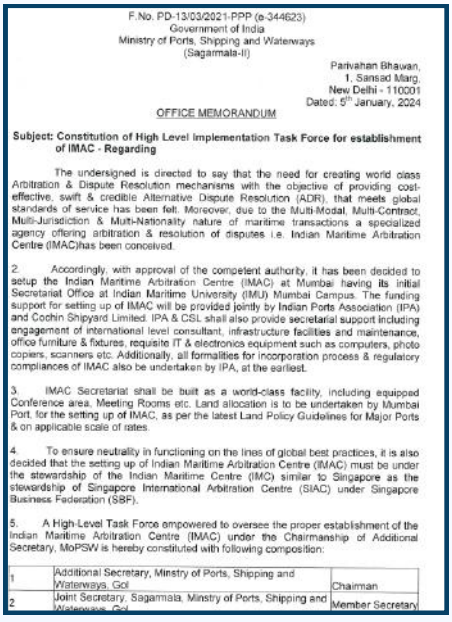
MILESTONES

FFFAI AND CCTT JOINTLY HOST 'INDIA-AND-WORLD' BUSINESS FORUM IN MUMBAI
FFFAI NOMINATED ON CCTT BOARD



(LtoR) Mr Sudip Dey, Hon.Secretary FFFAI; Mr Mark Fernandes, Advisor FFFAI, Mr Dushyant Mulani Chairman FFFAI, Mr. Gennady Bessonov, Secretary General CCTT;Mr Shyam Jagannathan IAS, Director General of Shipping; Mr. Sanjay Swarup, Chairman & Managing Director - Container Corporation of India (CONCOR), Mr Shankar Shinde, I.P Chairman FFFAI and Mr Sailesh Bhatia, Vice Chairman FFFAI.

FFFAI BECOMES ONE OF THE FOUNDING MEMBERS OF INDIA MARTIME CENTRE(IMC)
A WORLD CLASS ARBITRATION & DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTRE



F.No. PD-13/03/2021-PPP (e-344623)
Government of India
Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways
(Sagarmala-II)

Parivahan Bhawan,
1, Sansad Marg,
New Delhi - 110001
Dated: 5th January, 2024

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Constitution of High Level Implementation Task Force for establishment of IMAC - Regarding

The undersigned is directed to say that the need for creating world class Arbitration & Dispute Resolution mechanisms with the objective of providing cost-effective, swift & credible Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR), that meets global standards of service has been felt. Moreover, due to the Multi-Modal, Multi-Contract, Multi-Jurisdiction & Multi-Nationality nature of maritime transactions a specialized agency offering arbitration & resolution of disputes i.e. Indian Maritime Arbitration Centre (IMAC)has been conceived.

2. Accordingly, with approval of the competent authority, it has been decided to setup the Indian Maritime Arbitration Centre (IMAC) at Mumbai having its initial Secretariat Office at Indian Maritime University (IMU) Mumbai Campus. The funding support for setting up of IMAC will be provided jointly by Indian Ports Association (IPA) and Cochin Shipyard Limited. IPA & CSL shall also provide secretarial support including engagement of international level consultant, infrastructure facilities and maintenance, office furniture & fixtures, requisite IT & electronics equipment such as computers, photo copiers, scanners etc. Additionally, all formalities for incorporation process & regulatory compliances of IMAC also be undertaken by IPA, at the earliest.

3. IMAC Secretariat shall be built as a world-class facility, including equipped Conference area, Meeting Rooms etc. Land allocation is to be undertaken by Mumbai Port, for the setting up of IMAC, as per the latest Land Policy Guidelines for Major Ports & on applicable scale of rates.

4. To ensure neutrality in functioning on the lines of global best practices, it is also decided that the setting up of Indian Maritime Arbitration Centre (IMAC) must be under the stewardship of the Indian Maritime Centre (IMC) similar to Singapore as the stewardship of Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) under Singapore Business Federation (SBF).

5. A High-Level Task Force empowered to oversee the proper establishment of the Indian Maritime Arbitration Centre (IMAC) under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary, MoPSW is hereby constituted with following composition:

1	Additional Secretary, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, GoI	Chairman
2	Joint Secretary, Sagarmala, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, GoI	Member Secretary



4	Chairman & Managing Director, Cochin Shipyard Limited	Member
5	MD, Indian Ports Association	Member
6	Representative, Indian Maritime University	Member
7	Chairman, Foreign Owners Representatives and Ship Managers Association(FOSMA)	Member
8	Chairman, Maritime Association of Shipowners Shipmanagers and Agents (MASSA)	Member
9	Chairman, Container Shipping Lines Association (India) (CSLA)	Member
10	Chief Executive Officer, Indian National Shipowner Association (INSA)	Member
11	Chairman, Insurance Regulatory & Development Authority, India (IRDAI)	Member
12	Chairman, ICC Shipping Association, (ICCSA)	Member
13	President, Indian Private Ports & Terminals Association, (IPPTA)	Member
14	President, Shipyards Association of India	Member
15	Chairman, Federation of Freight Forwarders' Association of India (FFFAI)	Member
16	Chairperson Delhi International Arbitration Centre	Member
17	Chief Executive Officer, International Arbitration and Mediation Centre, Hyderabad	Member
18	Chief Executive Officer, Mumbai Centre for International Arbitration	Member

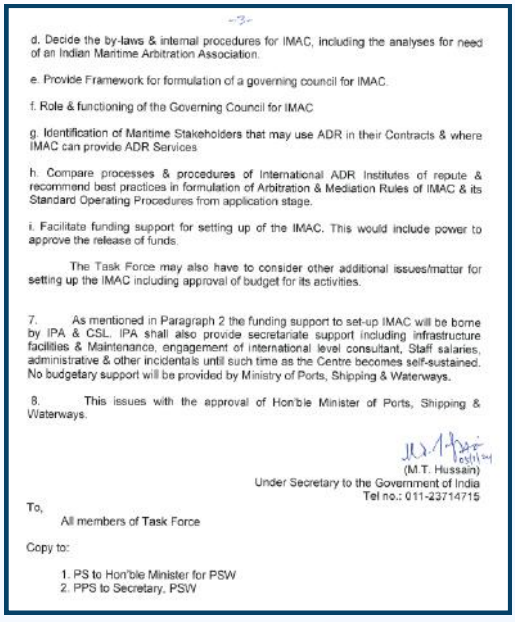
Additionally, following Members are to be invited:
1. Shri Madhvendra Singh, Chief Executive Officer, Gujarat Maritime Cluster
2. Shri JagmeetMakkar, Maritime Expert and Arbitrator
3. Shri Ashwin Shanker, Maritime Lawyer, Chambers of George ARebello
4. Captain Pankaj Kapoor, Senior Partner, India Law Offices, Ex-Member NITI Aayog for Maritime Policy.

Additional domain experts & practitioners in Ports, Maritime Transportation & Logistics, Maritime Arbitration etc. & representatives of associations such as Indian Council of Arbitration, as well as members of esteemed arbitration associations globally may also be invited by the Task Force.

6. The broad Terms of Reference of the Task Force will be as follows:

a. To finalise the appropriate name for the Maritime Arbitration & Dispute Resolution Centre.

b. Formation of the Indian Maritime Centre including registration or incorporation, as decided.



d. Decide the by-laws & internal procedures for IMAC, including the analyses for need of an Indian Maritime Arbitration Association.

e. Provide Framework for formulation of a governing council for IMAC.

f. Role & functioning of the Governing Council for IMAC

g. Identification of Maritime Stakeholders that may use ADR in their Contracts & where IMAC can provide ADR Services

h. Compare processes & procedures of International ADR Institutes of repute & recommend best practices in formulation of Arbitration & Mediation Rules of IMAC & its Standard Operating Procedures from application stage.

i. Facilitate funding support for setting up of the IMAC. This would include power to approve the release of funds.

The Task Force may also have to consider other additional issues/matter for setting up the IMAC including approval of budget for its activities.

7. As mentioned in Paragraph 2 the funding support to set-up IMAC will be borne by IPA & CSL. IPA shall also provide secretariate support including infrastructure facilities & Maintenance, engagement of international level consultant, Staff salaries, administrative & other incidentals until such time as the Centre becomes self-sustained. No budgetary support will be provided by Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways.

8. This issues with the approval of Hon'ble Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways.

(M.T. Hussain)
Under Secretary to the Government of India
Tel no.: 011-23714715

To,
All members of Task Force

Copy to:
1. PS to Hon'ble Minister for PSW
2. PPS to Secretary, PSW

OF THE YEAR

FFFAI APPROVED UNDER:

Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana Centre

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PMKVY 4.0
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Federation of Freight Forwarders' Associations in India

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SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTRES AT: CHEMBUR, DRONAGIRI AND KOLHAPUR

FFFAI BECOMES A PROUD MEMBER OF GUJARAT MARITIME CLUSTER



LOCATION WISE MEMBERSHIP STRENGTH (ASSOCIATE & ALLIED)

NAME OF ASSOCIATION	ASSOCIATE MEMBERS	ALLIED MEMBERS
Ahmedabad Custom Brokers Association	29	36
Association of Custom House Agents Thiruvanthapurm	9	0
Aurangabad Custom House Agents Association	2	0
Bangalore Custom House Agents Association Ltd	45	28
Brihanmumbai Custom Brokers Association	932	343
Calcutta Customs House Agents Association	77	26
Chennai Custom Brokers' Association	227	127
Cochin Customs Brokers Association	27	13
Coimbatore Custom House & Steamer Agents Asson	6	5
Customs Brokers Association Hyderabad	27	7
Delhi Customs Brokers Association	160	182
Goa Customs Brokers Association	4	0
Indore Custom House Agents Association	3	2
The Kakinada Customs Brokers Association	14	1
Kandla Custom Brokers Association	22	16
Kanpur Customs Brokers Association	6	1
Ludhiana Custom House Agents Association	17	17
Mangalore Custom House Agents Association	5	1
Mundra Custom Brokers Association	12	6
Nagpur Custom House Agents Association	7	1
Nashik Customs House Agents Association	6	1
Noida Custom Broker Association	10	10
Pipavav Custom Brokers Association	3	1
Pune Custom House Agents Association	9	17
Rajasthan Custom House Agents Association	11	7
Tuticorin Customs Brokers Association	293	6
Visakhapatnam Customs Brokers Association	21	0
West Bengal Custom House Agents Society	6	5
Odisha Customs Brokers' Association	2	0
Customs Brokers Association Jamnagar	0	0
Customs Brokers Association Amritsar	0	0
	1992	859
International Member	1	

NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS FOR THE TERM 2023-2024

SR. NO.	NAME OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERS	APPLIED FROM
1	FORTUNE LOGISTICS (INDIA) PVT. LTD	MUMBAI
2	DYNAMIC SHIPPING AND LOGISTICS	MUMBAI
3	KODIAK CONTAINER LINES PVT. LTD.	MUMBAI
4	BALAM SINGH BORA	MUMBAI
5	FLOMIC CARGO PVT. LTD.	MUMBAI
6	REGIUS INTERNATIONAL CARGO PRIVATE LIMITED	AHMEDABAD
7	MASKATI SHIPPING & LOGISTICS PRIVATE LIMITED	NAGPUR
8	GENEXT CUSTOMS BROKERS PVT. LTD.	MUMBAI
9	AGS LOGISITICS PVT LTD	NEW DELHI
10	TIRUPATI SHIPPING LINES	KOLKATA
11	BANYAN TREE LOGISTICS SOLUTIONS PVT. LTD	MUMBAI
12	HVS LOGISTICS PVT LTD	MUMBAI
13	AGP LOGISTICS PVT. LTD	MUMBAI
14	ACCESS WORLDWIDE CARGO	MUMBAI
15	AGP LOGISTICS PRIVATE LIMITED	MUMBAI
16	ACCESS WORLDWIDE CARGO	MUMBAI
17	BANYAN TREE LOGISTICS SOLUTIONS PVT.LTD	MUMBAI
18	HVS LOGISTICS PRIVATE LIMITED	MUMBAI
19	Gonsai Logistics Pvt Ltd	MUMBAI
20	One World Cargo	MUMBAI
21	Exim Connect Pvt.Ltd.	MUMBAI
22	Universal Clearing and Forwarding	MUMBAI
23	SDLS Logistics Pvt.Ltd.	MUMBAI
24	Aarmbh Shipping & Logistics LLP	MUMBAI

NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS FOR THE TERM 2023-2024

SR. NO.	NAME OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERS	APPLIED FROM
25	PARSHURAM CLEARING AGENCY	MUMBAI
26	LOADEX GLOBAL SERVICES INDIA	NEW DELHI
27	SEA BIRD SHIPPING & LOGISTICS PVT LTD	CHENNAI
28	HEM CLEARING AGENCY	AHMEDABAD
29	EXPRESS CARGO MOVERS	MUMBAI
30	NKD LOGISTICS PVT.LTD	KOLKATA
31	ADRIKA LOGISTICS PVT LTD	KOLKATA
32	S S LOGISTICS	KOLKATA
33	HERMES TREAVEL & CARGO PVT. LTD.	MUMBAI
34	JAMWAY CLEARING AND FORWARDING PRIVATE LIMITED	MUMBAI
35	U.K.G. LOGISTICS	MUMBAI
36	LEONA SUPPLY CHAIN PVT.LTD	CHENNAI
37	CARGO NAVIGATION SERVICES PVT.LTD	NEW DELHI
38	NAVIN CLEARING & FORWARDING AGENCY PVT.LTD	MUMBAI
39	EXCELLENCE EXIM SCM PRIVATE LIMITED	NEW DELHI
40	20 CUBE LOGISTICS SOLUTIONS PVT.LTD	TUTICORIN
41	ABSCO LOGISTICS PVT.LTD.	TUTICORIN
42	BON FREIGHT	TUTICORIN
43	CARGOES LOTUS GLOBAL EXPRESS PVT. LTD	NEW DELHI
44	KELO LOGISTICS	TUTICORIN
45	DSV AIR AND SEA PVT.LTD	TUTICORIN
46	Accuracy Shipping Limited	Mumbai
47	Pridel Priviate Limited	Mumbai
48	MRS Shipping LLP	Mumbai

NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS FOR THE TERM 2023-2024

SR. NO.	NAME OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERS	APPLIED FROM
49	R N Katyal	Moradabad, UP
50	Shree Gayatri Freight Forwarder	Mumbai
51	Freight House Logistics Private Limited	Chennai
52	Versatile Logistics	Mumbai
53	HMR Spedition Pvt Ltd	New Delhi
54	Gurbinder Singh And Company	Moradabad, UP
55	Prompt Shipping	Tuticorin
56	Airtrax Freight Logistics	Tuticorin
57	ASJV Greenstar Private Limited	Tuticorin
58	Arikta Shipping And Logistics	Visakhapatnam
59	Varanasi International Shipping Services Pvt Ltd	Visakhapatnam
60	Balachanduran Clearing and Shipping Agencies	Mumbai
61	JFS Freright Services Pvt Ltd	Mumbai
62	Team One Shipping Service Pvt LTd	Mumbai
63	Tarini Integrated Port Services Private Limited	Mumbai
64	Sarthak Shipping Services	Jaipur
65	Reethiksha Air Sea Logistics Pvt Ltd	Chennai
66	Freight Era	Mumbai
67	Indoglobal Agencies Pvt Ltd	Mumbai
68	Acquair Global Logistics	Mumbai
69	Shree Ganesh Logistics	Mumbai
70	SMTP Global Logistics Pvt Ltd	Mumbai
71	Hunar Shipping And Logistics LLP	Chennai
72	Leo Cargo Service Pvt Ltd	Mumbai
73	Florissante Clearing & forwarding LLP	Mumbai

NEW ALLIED MEMBERS FOR THE TERM 2023-2024

SR. NO.	NAME OF ALLIED MEMBERS	APPLIED FROM
1	AEL GLOBAL LOGISTICS PRIVATE LIMITED	MUMBAI
2	TSV GLOBAL SOLUTIONS PVT LTD.	CHENNAI
3	PALSUN MARITIME (INDIA) LIMITED	AHMEDABAD
4	NORTH EGDE FREIGHT SERVICES PVT LTD	PUNE
5	LOGENIX LOGISITICS INDIA	DELHI
6	BILANDER LOGISTICS PRIVATE LIMITED	DELHI
7	ENSCONCE LOGISTICS PVT. LTD.	MUMBAI
8	SUPER SPEEDIES FREIGHT PRIVATE LIMITED	PUNE
9	HARLEQUIN LOGISTICS INDIA PVT LTD	MUMBAI
10	NYRA OCEAN FRIEGHT SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	MUMBAI
11	ANAGHA LOGISOLUTION PRIVATE LIMITED	MUMBAI
12	BRENDEN LOGISTICS & FRIEGHTSERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	MUMBAI
13	MML LOGISTICS	CHENNAI
14	MARIANA EXPRESS LINES PRIVATE LIMITD	CHENNAI
15	MEO INTERNATIONAL LOGISTICS INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	NEW DELHI
16	COLUMBUS INTEGRATION SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	NOIDA
17	AIYER LOGISTICS PRIVATE LIMITED	MUMBAI
18	AV OVERSEASCARGO PRIVATE LIMITED	MUMBAI
19	SMR SHIPPING AND LOGISTICS	BANGALORE
20	INTOGLO PRIVATE LIMITED	NEW DELHI
21	ATC LOGISTICAL SOLUTIONS PVT LTD.	NEW DELHI
22	TWINLIGHT CONTAINER LEASING PVT LTD	MUMBAI
23	ICF SHIPPING PRIVATE LIMITED	MUMBAI
24	INDIKOS FORWARDING PRIVATE LIMITED	MUMBAI
25	GLOBICON LOGISTICS PRIVATE LIMITED	MUMBAI
26	STEAM HARBOUR LOGISTICS PVT.LTD.	MUMBAI

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SR. NO.	NAME OF ALLIED MEMBERS	APPLIED FROM
27	CHASE LOGISTICS PVT LTD	AHMEDABAD
28	AFFINITY MARITIME SERVICES PVT LTD	KOLKATA
29	CAVALIER LOGISTICS PVT.LTD.	NEW DELHI
30	K N OCEANS PRIVATE LIMITED	MUMBAI
31	TRIKOM SHIPPING PRIVATE LIMITED	MUMBAI
32	PAZAGO TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	MUMBAI
33	MARKSHIP LOGISTICS INTERNATIONAL LLP	MUMBAI
34	UBICO EXIM SOLUTIONS PVT.LTD	MUMBAI
35	K.K. AGENCIES	MUMBAI
36	CARGO CREST PRIVATE LIMITED	CHENNAI
37	SHAIMARINE CONTAINER LINE PVT.LTD	KOLKATA
38	SPEEDWAYS LOGISTICS PRIVATE LIMITED	KOLKATA
39	TRADEPOINT FREIGHT SERVICES	Vadodara
40	ASIAN WORLDWIDE SERVICES (INDIA) PVT.LTD	NEW DELHI
41	UNIFREIGHT MOVERS PVT LTD	NEW DELHI
42	SKYSTAR SHIPPING AGENCIES PVT.LTD	MUMBAI
43	WORLD TRADE LOGISTICS PRIVATE LIMITED	GANDHIDHAM
44	FLUG SCHIFF LOGISTICS INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	DELHI
45	DEEP INTERNATIONAL	INDORE
46	PROMISE SHIPPING LINE PRIVATE LIMITED	CHENNAI
47	BRISKWORLD VENTURE LTD	NEW DELHI
48	SAPPHIRE GLOBAL LOGISTICS LLP	MUMBAI
49	CLICK2SHIP LOGISTICS PRIVATE LIMITED	BANGALORE
50	EXPRESS CARGO PORTERS PRIVATE LIMITED	MUMBAI
51	TOTAL MOVEMENTS PRIVATE LIMITED	MUMBAI
52	MULTI MODAL OVERSEAS PRIVATE LIMITED	NEW DELHI

NEW ALLIED MEMBERS FOR THE TERM 2023-2024

SR. NO.	NAME OF ALLIED MEMBERS	APPLIED FROM
53	AFM LOGISTICS PVT. LTD.	NEW DELHI
54	R K CONTAINER LINE PRIVATE LIMITED	NEW DELHI
55	CARGOPEOPLE LOGISTICS AND SHIPPING PVT LTD	NEW DELHI
56	GREEN FREIGHT PVT LTD	NEW DELHI
57	MULTI MARINE SHIPPING & LOGISTIC PVT.LTD	KANDLA
58	WORLDTRON LOGISTICS INTERNATIONAL PRIVATE LIMITED	CHENNAI
59	COVE GLOBAL LOGISTICS PRIVATE LIMITED	NEW DELHI
60	MOVERS GLOBAL LOGISTICS LLP	HYDERABAD
61	MEGSAN LOGISTICS PRIVATE LIMITED	VADODARA
62	EURASIA CONTAINER LINE PRIVATE LIMITED	GHAZIABAD,
63	PACIFIC MARITIME PVT.LTD	AHMEDABAD
64	NEW HORIZON SOLUTIONS	MUMBAI
65	TRENDLOG CONSOL SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	CHENNAI
66	LYFT LOGISTICS LLP	VADODARA
67	KIYAN LOGISTICS (OPC)PRIVATE LIMITED	KOCHI
68	AASHI TRANSGLOBAL PRIVATE LIMITED	GANDHIDHAM
69	GLOBAL OCEAN LOGISTICS PRIVATE LIMITED	MUMBAI
70	DELITA SEA FREIGHT FORWARDERS	MUMBAI
71	UNIVERSAL SHIPPING AGENCIES	LUDHIANA
72	ZWEIG LOGISTIX PRIVATE LIMITED	MUMBAI
73	SAILON LOGISTICS	AHMEDABAD
74	JY LOGISTICS INDIA PVT LTD	CHENNAI
75	UNO LOGISTICS	COIMBATORE
76	Nexusnine Global Private Limited	Mumbai
77	Siam Logistics Private Limited	Kolkata
78	Envision Exim Private Limited	Jaipur

NEW ALLIED MEMBERS FOR THE TERM 2023-2024

SR. NO.	NAME OF ALLIED MEMBERS	APPLIED FROM
79	Sea Air Cargoes	Ahmedabad
80	Balaji Logistics & Clearing	Gurgaon
81	Speedlog Freight And Logistics Private Limited	Gurgaon
82	Express Logistics Services	Ludhiana
83	Gateway Exim	Vadodara
84	Sevenskyz Global Logistics Pvt Ltd	Mumbai
85	D Wamadeo & Co.	Mumbai
86	APL Logistics	Mumbai
87	Firstlift Logistics Pvt Ltd	Chennai
88	Vista Freight Service Pvt Ltd	New Delhi
89	Isabel Shipping Pvt Ltd	New Delhi
90	Sunrise Logistics Private Limited	Mumbai
91	KVA Worldassists LLP	Mundra
92	Sanfreight Logistics Pvt. Ltd	Mumbai
93	Anchorage Inc Logistics	Mumbai
94	Nippon Konpo India Pvt. Ltd.	Mumbai
95	Indoarc Shipping Liners Pvt. Ltd.	Chennai
96	Forway Shipping And Logistics Pvt Ltd	Jaipur
97	Arnesh Logistics LLP	Mumbai
98	Swastik Shipping Solutions	Ludhiana
99	EVO Supply Chain Solutions	Gurgaon
100	Nippon Konpo India Pvt Ltd	Ahmedabad
101	Seapixel Shipping Services LLP	Gujrat
102	Nemcon Exim Service	Mumbai
103	Quantum Shipping and Logistics India LLP	Mumbai
104	Pacific International	Bharuch
105	Bigtree Shipping	Ludhiana
106	Transcom Logistics	Mumbai

60TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DUSHYANT MULANI TAKES OVER AS CHAIRMAN FFFAI NEW OFFICE BEARERS ELECTED AT 60TH AGM IN MUMBAI

In its 60th Annual General Meeting which was held on September 29, 2023 in Mumbai, the Federation of Freight Forwarders' Associations in India (FFFAI) elected new Office Bearers of the Executive Committee for the term 2023-25. Mr. Dushyant Mulani, who was earlier Chairman Elect, FFFAI and currently President of Brihanmumbai Custom Brokers Association, has taken over as the Chairman of FFFAI. Mr. Amit Kamat (Honorary Secretary Goa Custom Brokers Association) has been elected as Chairman Elect for the term 2023-25.



Immediate Past Chairman of FFFAI Mr. Shankar Shinde welcoming the new Chairman of FFFAI Mr. Dushyant Mulani handing over the Chairman's Cup.



FFFAI SECRETARIAT (LtoR) Mr AV Vijaykumar, Mr Amit Kamat, Mr Shankar Shinde and Mr Dushyant Mulani,

Following are the six Vice Chairmen who have been elected at this AGM:

1. Mr. Puneet Jain (President, Delhi Customs Brokers Association)
2. Mr. Rajesh Verma (President, Ludhiana Customs House Agents Association)
3. Mr. G Sambasiva Rao (Past President, Visakhapatnam Customs Brokers Association)
4. Mr. Anurag Vijayvargiya (President, Indore Customs House Agents Association)
5. Mr. Dinesh Gupta (President, Kandla Custom Brokers Association)
6. Mr. Sailesh Bhatia (Honorary Secretary, Aurangabad Customs House Agents Association)



BCBA Office Bearers felicitate the incoming FFFAI Chairman Mr. Dushyant Mulani.

Mr. Sudip Dey (Past President, Calcutta Customs House Agents Association) has been elected unopposed as Honorary Secretary and Mr. Sudhir Agarwal (Past President, Nagpur Customs House Agents Association) has been elected unopposed as Honorary Treasurer.

Mr. Shankar Shinde (Past President, Nashik Customs House Agents Association) is the Immediate Past Chairman of FFFAI for the term 2023-25



(L to R) Mr. Anurag Vijayvargiya, Vice Chairman, Mr. Rajesh Verma, Vice Chairman, Mr. Dinesh Gupta, Vice Chairman, Mr. G. Sambasiva Rao, Vice Chairman, Mr. Shankar Shinde, Immediate Past Chairman, Mr. Dushyant Mulani, Chairman, Mr. Amit Kamat, Chairman Elect, Mr. Sailesh Bhatia, Vice Chairman, Mr. Sudip Dey Hon. Secretary, Mr. Sudhir Agarwal, Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Puneet Jain, Vice Chairman.



Chairman Mr. Dushyant Mulani (standing 9th from left in the first row) along with new OBs and EC members of FFFAI for the term 2023-25.

MINISTER OF LAW & JUSTICE INVITES FFFAI TO SUGGEST AMENDMENTS IN LAWS UNDER 'JAN VISHWAS BILL'

The 60th Annual General Meeting of the Federation of Freight Forwarders' Associations in India (FFFA), which was held on September 29, 2023 in Mumbai (coinciding with concluding the Diamond Jubilee celebration year) completed with an encouraging address from Mr. Arjun Ram Meghwal, Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Law and Justice (Independent Charge) Government of India. On this occasion the Chief Guest, Mr. Arjun Ram Meghwal, emphasised on the recently passed Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, 2023 with an objective to facilitate Ease of Living and Ease of Doing Business.

Welcoming the Minister on virtual platform, Mr. Shankar Shinde, the then Chairman FFFAI, stated that FFFAI members consisting of more than 6500



Customs Brokers, Freight Forwarders and logistics professionals often face challenges due to multiple laws dealing with Participating Government Agencies (PGAs), cross border trade, etc, which need to be revisited/amended to facilitate the trade and Ease of Doing Business. He lauded the present government's focus on acting as a facilitator rather than regulator, based on trust or 'vishwas'.

CHAIRMAN CBIC ADDRESSES 60TH AGM OF FFFAI, CALLS FOR MAKING INDIA A GLOBAL MANUFACTURING & LOGISTICS HUB

Addressing a gathering of the Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations in India (FFFAI) Executive Committee (EC) Members on the occasion of the 60th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Federation which took place on Septembers 29, 2023 in Mumbai, Mr. Sanjay Kumar Agarwal, Chairman, Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs (CBIC) lauded the significant contribution of FFFAI to the exim trade during its more than 60 years journey.

He spoke on a virtual platform due to sudden changes in his programme, which was earlier scheduled for a physical presence. In his speech Mr. Agarwal pointed out that being a National umbrella organization of 30 Customs Brokers Associations across the country, FFFAI has a big role to play in making India as a lucrative destination for logistics and manufacturing hub.

Mr. Agarwal highlighted some key developments which were recently achieved due to the collective efforts of CBIC and FFFAI members. In his opinion, progress in digitalization, faceless assessment, Customs Broker License Management System (CBLMS) portal, Electronic Cash Ledger (ECL) mechanism in ICEGATE System, reducing dwell time, etc, have been enhanced due to the effective collaboration between the Federation and CBIC. According to him, FFFAI is playing a pivotal role in improving the World Bank's Logistics Performance Index (LPI) with a target of positioning India in the top 25 countries by 2030. He also praised FFFAI's support to CBIC in conducting the National Time Release Study aiming to reduce cargo clearance time drastically. In the 2023 Study it was found that the Release Time has reduced 20% in ICDs, 11% in airports and 9% in sea ports as compared to 2022. Further he informed that thanks to FFFAI initiatives almost 99% CBs have got registered with the CBLM Portal.



CBIC Chairman Mr. Sanjay Kumar Agarwal addressing the AGM of FFFAI on Sept 29, 2023.

Mr. Agarwal emphasized on the recently announced PM Gati Shakti Master Plan and National Logistics Policy with an objective to accelerate cargo movement through technology driven solutions and collaborations between different ministries and industry stakeholders. He underscored the Prime Minister's vision of providing a multimodal logistics infrastructure and connectivity based on digital initiatives. Aim is to support Indian manufacturers/exporters to compete with global counter parts. The CBIC Chairman stressed that this is achievable only through an efficient end-to-end supply chain system, reduced logistics time and cost.

The CBIC Chairman invited FFFAI for regular interactions for the larger interest of the country's manufacturing/ logistics eco system as well as the economy of the nation.

Conveying sincere gratitude to the CBIC Chairman, Mr. Dushyant Mulani, the then Chairman Elect (Chairman at present) of FFFAI assured regular feedback to the CBIC and Ministry of Finance, Government of India. He said FFFAI is committed for the fast progress of the country and towards achieving the goal of positioning India to a developed nation within the stipulated time i.e. by 2047.

60TH AGM IN MUMBAI













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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS LIST (TERM 2023-2025)

Sr. No	Date	Executive Meeting Number	Venue	Station	Hosted By
1	30th Sep, 2023	First	Novotel	Mumbai	Brihnamumbai Custom Brokers Association
2	24th & 25th Nov, 2023	Second	Radisson Hotel	Gandhidham	Kandla and Mundra Custom Brokers Association
3	13th Jan, 2024	Third	Virtual		
4	28th & 29th Jan, 2024	Fourth	Bombay Exhibition Centre, Goregaon,	Mumbai	FFFAI & Ocean Trade
5	11th May 2024	Fifth	Virtual		
6	12th & 13th July, 2024	Sixth	Bay View Hotel	Visakhapatnam	Visakhapatnam Cusotms Brokers' Association

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

1ST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, MUMBAI

NOVOTEL - 30TH SEPTEMBER 2023



At the first EC meeting of FFFAI for 2023-25 (L-R) G. Sambasiva Rao, Mr. Shankar Shinde, Mr. Sudip Dey, Mr. Dushyant Mulani, Mr. Amit Kamat, Mr. Sudhir Agarwal, Mr. Rajesh Verma, Mr. Puneet Jain and Mr. Sailesh Bhatia.



Chairman Mr. Dushyant Mulani (standing 9th from left in the first row) along with new OBs and EC members of FFFAI for the term 2023-25.

1st Executive Committee Meeting held on 30th September, 2023, held at Mumbai wherein following important points were discussed and decided.

- Model contract for Custom Brokers

2ND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, GUJARAT

RADISSON HOTEL - 24TH & 25TH NOVEMBER 2023

FFFAI's, 2nd Executive Committee Meeting was Hosted by Kandla and Mundra Customs Brokers Association on 24th & 25th November 2023 in Gandhidham, Gujarat which was a resounding success with participation of FFFAI Office Bearers and a large number of EC members from across the country.

The meeting saw active participation from EC Members, fostering fruitful discussions and leading to impactful decisions. In this meeting several issues were discussed related to Customs (assessment delay, ICEGATE), Custodians, ICDs, Air and Sea ports, PGAs, duty payment, etc. The issues and proposed solutions were discussed by the FFFAI Chairman, Mr. Dushyant Mulani, Chairman Elect Mr. Amit Kamat, IPC Mr. Shankar Shinde and other OBs, Advisors and members. A special Knowledge Session was also organised with Dr. Pramod Sant, who has recently been appointed as Director General of FFFAI as the keynote speaker on importance of Skill Development in logistics sector.



Inauguration of the 2nd EC Meeting by Chairman FFFAI Mr Dushyant Mulani, I.P Chairman Mr Shankar Shinde and President MCBA Mr Dinesh Gupta

According to him, post Covid period everybody is focusing on supply chain and logistics business. Educational institutes like universities and business schools are adding courses. Online modules are emerging very fast in training modes simultaneously with physical training courses. He also observed that importers or exporters (customers of CBs or FFs/shippers) should also be trained to do run the exim trade with ease in view of the fast-changing rules and regulations in term of customs clearance and other compliances. In his opinion multiple skill development including making presentations, writing reports, data management etc. apart from operational skills would be very vital for sustainability considering the changing landscape of this industry at the international level. From this aspect he advised to take FFFAI's training arm IIFF to its next level partnering with government, educational institutes and industry stakeholders. Mr. Sant emphasised on initiating survey and creating data bank on various issues to make representations to competent authorities which would help addressing or resolving the issues properly based on authenticity.



Chairman FFFAI Mr Dushyant Mulani being felicitated by President MCBA Mr Dinesh Gupta

Welcoming Dr. Sant, Mr. Amit Kamat as DG of FFFAI said that Dr. Sant has rich experience thanks to his association with a multinational company as export cargo head for more than two decades and FFFAI would be benefited with his expertise. Mr. Kamat endorsed Dr. Sant's suggestions on the importance of training of CB staff, going for survey and providing feedback to government, updating the IIFF courses and modal code of conduct to make the house in order. The FFFAI Chairman Elect also stressed on the requirement of relooking of eligibility criteria of appearing for Rule 6 examination, etc. He urged that FFFAI should make representation in this regard recommending IIFF certificates to be recognised as eligibility criteria.



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FFFAI Executive Committee at the 2nd EC Meeting

2nd Executive Committee Meeting held on 24th -25th November, 2023 at Kandla wherein following important points were discussed and decided.

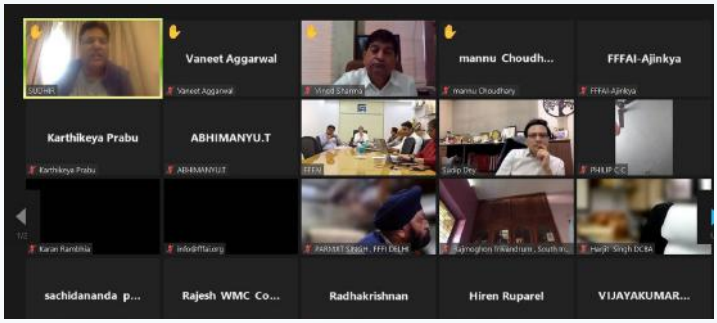
- It was decided to represent to the proper authorities with regard to implicating unjustly to Customs Brokers. Executive Committee Members were advised to share the notices issued by respective Custom House wherein Custom Broker has been made party to proceedings involving importers.

- It was proposed to empower Women in the logistics by employing women and providing them on-job training.

3RD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, VIRTUAL

13TH JANUARY 2024





3rd Executive Committee Meeting held on 13th January, 2024 virtually wherein following important points were discussed and decided.

- Members were informed about the approval of IIFF as training partner for PMKVY 4. Courses to conducted at two location in an around Mumbai.

4TH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, MUMBAI

BOMBAY EXHIBITION CENTRE, GOREGAON, MUMBAI
28TH & 29TH JANUARY, 2024

The 4th Executive Committee (EC) Meeting of the Federation of Freight Forwarders' Associations in India (FFFAI), which was held at NESCO, Mumbai on 28th and 29th Feb, had a very special Knowledge Session captioned "Who will police the police". This highly interesting Session was conducted by Dr. Sujay Kantawala, who is an eminent lawyer and specializes in Constitutional and Administrative Law litigation pertaining to Indirect Taxation, Customs, Excise, Service Tax and Anti-Dumping Duty. The objective of organizing this session was to sensitize the FFFAI members regarding undue practices of authorities concerned as regards to Customs Brokers' plights of being penalized for a matter without any involvement and responsibilities for the same.

Welcoming the Special Guest Speaker Dr. Sujay Kantawala, Mr Dushyant Mulani, Chairman, FFFAI pondered on the importance of the subject of this session. He pointed out that the CB community often faces undue penalties imposed on them, Show Cause Notices are being issued, harassment and treated on par with exporters or importers for any mistakes done by their customers (importers or exporters).



Mr. Sujay Kantawala speaking at the Knowledge Session held during 4th EC Meeting



Adv. Mr Sujay Kantawala being welcomed by FFFAI I.P Chairman Mr Shankar Shinde

Taking cue from the FFFAI Chairman, Hon. Secretary Mr. Sudip Dey highlighted Dr. Kantawala's professional profile as an acclaimed advocate and his support to the industry. He frequently appeared in the Supreme Court of India and many High Courts across the States to safeguard the interest of victims pertaining to issues on indirect taxes, customs, excise, service tax matter, antidumping duty, etc.

In his presentation Dr. Kantawala, focused on Customs related issues and especially on misinterpretations of the CBLR/Customs Act by many Customs Officers. He raised the serious concern of accountability of Customs Officers. Quoting renowned Justice Krishna Iyer's statement "Who will police the police?", he raised the pertinent question "Who will police the Customs Officers?" According to him, Citizen Charters displayed in Customs Offices do not make any sense in view of the ground reality. For example after five years a CB is not required to maintain any records. However, he still receives Show Cause Notices (SCN) for the same. He also underscored many instances of serving SCNs to CBs for which he was not even remotely involved. He also stated that responsibilities on issues/disputes arising out of self-assessment are equal concerning involvement of a shipper and proper officer who is the final verifying authority on this matter. In his opinion,



FFFAI Office Bearers on dais during 4th EC Meeting in Mumbai

many times Customs Officers fail to adhere to the Guidelines issued by the CBIC. CBs should not be penalized for any error in this regard. Similarly, concerned Officers should be punished for any incorrect SCN, penalty or revocation of CB license.

Concluding the Knowledge Session, Mr. Dushyant Mulani informed that with inputs and guidance of Dr. Kantawala, FFFAI would make a representation to CBIC to do away with any injustice to the CB community. He appreciated Dr. Kantawala's statement that unequal cannot be considered as equal defending the Article 14 of the constitution of India. He pointed out that 70 percent of FFFAI members are from the MSME Sector ad this sector is the backbone of the progress of the country. FFFAI is committed to protect the interest of this sector for the greater interest of the country's economy



Kale Logistics presenting the eBL process documentation.

Attended by more than 100 EC Members across 31 locations in the country, the EC meeting was also addressed by Mr. Sagar Kadu, Director Logistics, DPIIT, Ministry ofCommerce & Industry, Government of India. He graced the occasion to share insights on the government's initiatives in the Logistics sector for meeting the ambitious target of becoming the third-largest economy in the world, with a target of a $5 trillion economy by 2025 and a 'developed country' by 2047.

The 4th EC meeting also discussed several issues and recommendations regarding Customs, Sea Port, Airport, ICDs etc.



Mr Sagar Kadu, Director Logistics DPIIT is being felicitated by Mr. Dushyant Mulani and Mr. Amit Kamat at the 4th EC Meeting of FFFAI

At this meeting FFFAI released a LIVE shipment through FIATA e-BL. This marks a significant step in the history of FFFAI in supporting the Government initiatives of Digitization. The FIATA paperless Bill of Lading allows freight forwarders to easily issue a secured e-FBL through a seamless one-click process, thereby removing double data entry. Members of FFFAI can generate the bill in three distinct ways;

API integration with internal systems mto fetch the data into the platform, excel uploads or using an innovative machine learning interface to pull data from legacy PDF or scanned documents into the FIATA format with more than 95% accuracy. FFFAI is the only authorized representative of FIATA in India to offer FIATA e-BL services through its Member SSO login, in a highly secured digital environment.



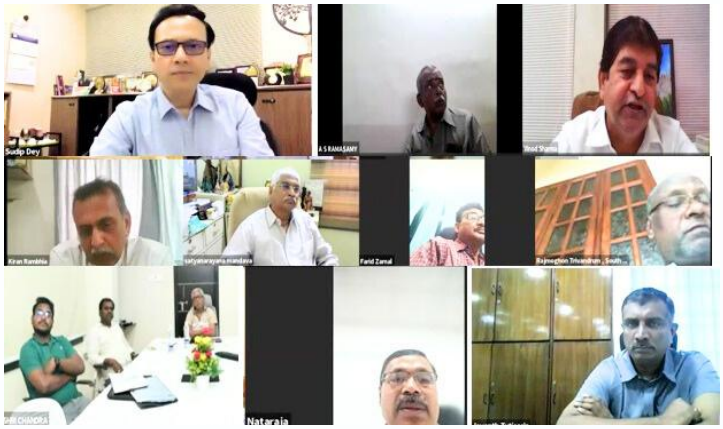
4th Executive Committee Meeting held on 28-29th February, 2024 at Mumbai wherein following important points were discussed and decided.

- EC Members were briefed regarding Board of Trade Meeting which was attended by Mr. Dushyant Mulani, Mr. Amit Kamat and Mr. S. Ramakrishna. The meeting was chaired by Honourable Union Minister of Commerce & Industry Shri Piyush Goyal.
- EC Members were briefed about the Service Improvement Group meeting was chaired by Smt. Sumitra Dawra – Sp. Secretary (Logistics). The issues raised were pertaining to transparency, costing, processes that are being followed which led to parallel paper work at various points of custom clearance, EDI related issues, ICEGATE related issues and export related points were addressed. The outcome of the meeting is the DG Shipping has invited us for the meeting before 10th March, 2024 and providing instances of irrational costing, non-transparent processes and uniformity.
- EC Members were informed about the Multimodal Logistics Park, Balli subsequent to the visit of Mr. Dushyant Mulani, Mr. Amit Kamat and President of Goa Association to meet Chief Minister of Goa Dr. Pramod Sawant and the support which the Government if willing to extend to the trade.
- Our submission to the Government of India regarding Red Sea issue was placed.
- Members were introduced to GIFT City and Gujarat Maritime Cluster. The concept of Gift City subsequent to the visit of Office Bearers, EC Members, Ahmedabad Association members and member from trade associations. Automation in export process was discussed.
- FIATA e-Bills of Lading was launched and explained to members.
- Course on Logistics and Supply Chain Management between IIFF and IIM, Mumbai was reported.

5TH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, VIRTUAL

11TH MAY 2024





5th Executive Committee Meeting held on 11th May, 2024 virtually wherein following important points were discussed and decided.

- Members were informed about the proceedings of FFFAI-CCTT meeting which was held on 24th and 25th April, 2024 at Mumbai.
- Members were briefed about the meeting with Shri Parshotam Rupala – Minister of State for Animal Husbandry Fisheries and Dairy and Shri G. N. Singh, Joint Secretary (Trade), AQ.
- Members were briefed about the meeting with CBIC – Chairman at JNPT with regards to difficulties faced under Faceless Assessment/ EDI related issues by the members across the country.
- It was decided that IIFF will conduct short courses for one and half hour or two hours for the members to upgrade their knowledge and skills on any single topic and on regular basis.
- It was decided that IIFF will tie up with Institute which are affiliated with Universities so that our courses get a higher recognition. This will help us to draw the attention of CBIC and ultimately get ourselves recognized as an authority to conduct CBLR examination.

6TH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, VISAKHAPATNAM



BAY VIEW HOTEL - 12TH & 13TH JULY 2024

The Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations in India (FFFAI) conducted its 6th EC Meeting in Visakhapatnam, the 'City of Destiny,' on July 12 and 13, 2024. The discussions centered on the pivotal role of the logistics industry in realizing the vision of "Atmanirbhar Bharat.

The EC meeting was inaugurated by Mr. N Sridhar, Principal Commissioner of Customs, Visakhapatnam Customs, as the Chief Guest. His presence was particularly significant, highlighting the importance of collaboration between the Customs and Customs Brokers fraternity. The role of Customs, Customs Brokers, and logistics industry stakeholders is vital for trade facilitation and achieving the goal of "Atmanirbhar Bharat. Welcoming FFFAI members to the Port City Mr. Sridhar st. He pointed out Indian ports' success story that marked a significant leap in the efficiency of ship and cargo handling based upon developing world standard port infrastructure across India. Nine Indian ports have ranked among the top 100 in the World Bank's Container Port Performance



Inauguration of the 6th ECM at Vizag at the hands of Chairman FFFAI Mr Dushyant Mulani, Vice Chairman Mr Sambasiva Rao, Vice Chairman Mr Sailesh Bhatia and Advisor Mr A V Vijaykumar

Index 2023 (CPPI 2023), which evaluates 405 ports globally.

For the first time, a government-owned Indian port, Visakhapatnam Port, has broken into the top 20, securing the 19th position.

Recognizing the key role being played by Indian Customs Brokers & Freight Forwarders behind the success of the Indian Ports Mr. Sridhar commended FFFAI for leading them effectively for the greater interest of the country's economy.

The FFFAI EC meeting was also attended by Mr. Amit Malik – CEO, Adani Gangavaram Port, Visakhapatnam as Guest of Honor. In his address Mr. Malik focused on the importance of world standard port infrastructure, especially in the East Coast of the country in increasing the EXIM trade for an "Atmanirbhar Bharat".



Mr Shravan being felicitated by FFFAI Vice Chairman Mr Sailesh Bhatia



Capt Sudip Banerjee being felicitated by FFFAI Vice Chairman Mr Sambasiva Rao and FFFAI Hon. Secretary Mr Sudip Dey



Chief Guest at the 6th EC, Mr. N Sridhar, Principal Commissioner of Customs, Visakhapatnam Customs along with Office Bearers on the dais.

He also highlighted the strategic location of Gangavaram Port which is connected via multimodal modes. He informed that soon the port will start containerized EXIM cargo movement from its state-of-the-art container terminal. 6th Executive Committee Meeting held on 12th-13th July, 2024 at Visakhapatnam wherein following important points were discussed and decided. Members were informed that FFFAI proposal being awarded under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana 4.0 (PMKVY 4.0) to empower Youth and Women in Logistic Sector.

Women were informed about CBIC has issued circular no. 02/2024 which encourages participation in international trade and thereby inviting representation of Women in PTFC and CCFC.

In the two-day long discussion sessions FFFAI members pondered on various issues pertaining to Customs, PGAs, Port Infrastructure, ICDs/CFSs, Air Cargo facilitation, Policy matter & intervention of FFFAI, expansion of its network across the globe, etc. from EXIM trade facilitation perspective. Presentation giving various activities of IIFF was done by Dr. Nirav Thakkar and Dr.Pramod Sant Director General.



President VCBA Mr Venugopal being felicitated by FFFAI Chairman Mr Dushyant Mulani



FFFAI Office Bearers, EC Members, VCBA Office Bearers at at the 6th EC Meeting.

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MEETINGS/EVENTS ATTENDED /INVITATIONS RECEIVED BY FFFAI NOMINEES ON BEHALF OF FFFAI

FFFAI - FEDERATION OF FREIGHT FORWARDERS ASSOCIATION IN INDIA PARTICIPATES IN FIATA (INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF FREIGHT FORWARDERS ASSOCIATIONS) AT FIATA WORLD CONGRESS 2023 IN BRUSSELS



CAI (Customs Affairs Institute) Chair Mr. Steve Parker and Mr. Samir Shah, Vice Chair of CAI and Advisor, FFFAI addressed a session at the FIATA World Congress 2023 in Brussels, Belgium. He shared developments of CAI to the FIATA members present at the FIATA World Congress 2023.

FIATA WORLD CONGRESS 2023 CONCLUDED IN BRUSSELS

The FIATA Congress in Brussels was hosted by The Belgium Customs Brokers Association and was a well-organized event. The congress was held at the iconic Square Brussels and started with two days of meetings with all the Institutes and Advisory bodies of FIATA. The following report provides an overview of the congress, including its highlights and main themes.



Advisory Body Information Technology:

Representing FFFAI, Mr. Tej Contractor (EC) chaired the session on Advisory Body Information Technology and briefed the floor on the happenings in FIATA. The session was informative and provided insights into the latest developments in technology that are impacting the freight forwarding industry.

Special Session of the WCO:

The highlight of the congress was a special session of the World Customs Organization (WCO). Six technical officers from the WCO presented on various topics, including the SAFE framework, Harmonized System, digitalization, integrity, corruption, and the Revised Kyoto Convention. The session kept delegates engaged on developments in customs and provided valuable insights into how customs procedures are evolving.

Main Sessions:

The next three days were dedicated to the main sessions of the FIATA Congress. The opening ceremony was attended by the Secretary General of

WCO and the head of Belgium Customs. The main theme of the sessions focused on areas of multimodal transport, digitalization, and sustainability.



Multimodal Transport:

The sessions on multimodal transport highlighted how different modes of transportation can be integrated to provide efficient logistics solutions. Speakers discussed how technology is enabling better coordination between different modes of transportation and how this is leading to improved supply chain efficiency.

Digitalization:

The focus on digitalization highlighted how technology is transforming logistics operations Speakers discussed how digital platforms are enabling better visibility into supply chain operations and how this is leading to improved efficiency and cost savings.

Panel Discussions:

The Panel Discussion on "Forging Different Career Paths in the Logistics Industry" consisted of the panellists Mr. Tej Contractor, FIATA ABIT (Advisory Body on Information Technology) Chair, Catrien Scheers, Fast Lines Group CEO, Tia Meyvis, Director IT and Innovation at Ahlers, Daniella Smal, Managing Director of Pro-Africa in Zambia, and Carole Lamarque, Dubal Union Marketing CEO, with Professor Christa.

The topics of the various other sessions were Exploring the Future of Green Logistics; How Digitalisation Can Help Solve Logistics Matters; Navigating Evolving Transport Needs; How to Optimise Risk Management; Forging Different Career Paths in the Logistics Industry and Sustainability.

A large portion of the congress focused on sustainability. Speakers discussed how logistics operations can be made more sustainable through better use of technology, alternative fuels, and more efficient transportation modes.



Gala Dinner:

The gala dinner was held at the Museum of Cars in Belgium, which had hundreds of cars dating back 100 years. It was a great opportunity for attendees to network with each other while enjoying a unique cultural experience.

General Meeting:

The 2023 Electoral General Meeting saw various changes to the FIATA Presidency, not least a change at the reins of FIATA's leadership, with Turgut Erkeskin of UTIKAD, Türkiye, becoming FIATA's President for a two- year term. The Immediate Past President Dr Ivan Petrov was warmly thanked and wished all the best in his future, after a stellar two-year term, which began during the COVID-19 pandemic, but thankfully ended in more normal conditions. FIATA expressed its sincere gratitude for Dr Petrov's hard work, and wished him a well-deserve rest after passing on the 'heavy' ceremonial chain which comes with much responsibility, to Mr Erkeskin.

Other new faces to the Presidency include: Marc Bibeau, Senior Vice President, CIFFA, Canada; Neil Taylor, Treasurer, ALOG, Chile, who join Senior Vice Presidents Jens Roemer, Forward Belgium, and Thomas Sim, SLA, Singapore on the Presidency.

The congress ended with the handing over of the talk

stick to Panama who will host it in 2024. Overall, it was an informative event that brought together industry experts from around the world to discuss key issues facing freight forwarding today.

Region Africa and Middle East:
Ahmed Khaleel, EIFFA, Egypt; Sheila Mashiri, SFAAZ, Zimbabwe and David Nutakor, GIFF, Ghana.

Region Asia-Pacific:
Paul Golland, IFCBAA, Australia; Byungjin Kim, KIFFA, Republic of Korea and Adelaide Yang, TFLA, Taiwan,

Region Americas:
Richard Glück, TIA, US; Cynthia Perisic, ALOG, Chile and Moises Solis Flores, AMACARGA, Mexico.

FFFAI LEADERS FELICITATED AT GUJARAT MARITIME SUMMIT

FFFAI Chairman Mr. Dushyant Mulani, Immediate Past Chairman Mr. Shankar Shinde, Executive Committee Member Dr. Darshan Mashroo, and Mr. Harsh Lapsia were felicitated at the recently held Gujarat Maritme Summit for their outstanding contributions to the Customs Broking, Freight Forwarding and Logistics Industry in India.











MINUTES OF THE MEETING WITH D&D CONTROL MALAYSIA FOR CONTAINER LEDGER ACCOUNT HELD ON 13TH OCTOBER 2023

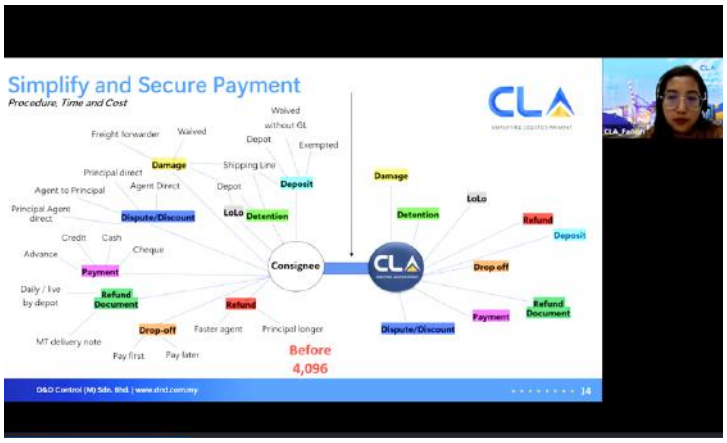
Venue : Virtual.
Hosted on FFFAI Platform

Honorary Secretary, Mr. Sudip Dey welcomed the D&D Team from Malaysia and introduced the office bearers of the Federation. He requested Chairman to say a few words before the CLA team could give the presentation of their proposal.

Chairman FFFAI, in his opening remarks welcomed the CLA team and said that FFFAI looks forward to seeing this presentation and its features. IPC, Mr. Shankar Shinde also welcomed the D&D team and requested them to go ahead with their presentation.

The presentation offered the following:

- A financial cum digital service
- India is growing at a fast rate with respect to digital payments.
- Logistics adoption in the logistics sector is quite low.



- Their portal aims to simplify the container logistics payments for the SME to the shipping lines.
- The CLA portal (CLAP) aim to reduce procedure, time and cost.
- They are presently operating in Malaysia and Philippines where they have gained recognition from their respective Government Departments.
- At present they wish to establish a MOU with FFFAI to understand and study the impact of container deposit challenges.



FFFAI AND ESCOLA EUROPEA INK AGREEMENT TO PROMOTE TRAINING AND DIGITISED PORT COMMUNITY IN INDIA

The Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations in India (FFFAI) and the Escola Europea de Short Sea Shipping, AEIE (EEIT) signed a memorandum of understanding On October 16, 2023, in Mumbai at an event organised especially for this purpose. The agreement was signed by Mr. Dushyant Mulani, Chairman, FFFAI and Mr. Eduard Rodés – director of the Escola Europea in presence of Mr. Shankar Shinde, Immediate Past Chairman, FFFAI; Mr. Lluís Salvadó – President of the Port of Barcelona; Ms. Ester Capella – Minister of Territories and Transport of Catalunya, HE. Mr. Fernando Heredia Noguer – Consul General of Spain in Mumbai and several other dignitaries.



Based in Barcelona, Spain the Escola Europea is a European training center that serves as a leading authority in intermodal transport and logistics. The MoU is aimed to strengthen the bilateral initiatives with FFFAI, which is the national apex body of the customs brokers and freight forwarders in India i.e FFFAI and other Logistics Service Providers. It would also strengthen sustainable logistics, generate quality employment opportunities and cultivate a vibrant and dynamic relationship.

In view of the importance of trade between India and Spain, its potential for future development, and requirement of skilled manpower to cater to logistics requirements, key objectives of the MoU are: To promote joint activities in logistics-port training and



international trade; To establish a stable framework for collaborative courses and To foster international student exchanges.

Both the organisations agreed that it is essential to build better-trained, qualified, and digitised port communities to enhance trade relations between Spain and India, making transactions more efficient and fruitful. The importance of the development of the Blue Economy, in which ports and their logistic communities have to play a leading role has also been emphasised by the organisations.

According to the MoU a pilot training program will be developed focusing on international business operations involving transactions between India, Europe and Mediterranean countries. This training will encompass both maritime and aerial transport operations. Initial training will be conducted by personnel from cargo transportation companies, secondary and university-level educators, serving as a training course for future trainers.

The MoU also mentioned that based on the outcomes of this pilot program and the mutual interest of the parties in further developing their relationship, a stable framework for joint courses will be established under the umbrella of the Port Virtual Lab project. Moreover, through the connections formed from these collaborative activities, at both the corporate and educational levels, student exchanges between institutions will be promoted within the context of international projects.

AGREEMENT SIGNED BETWEEN FFFAI AND ATEIA-OLTRA BARCELONA TO FACILITATE INDIA-SPAIN TRADE

The Federation of Freight Forwarders' Associations in India (FFFAI) and Freight Forwarders Association of Barcelona (ATEIA-OLTRA Barcelona) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on October 16, 2023, in Mumbai. The MoU was signed by Mr. Dushyant Mulani, Chairman FFFAI and Mr. Emilio Sanz Martínez, President, ATEIA-OLTRA Barcelona in presence of Mr. Shankar Shinde Immediate Past Chairman, FFFAI and several leaders from both the associations and other dignitaries.



In view of the increasing bilateral trade between India and Spain the MoU is very significant from the requirements of logistics services point of view. Spain has been India's 6th largest trade partner in the European Union. Bilateral trade in goods in 2022 stood at 7.92 US$ billion, growing by 17.6% over a similar period a year ago. India's exports grew by 21.3% and stood at US$ 6.02 billion while imports grew by 7.3% and stood at US$1.9 billion. India's top exports to Spain are Chemical Products, Iron and Steel, Electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof, Articles of apparel and clothing accessories (non-knitted), Mineral fuels, Mineral oils and products of their distillation- Articles of apparel and clothing accessories (knitted), Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances, Marine Products, Articles of iron and steel, Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons.

Spain is the 16th largest investor in India with cumulative FDI stock of US$ 3.72 billion (April 2000 - December 2022). There are more than 280 Spanish companies in India mainly in the sectors of metallurgical industries, renewable energy, automotive, ceramics and infrastructure (highways, transmission lines, tunnels and metro stations). Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka are the major destinations for Spanish investments in India.

Since both the organizations' memberships are mainly consisting of customs brokers, freight forwarders and logistics operators they have joined hands to strengthen the end-to-end logistics and supply chain system to facilitate bilateral trade. Both organizations wish to enhance their own development, for which international collaboration is deemed to be very effective.

Moreover, since it is their intention to collaborate in the development of their activity, both the organizations consider it convenient to strengthen their business on international transport, logistics and customs ties, and set up and develop their relations within a framework of cooperation and mutual understanding. It would offer to their members the benefits of a business and cultural exchange.



Key Functions:

- To promote alliance strategies between members of each association.
- To share information about international transport and logistics rules and regulations and customs rules and formalities in order to provide the member companies with the development of their business.
- To manage questions and/or technical and logistics know-how between both associated members.
- To promote respect for good business practices among associated members.
- To disseminate as much as possible this agreement in both institutions in order to favour and extend the co-operation towards new fields.



According to the FFFAI Chairman, Mr. Dushyant Mulani, the MoU is exciting news for the World of Logistics.

"A significant milestone for the Federation of Freight Forwarders' Associations in India (FFFAI) and ATEIA- OLTRA Barcelona (Freight Forwarders Association of Barcelona) as both officially inked a Memorandumof Understanding (MoU) for international collaboration and growth.

It also emphasized that this collaboration would facilitate trade between India and Spain, propelling the logistics sector into a new era of knowledge sharing and widespread cooperation, both in India and Barcelona. "Together both the associations will navigate unchartered territories, seek innovative solutions, and contribute to the growth and development of our nations," he added



FFFAI – IPC SHANKAR SHINDE APPOINTED AS VICE CHAIRMAN OF CCTT; EMPHASISES ON CROSS BORDER TRADE FACILITATION THROUGH INSTC ROUTE

The Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations in India (FFFAI) has joined the International Coordination Council on Trans-Eurasian Transportation (CCTT) during the XXXII Plenary Meeting which was recently held in Moscow. This year the meeting was dedicated to the 30th anniversary of the Council. More than 250 delegates from departments, companies and organizations from 20 countries of the Eurasian continent, heads and representatives of international organization and associations participated in this GLOBAL event. Other new members who also joined during this meeting were from China, South Korea, Iran and Southeast Asian countries. Immediate Past-Chairman of FFFAI Mr. Shankar Shinde and Secretary General of CIFA Mr. Li Zhiming were elected as new CCTT Vice-Chairman. International Coordinating Council on Trans-Eurasian Transportation (CCTT) is a non-commercial transport association with an open-ended duration, registered in the Main Register of the canton of Bern (Switzerland).

The Council participates in efforts of OSJD, UIC, UNECE Inland Transport Committee, CIT, EAEU, UNESCAP, OTIF, WCO and UPU to create new technological norms and harmonize transport law, aimed at reducing barriers to freight transportation between Asia and Europe.



FFFAI IPC Mr. Shankar Shinde made an elaborate presentation regarding importance and present developments on the International North South Transport Corridor in respect of trade facilitation



including Russia, CIS countries and beyond. He also highlighted the role of the Government of India and FFFAI to promote the INSTC route and seriousness having invested in development of Chabahar Port in Iran to provide effective connectivity to Russia and CIS Countries. Mr. Shinde stated that presently there is an increase in volumes on INSTC with India's accession to TIR Convention. Now regular vessels are providing services to Iran. Rupee Rial – trade agreement has been signed with banks' willingness to participate. Logistics Service Providers' presence is increasing with volumes. In view of the opportunities with risk associated on this route at present Insurance coverage is available.

It is pertinent to mention that the founder members of INSTC route include India, Iran and Russia. Later the following countries joined: Republic of Azerbaijan, Republic of Turkey, Republic of Armenia, Republic of Ukraine, Republic of Kazakhstan, Republic of Belarus, Republic of Kyrgyzstan, Oman, Republic of Tajikistan, Syria and Bulgarian (Observer). Highlighting the Customs initiatives to facilitate the trade on this route Mr. Shinde pointed out the following aspects: To extend 24x 7 clearance facilities with an online system to file for transshipment permission for international operators. To have documents forms in English language and trade facilitation cell for professional international interface -Effective EDI Implementation with public portal information at Bandar Abbas Terminal for container tracking and movement directly to Road/Rail CY till destination monitoring systems INSTC Member Countries along with other.

INDIA SECURES OVER 10 LAKH CRORE INVESTMENTS DURING GLOBAL MARITIME INDIA SUMMIT, 2023

The Global Maritime India Summit (GMIS), 2023, one of the largest maritime summits in the world, anchored ₹10 lakh crores of investment during the three-day event, held from October 17 to 19, 2023 in Mumbai. According to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Inland Waterways sources, with this huge feat, the third edition of the GMIS made a significant stride towards achievement of 'Amrit Kaal Vision 2047' of ₹80 trillion investment - a vision document shared by Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the development of maritime sector by 2047.

Organized by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways the GIMS 2023 was virtually inaugurated by the Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi. The summit focused on key areas of the maritime sector with sessions and discussions around ports of the future; decarbonization; coastal shipping & Inland Water Transport; shipbuilding; repair and recycling; finance, insurance & arbitration; maritime clusters; innovation & technology; maritime safety and security; and maritime tourism, among others.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stones for 21 projects worth ₹18,800 crores with 34 MoUs worth ₹3.24 lakh crore inked during the Inaugural session. This included Green Projects having share of ₹1.8 lakh crore and Projects of Port Development and Modernisation worth ₹1.1 lakh crore. PM Modi also launched Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047 - a roadmap for maritime sector development for the next 25 years; the Amrit Kaal to make India Atmanirbhar by 2047.



At the roundtable on Global Economic Corridors, as many as 60 representatives from various countries attended, which included CEOs from 33 international companies and 17 Indian companies. The inaugural session also witnessed 10 ministers from different countries joining the Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways Shri Sarbananda Sonowal on the dais at the event. 21 ministers from 10 countries participated in various sessions at the GMIS, 2023.

Shri Sarbananda Sonowal also held Ministerial level bilateral meetings with Ministers from Italy, Tanzania and Sri Lanka. The first meeting was with the Deputy Minister, Infrastructure and Transport (Minister of Ports), Italy, Edoardo Rixi. The meeting was also attended by the Secretary of Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, TK Ramachandran.

The Valedictory Session of GMIS addressed by Union Ministers of Finance Smt. Nirmala Sitaraman, Education & Skill Development Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Commerce & Industry Shri Piyush Goyal, along with the Ports, Shipping & Waterways Minister Shri Sarbananda Sonowal. On this occasion Shri Sonowal unveiled the 'GMIS 2023 Mumbai Declaration' The event was also actively participated by FFFAI Office Bearers and Members including Mr. Dushyant Mulani, Chairman, FFFAI and Immediate Past Chairman Mr. Shankar Shinde.





Mr. Shankar Shinde was a distinguished panelist in a session on " Sagarmala : Latest Trends in Shipping and Maritime Logistics." This engaging session was chaired by Shri. Shantanu Thakur, Minister of State for Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways of India. During the session, Mr . Shinde emphasized the importance of digitalization in the logistics industry. He extended his heartiest appreciation to the Government of India for its commitment to enhancing the logistics service sector. But that's not all! He believes this is just the beginning of a transformative journey. He also underscored the need for Artificial Intelligence and Robotic implementations in the logistics filed. These advancements, he stated, are crucial for the betterment of the entire logistics fraternity.



GURUGRAM INDUSTRIAL EXPO 2023 AND CARGONXT CONFERENCE & RECOGNITIONS



FFFAI CHAIRMAN AND CHAIRMAN ELECT VISIT TRIVANDRUM TO STRENGTHEN SKILL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES AND TRADE FACILITATION

On 2nd November 2023, Mr. Dushyant Mulani – Chairman (FFFAI), Mr. Amit Kamat – Chairman (Elect), Mr. Tej Contractor – President (IIFF) visited Trivandrum. The purpose of the visit was:

1. Meeting with Rajdhani Business School on Skill Development
2. Meeting with Managing Committee Members of Association of Custom House Agents, Trivandrum to understand/interact local trade issues and to way forward.



Chief Guest for the event Dr. K.Vasuki (IAS), Labour Commissioner of Kerala addresses the audience and students of the Institute.

IIFF SIGNS MOU WITH RAJDHANI BUSINESS SCHOOL FOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT IN LOGISTICS

Rajdhani Business School had organised an event 'LOGICONVERGE – Bridging the future with Vizhinjam Seaport'. Rajdhani Business School is a pioneer business school near Trivandrum conducting courses in Masters in Business Administration (MBA) with specialisation in Finance, Marketing, Human Relations and Operations. Recently they have launched 'Global MBA Course in Logistics and Supply Chain'. Their group institute runs full time degree and diploma courses in Engineering, Hotel Management & Catering Technology as well with an overall student strength of 3000 students.

Mr. Dushyant Mulani – Chairman, Federation of Freight Forwarders' Associations in India (FFFAI), Mr. Amit Kamat – Chairman Elect, FFFAI, Mr. Tej Contractor – President, Indian Institute of Freight Forwarders (IIFF), Mr. O.G. Hariraj – President, Association of Custom House Agents, Trivandrum (ACHAT), Mr. K. Suresh Kumar and Mr. B.N.

Rajmoghan Executive Committee Members of FFFAI attended the Inaugural Session of the event.

Also present on the occasion were Dr. Biju Ramesh – Chairman, Mr. Renjith Karunakaran – Director and Dr. S.Suresh Babu – Principal of Rajdhani Business School. The Chief Guest was Dr. K.Vasuki (IAS), Labour Commissioner of Kerala, who addressed the audience - students of the institute.

During the event IIFF signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Rajdhani Business School for Skill Development and Training.

After the inauguration session of the event, the FFFAI team had networking meeting with the Management of Rajdhani Business School and Dr. K. Vasuki (IAS) to exchange ideas on fulfilling the requirements of skilled manpower in logistics sector, which a burgeoning industry in India at present.



(R to L) Mr.Dushyant Mulani, Chairman, FFFAI; Dr. Biju Ramesh, Chairman, Rajdhani Business School and Mr. Amit Kamat, Chairman-Elect, FFFAI.

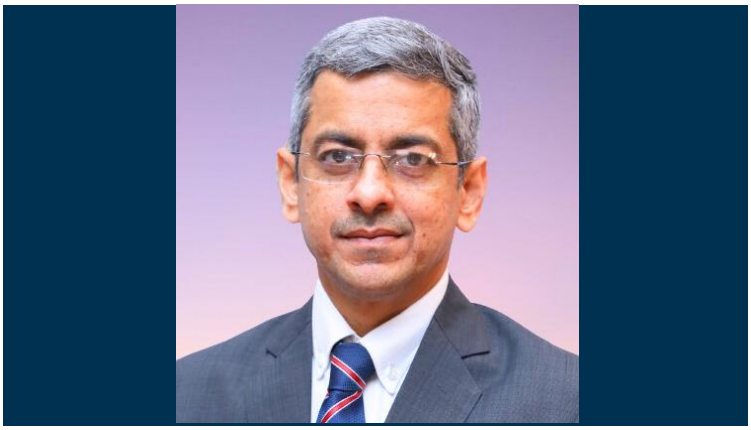
Also, there is huge impetus from the Government and industry stakeholders as well as educational institutions to bridge the gap between demand and supply of trained manpower. The meeting was arranged by Mr. O.G. Hariraj – President and Team of Association of Custom House Agents, Trivandrum (ACHAT).

MEETING WITH MANAGING COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF ASSOCIATION OF CUSTOM HOUSE AGENTS, TRIVANDRUM: FOCUSSED ON TRADE ISSUES

Mr. Dushyant Mulani Chairman, FFFAI and Mr. Amit Kamat Chairman Elect, FFFAI had a meeting with the Managing Committee and Members of Association of Custom House Agents, Trivandrum (ACHAT).

Mr. Dushyant Mulani chaired the meeting. He thanked ACHAT team for taking efforts to organize this meeting. He informed that the idea of meeting local associations was strengthening every nook and corner of the country and therefore the effort in reaching out to each centre, understanding issues and representing in the right forum for effective redressal. He informed that within one month of term, this was the third association that FFFAI was having a meeting with the first two being Ahmedabad and Rajasthan associations.

He appreciated efforts being taken by ACHAT for Skill development and training.





DP WORLD SETS THE STAGE, FFFAI STEALS THE SPOTLIGHT AT THE 3-DAY GLOBAL FREIGHT SUMMIT IN DUBAI!

The Global Freight Summit was held from 15 November to 17 November 2023 with theme "Making the Future Supply Chain a Reality."

Kudos to DP World for a spectacular event which aimed to create a Platform where influential minds from the international freight forwarding and supply chain communities can interact and exchange ideas and engage in trade and commerce.



FFFAI participated as an exhibitor and its IPC Mr. Shankar Shinde featured as a distinguished speaker on "Unleashing Asia's Trade Potential : Tapping Trade"

The Show had participation from all over the Globe and FFFAI was represented by IPC Mr. Shankar Shinde, Mr. Vipin Vohra, Mr. Sachidananda Pattanayak and Mr. Tej Contractor.



This year's Summit was inaugurated by His Highness Sheikh Ahmed bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Second Deputy Ruler of Dubai. It was attended by speakers and distinguished guests including Sultan Ahmed bin Sulayem, Group Chairman and CEO, DP World, H.E. Helal Saeed Al Marri, Director General, Dubai Department of Economy and Tourism, Steve Wozniak, co-founder Apple Computer Inc., JB Straubel, CEO, Redwood Materials & Co-Founder, Tesla Motors, and many more.

The Global Freight Summit witnessed footfalls of more than 4,000 participants from across the world to address the industry's challenges, as new research by DP World, points to a new sense of optimism about creating more resilient supply chains in the coming years.



According to the DP World study unveiled at this event, despite acknowledging challenges from geopolitical uncertainties, communication gaps, and heightened competition, more than 60% of freight forwarders said they were 'very optimistic' as the industry approaches 2024.

The survey underscores the need for greater collaboration throughout the supply chain to boost efficiency, a sentiment shared by 40% of respondents.



Additional key factors for resilience include reducing regulation (15%), embracing new technologies (12%), and a heightened focus on Electric Vehicles and last-mile delivery (10%).

Notably, the research showed 34% of respondents believe the majority of the supply chain is already digitalised, with 31% saying they have achieved full digitalisation. The role of technology was highlighted as a crucial enabler for more efficient supply chains, which is critical to future-proofing the industry.

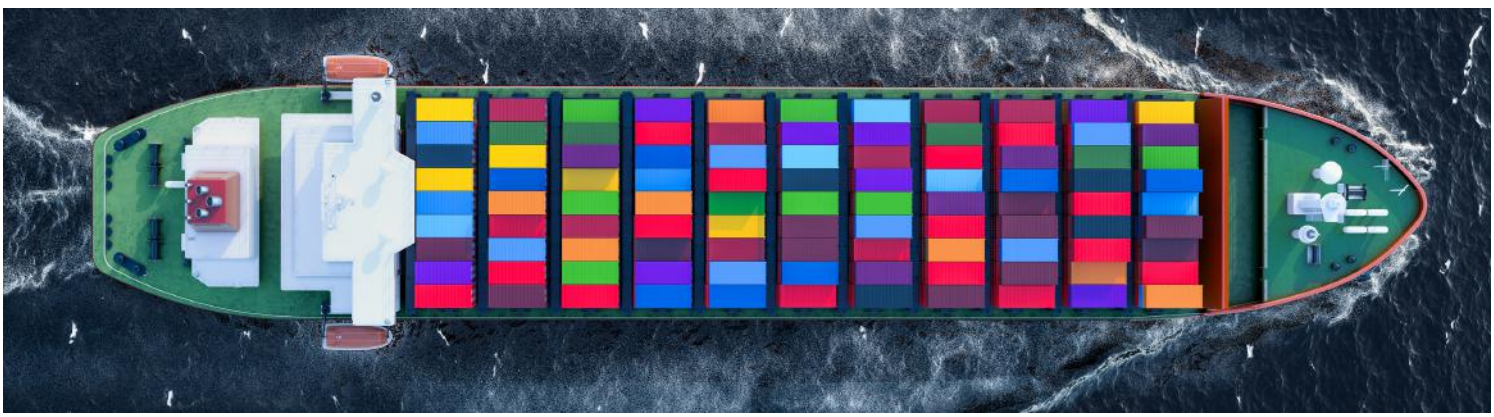


Delving into broader industry concerns, the survey looked at the importance of supporting small to medium sized enterprises (SMEs) in the face of the current $2.5 trillion trade finance gap. For 26% of freight forwarders, improving access to trade finance is key to helping SMEs expand internationally, alongside the need to improve technological literacy (14%).



In his address Sultan Ahmed bin Sulayem, Group Chairman and CEO of DP World, said: “We are operating in an era of uncertainty, so the global supply chain industry must come together to build a more resilient future. Technology dictates how the world does business, so innovation will be vital to ensuring the seamless movement of goods around the globe. Amidst geopolitical uncertainties, heightened competition, regionalisation and rising inflation, the logistics sector must create new tools and solutions to navigate these economic headwinds. Strategic investments in technology, infrastructure, and pioneering new trade routes are essential for realizing a future supply chain that can overcome today's challenges."

FFFAI appreciates DP world Initiatives towards digitization of logistic sector as a whole.



CHAIRMAN FFFAI ADDRESSES WEBINAR ON "FACELESS ASSESSMENT IN CUSTOMS-LATEST CHANGES"

Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has rolled out the Faceless Assessment at an all India level in all ports of imports and for all the imported goods in October, 2020. Faceless assessment of Customs are part of reforms under 'Turant Customs' to make the administration more modern, efficient and professional.

To sensitize the trade/taxpayers/departmental officers about the latest changes, the Mumbai Zonal Unit of Directorate General of Taxpayer Services organised a webinar On 29th November, 2023 with the "Faceless Assessment in Customs-latest changes". The Webinar was addressed by several officials including Mr. Rajesh Pandey Chief Commissioner (Customs) Mumbai Zone-II; Mr. Sanjay Rathi Pr. ADG, DGTS, MZU, Mumbai; Arvind Kumar Singh ADD, DGTS, MZU, Mumbai; M G Kodandaram, Asstt. Commissioner (Retd.), CBIC; Mr. Dushyant Mulani, Chairman, FFFAI; Mr. Shankar Shide, Immediate Past Chairman, FFFAI and Chairman IFCBA and Mr. Shantanu Bhadkamkar Former Chairman, IFCBA. In his speech the FFFAI Chairman highlighted the major pain points which are being faced by the trade. According to him, though Faceless Assessment programme has been the flagship proramme of Customs in recent times the feedback from the trade is not very encouraging.

The objective of CBIC through Faceless is to improve the dwell time. However, there are many issues which need to be addressed to achieve the goal. In his opinion, a trust-based environment has to be created to reduce the logistics cost and improve the dwell time.

He said to facilitate the trade transparency and predictability have to be taken care of with utmost importance. “There need to be time

bound accountability to make the faceless programme a success with the EDI system making flawless. A centralised escalation monitoring mechanism will have to be established, despite introducing anonymous escalation mechanism, which is a first and welcoming step.

But it should be further enhanced with feedback from the trade as they want to be identified with their specific casesand issues. Accurate examination order, 100% examination order, amendment procedures, speaking order are some areas of concern, which need to be looked into at the earliest. Functioning and accountability TSK should also be streamlined,” he said. In his opinion, rather than faceless face value should be taken in consideration.



REPORT ON ROUNDTABLE ON FREIGHT DECARBONISATION IN INDIA HELD ON 29TH NOVEMBER 2023 AT MUMBAI

On the invitation of Smart Freight Centre (SFC), on behalf of FFFAI, Mr. Amit Kamat – Chairman (Elect), FFFAI, participated in the Roundtable on Freight Decarbonisation in India organisation by Smart Freight Centre India on 29th November 2023, in Mumbai.

Smart Freight Centre (SFC) is a global non-profit organization working on climate action via freight sector transition to low emission logistics. Through creating a single, international methodology for tracking freight emissions they drive transparency to enable emission reductions and bring together multi-nationals, forwarders & carriers, NGOs, and governments in their collaborative initiatives, trainings and programs.

Smart Freight Centre launched SFC India in May 2023 as a regional initiative in South Asia, in cognisance of the role of the region in the global ecosystem development for low emission logistics and with a purpose to effectively collaborate with the Indian Freight sector on its mission of tracking and reducing global GHG emissions by 1 billion tonnes by 2030 and reach Net-Zero by 2050 or earlier. Smart Freight Centre launched SFC India in May 2023 as a regional initiative in South Asia, in cognisance of the role of the region in the global ecosystem development for low emission logistics and with a purpose to effectively collaborate with the Indian Freight sector on its mission of tracking and reducing global GHG emissions by 1 billion tonnes by 2030 and reach Net-Zero by 2050 or earlier.

SFC India is focused on engaging with the key stakeholders of the Indian Freight sector under the larger ambit of Green Freight Programme, with its focus spread across three broad areas, as follows:

- Organise Shippers/LSP community in India.
- Drive emission standards awareness and adoption
- Extend enabling support to Industry partners to translate their freight decarbonisation vision into action.

Smart Freight Centre India is also keen to engage and collaborate with for joint programs regarding Freight Decarbonisation in India.



JS CUSTOMS HIGHLIGHTS CUSTOMS INITIATIVES AND ROLE OF CB's IN TRADE FACILITATION AT FFFAI FOUNDATION DAY

On December 2nd, 2023, the Federation of Freight Forwarders' Associations in India (FFFAI) celebrated its 62nd Foundation Day at the FFFAI Office in Chembur, Mumbai.

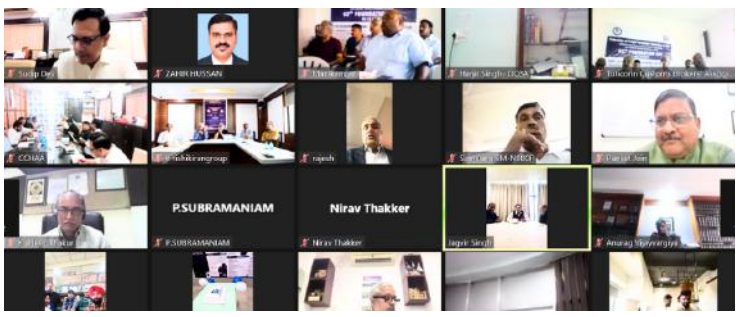
The 62nd Foundation Day of FFFAI unfolded in a hybrid mode, with a physical as well as virtual participation from FFFAI member Associations across India. The synchronized cake-cutting ceremony on the virtual platform symbolized joy, unity and shared commitment to the growth of FFFAI.



Mr.Anupam Prakash, Joint Secretary (Customs), CBIC

Notably, the meeting saw the attendance of Mr. Anupam Prakash, Joint Secretary (Customs), CBIC on the virtual platform.

The highlight of the celebration was an insightful and motivational address from Mr. Anupam Prakash, who felicitated FFFAI and acknowledged its invaluable contribution to CBIC decisions. Mr. Prakash emphasized CBIC's recent initiatives to ease of doing business, including Faceless Assessment, Single Window Clearance, Direct Port Delivery, AEO Scheme, CBLMS Portal launch and the introduction of ECL on ICEGATE.





Mr. Prakash stressed the significance of the National Time Release Study (NTRS) in expediting cargo clearance. Highlighting NTRS 2023.

Based on a perceptional study, he unveiled insightful facts to benefit the government and industry stakeholders.

He urged FFFAI's partnership in the NTRS program and advised initiating awareness programs for NTRS participation.

He emphasized active trade involvement in NTRS 2024, especially encouraging the participation of women and young logistics entrepreneurs.



Additionally, Mr. Prakash shared that CBIC is planning necessary changes in Faceless Assessment procedures based on discussions at the recent NAC (National Assessment Centre) meet.

The event was also addressed by the FFFAI Chairman Mr. Dushyant Mulani, Chairman Elect Mr. Amit Kamat, Immediate Past Chairman Mr. Shankar Shinde, Hon. Secretary Mr. Sudip Dey, Hon. Treasurer Mr. Sudhir Agarwal and Advisors Mr. AV Vijayakumar , Mr. S. Ramakrishna and Mr. R. Radhakrishnan.

In his concluding remarks Mr. Dushyant Mulani, Chairman FFFAI lauded the initiatives of CBIC in facilitating the trade and extending required support to the trade, especially to FFFAI. He stressed the equal importance and good balance between compliances and trade facilitation. The FFFAI Chairman also shared that the Federation is working on a presentation to highlight the pain points and recommendations which will be submitted to CBIC shortly. On this gracious occasion he congratulated all the FFFAI members and appreciated their active participation in the Federation's activities to reach a new high.



11TH MEETING OF THE SERVICES IMPROVEMENT GROUP (SIG)



FFFAI was represented at the 11th Meeting of the Services Improvement Group (SIG) by Mr S Ramakrishna, Advisor. FFFAI has represented and deliberated on the following points during this meeting

(1) Destination charges for sea imports
(2) Unilateral increase of Airport charges.

SHRI SURJIT BHUJABAL MEMBER CUSTOMS



SHRI VUMLUNMANG VUALNAM SECRETARY, MOCA



On December 7, 2023 FFFAI Office Bearers visited Shri Surjit Bhujabal, Member (Customs) to discuss on (1) Non-implication of Customs Brokers in case of interpretative disputes. (2) Issues faced under Faceless Assessment (3) Holding of G Category Examination on annual basis at all locations (4) Simplification of export processes.

On the same day, an introductory meeting was held with Shri Vumlunmang Vualnam, Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation where was presented with the FFFAI Coffee Table Book.

During the meeting, the Secretary enquired why there was no increase in cargo movement. FFFAI pointed out that private terminal operators were increasing handing tariff while no increase in handling facilities were given to the Trade, like material handing equipment and additional supervisory staff to expedite cargo movement which was taking long time for segregation. The issue of raising tariff whimsically without trade consultation played a role here.

IICS EXHIBITION & CONFERENCE 2023 HELD IN MUMBAI IN ASSOCIATION WITH FFFAI

The India International Cargo & Logistics Show –IICS Exhibition & Conference 2023 was held on 13th - 14th-15th December 2023 in Mumbai. The event was organised in association with FFFAI. The India International Cargo Show is a premium event that brings together key stakeholders from the logistics industry.





It began with the welcome address by Mr. Dushyant Mulani, Chairman, Federation of Freight Forwarders' Associations in India (FFFAI). Suresh Kumar R, Managing Director, All cargo Logistics Ltd talked about three sectors of opportunities- UPI banking, space and technology and research and telecom."There is a lot of scope for digitalisation, we need to focus on sustainability, and we need to explore the power of partnerships and collaborations."

Mr. Shankar Shinde, Chairman, International Federation of Customs Brokers Associations (IFCBA) and Immediate Past Chairman, FFFAI, while mentioning about government policies and initiatives, said, "The cargo and logistics sector is the ocean of opportunities; it's just that we need to figure out channels to grab them."

THAMES FREE PORT VISIT TO MUMBAI



Thames Freeport delegation, led by Mr Martin Whiteley, CEO, had visited Mumbai on 5th December, 2023. FFFAI Office Bearers were invitees to the event. The delegation included Luciana Zimbardi Ciubotariu, Head of Trade and Investment, Thames Freeport; Christopher Robert Green, Director – Commercial, UK Port and Terminal, DP World; Daljit Singh Oberoi, Product Development Manager – Ocean forwarding, DP World; Jonathan Ursell; Director - UK INDIA BUSINESS COUNCIL. Thames Freeport is a strategic connector for global trade in both container and conventional cargoes. This is an outstanding opportunity to establish innovative operations in key sectors such as advanced logistics, manufacturing & processing, clean energy and circular economy.

Thames Freeport offers 1,700 acres of land in close proximity to the largest consumer market in Europe. The package of fiscal incentives will lower the set up costs of a new operation by up to 50 per cent, making it highly competitive for operators and manufacturers.

FFFAI HIGHLIGHTS ITS WOMEN'S WING INITIATIVES AT THE MEETING FOR STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION ON NATIONAL LOGISTICS HR

The Meeting for Stakeholder Consultation on National Logistics HR was conducted from the Human Resource Development perspective to understand the present manpower composition in Logistic sector in terms of State/Region, Education Level, Gender wise and Skill level wise including the general job roles in this sector and how it has evolved in the past 5 years. The meeting was organised by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry on December 14, 2023 at Vanijya Bhawan in New Delhi. Attending this meeting Mr. Kuldeep Thakur, Executive Committee Member, FFFAI emphasised on possibilities to have more women participation in Logistics Sector mentioning that as FFFAI has a Women's Wing to encourage more and more women to bring into this sector. He said that response to this initiative is very positive, and the industry has seen greater women participation for the last 4-5 years. Mr. Thakur pointed out future scope and opportunities in Logistics sector in next five years and important skill required for the sector.



At this event it was pointed out that measures are required from Government, which would help to bridge some of the skill gaps in a more formal manner. The role of technology in Indian Logistics sector and the unique proposition for attracting people to the logistics sector was also highlighted asalso the way the industry needs to handle the upscaling of their employees in logistics sector. The meeting concluded with an appeal to have any suggested recommendations to be included in Human Resource Development framework for logistics sector.



Mr. Amit Kamat, Chairman Elect and Mr. Sudip K Dey, Hony Secretary FFFAI also participated in this evet virtually.

SECTORAL WORKSHOP ORGANIZED BY THE WEST BENGAL STATE COUNCIL



A Sectoral Workshop was organized by the West Bengal State Council for Technical & Vocational Education and Skill Development under Technical Education, Training & Skill Development Department, Government of West Bengal on “Logistics and Supply” Chain on 16th of December 2023 at Kolkata, West Bengal. To identify the skills required to establish Bengal as a global hub for logistics, Shri Anup Aggarwal, Dy Chairman of the Kolkata Port Trust, I.R.S., and Shri Samrat Rahi, Chairman of the Shipping and Logistics Committee of the Bengal Chambers of Commerce and Industry, convened to brainstorm and was participated by FFFAI Chairman Mr Dushyant Mulani, Chairman Elect Mr Amit Kamat, Hon. Secretary Mr Sudip Dey and Advisor Mr Debashish Dutta among industry leaders.

FFFAI PARTICIPATED CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP ON "GENDER MAINSTREAMING AT INDIA'S LAND PORTS"







BRIHANMUMBAI CUSTOM BROKERS ASSOCIATION ORGANISES INTERACTIVE SESSION TO COMMEMORATE ITS 87TH FOUNDERS' DAY

Brihanmumbai Custom Brokers Association (BCBA) celebrated its 87th Founders' Day on 19th December, 2023. On this occasion an Interactive Session to Commemorate the 87th Founders' Day was organised by the association on the same day at Indian Merchants Chamber Building in Mumbai. The event was attended by a large number of BCBA members as well as FFFAI leaders. The event was addressed by Mr. Dushyant Mulani, President BCBA and Chairman FFFAI and several other dignitaries. Mr. Pramod Kumar Agarwal, Principal Chief Commissioner of - Customs – Mumbai Zone was the Chief Guest at the event.



Mr. Sailesh Bhatia from BCBA felicitating I.P. Chairman FFFAI Mr. Shankar Shinde and Chairman Elect FFFAI Mr. Amit Kamat

CAROTAR 2020 ROADMAP: NAVIGATING CHANGES, RISKS, AND COMPLIANCE – FFFAI HOSTS EXPERT WEBINAR SERIES

The Federation of Freight Forwarders' Associations in India (FFFAI) hosted a Knowledge Session Webinar dedicated to its members, shedding light on CAROTAR (Customs Administration of Rules of Origin under Trade Agreements Rules, 2020), a pivotal aspect of EXIM trade. During the opening address, Chairman Mr. Dushyant Mulani cordially welcomed Dr. Joshua Ebenezer, a member of the FFFAI Board of Advisors, along with a substantial gathering of logistics industry stakeholders from across the nation.



Dr. Joshua gave insights on the background of FTA and the global situation. He stated that It's essential to recognize that trade agreements play a fundamental role in a country's trade policy.



Notable examples include the ASEAN-India FTA, SAFTA Agreement, India-Japan CEPA, and India-South Korea CEPA. Once finalized, trade agreements prompt CBIC to issue notifications for implementing tariff concessions and rules of origin, as per sections 25 and 5 of the Customs Act and Customs Tariff Act, respectively, to align domestic legislation with the commitments undertaken. Goods imported under these agreements necessitate a 'Certificate of Origin' (COO) issued by the exporting country's designated authority, containing pertinent details and fulfilling origin criteria. During his comprehensive presentation, Dr. Joshua emphasized the importance of grasping the underlying concepts and rules used by officers in document assessment. He stressed the significance of investing time in scrutinizing documents before filing a Bill of Entry, as it is crucial for responding to officers' queries promptly and comprehensively.



Dr. Joshua adeptly elucidated the intricacies of CAROTAR rules, providing straightforward examples to facilitate understanding and navigation within the realm of trade agreements. Members actively engaged with the panelists, which included FFFAI Office Bearers and Dr. Joshua, posing pertinent questions and receiving real-time insights and responses.



MEETING WITH DG SYSTEMS ON 5TH JANUARY 2024





Points discussed during meeting with DG Systems on 5.1.2024
SUMMARY OF POINTS

IMPORTS

1) Delay in generation of BE and SB. Downtime in E-sanchit.
2) Frequent downtime in Public Enquiry Module
3) Non receipt / Delay in receiving of Incident Numbers from ICEGATE.
4) Customs Examination Order for BoE is not getting generated after Version 2.0
introduced, examination orders are not available along with BoE after goods registration. This is a very important step which is delaying examination of cargo
5) Systems captures wrong BOND /BG when the Bill of Entry is filed with multiple licenses.
6) Print of the license debit details are not available for the trade. ECL issues are still being faced.
7) Duty paid successfully for the challan which are not integrated with the system.
8) Considerable amendment in the BoEs are not happening via online. members has to visit to customs house, service center for the amendment.
9) Some features are working in old and some in new which is causing confusion
10) BE should not be diverted for Assessmnet after post arrival changes in IGM
11) Updation on Electronic Origin Data Exchange system (EODES) under India Korea CEPA

EXPORTS

1) Custom Examination order for shipping bills is not getting generated
2) Exports are suffering since considerable export consignments are missing out on cut- off time of vessel / airline.
3) In export, the query raised by the appraiser / shed officer / appraising officers are not received online. This is causing delay in export clearance which is to be taken care and resolve.

IDPMS / EDPMS LINKAGE OF RBI SYSTEM AND EDI SYSTEM FOR FOREIGN REMITTANCE REALISATION

We request your help in increasing the data sharing between the RBI portal & EDI System to correctly and timely capture the export realisations. As you are aware, due to this mismatch JN Customs has issued a lot of Consultative Notices asking exporters to refund the excess drawback claimed. This has caused a lot of inconvenience to a lot of genuine exporters. We suggest that as being done for integration with GST for Import BE, similar facility may kindly be given for IDPMS / EDPMS.

ALL BANK GUARANTEE / BOND SHOULD BE ACCEPTED IN DE-MAT FORM :

For sake of improved compliance and digital working environment, it is suggested that all different kinds of bonds, BG should be accepted and processed in De-mat form in Customs EDI system. These bonds / BG once executed, should be available for viewing.

INVITATION FOR THE EVENT “DIALOGUE FOR STRENGTHENING QUALITY ECO-SYSTEM IN INDIA ON OCCASION OF BIS FOUNDATION DAY" TO COMMEMORATE BIS 77TH YEAR IN SERVICE OF NATION.

The 77th Foundation Day of the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), an esteemed body operating under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Government of India, was commemorated on January 6, 2024, at Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. In collaboration with the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), BIS organized a national-level seminar themed "Dialogue for strengthening of Quality Eco-system in India."

The event was graced by the esteemed presence of Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon’ble Union Minister of Commerce &Industry, Textiles, and Consumer Affairs, who presided as the Chief Guest. The seminar drew the attendance of government officials, trade associations, and industry stakeholders, among others. FFFAI was represented by its Executive Committee members, Shri Devendra Singh Bhadoria and Shri Jogesh Sethi.



Shri Piyush Goyal, in his special address via video conference, underscored the pivotal role of BIS in bridging the gap between industry and end-users/consumers concerning quality maintenance. He emphasized the significance of Industrial Associations in providing information for preparing standards on products and asserted India's commitment to developing its own Indian Standards for all products. He lauded BIS's efforts in promoting quality consciousness among consumers, stressing that good quality is non-negotiable and aligns with the Hon’ble Prime Minister’s vision of 'zero defect, zero effect' products that are sustainable.

LPAI’S CONFERENCE ON “ENGENDERING LAND PORTS IN INDIA”

Ms Anita Juneja representing FFFAI Women’s Wing attended the report release on "Engendering Land Ports in India" organized by the Land Port Authority of India. Ms Dharmishta Chauhan, lead author of the report, released the report. This report brings to light the three select land ports in India - ICP Agartala, ICP Petrapole and ICP Raxaul towards client servicing, ensuring full accessibility etc. LPAI is committed to improving gender responsiveness of land ports. They are specifically focusing on the formation of a Women's Trade and trade Facilitation Advisory Committee to provide women with adequate voice, agency and decision-making space to women exporters.and gender friendly workplace. After the report there was a Panel Discussion : Adopting a Gender-Focused Approach in the Logistics sector.chaired by Ms. V. Rama Mathew, Every panelist offered valuable perspectives and thought-provoking ideas that sparked meaningful conversations.

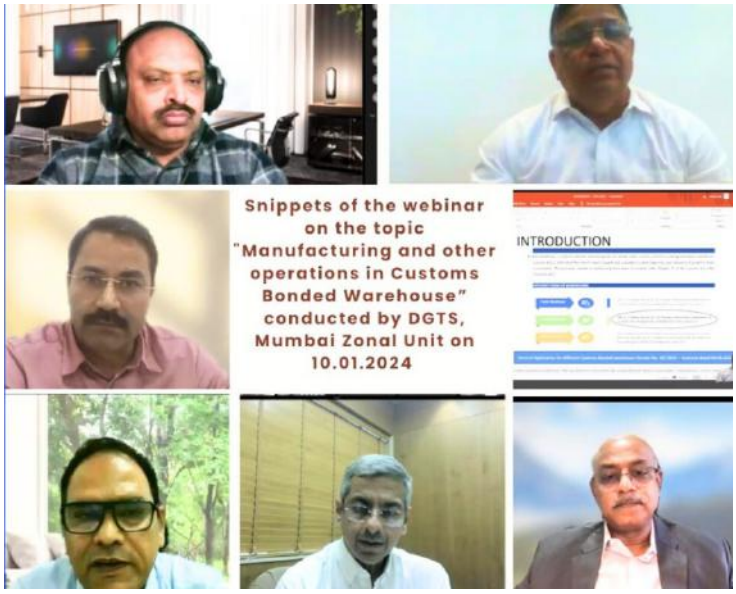


WEBINAR ON THE TOPIC - MANUFACTURING AND OTHER OPERATIONS IN CUSTOMS BONDED WAREHOUSE ON 10TH JANUARY, 2024

CBIC Streamlines Operations in Customs Bonded Warehouses for Manufacturing and Other Activities.

Director General of Taxpayer Services (DGTS) Mumbai, in collaboration with the Brihanmumbai Customs Brokers Association (BCBA) and the Federation of Freight Forwarders Association of India (FFFAI) hosted a webinar on Manufacturing.

Other Operations in Customs Bonded Warehouses (MOOWR) on January 10, 2024. Mr. Sanjay Rathi, I.R.S., Principal Additional Director General DGTS, delivered the welcome address, followed by Mr. Dushyant Mulani, President of BCBA and Chairman of FFFAI, who shared insightful data and feedback gathered from association members and the trade community. He emphasized the scheme's benefits in promoting initiatives like Make in India and Atmanirbhar Bharat while addressing the necessity for simplifying ex-bonding procedures and challenges arising from amendments in the Finance bill.



Dr. Pramod Sant, Director General of FFFAI, highlighted business opportunities in areas such as refurbishment, repair, and job work, stressing India's competitiveness in these sectors due to faster customs clearance under MOOWR, despite uncertainties stemming from the introduction of section 65A.

BOARD OF TRADE MEETING (BOT) UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL, HON'BLE MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY, CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND TEXTILES

Union Commerce & Industry Minister Unveils 'Trade Connect platform for Indian exporters.

The meeting witnessed the participation of Minister of State for Commerce and Industry, Ms. Anupriya Patel, Commerce Secretary, Shri Sunil Barthwal, Special Secretary for Logistics, Smt. Sumita Dawra, Director General of Foreign Trade, Shri Santosh Sarangi, along with other senior officials and members of the Indian Industry.





FFFAI Chairman Mr. Dushyant Mulani, FFFAI Chairman Elect Mr. Amit Kamat and FFFAI Advisor Mr. S Ramakrishna representing FFFAI at the Board of Trade (BOT) meeting which was held under the Chairmanship of Commerce and Industry Minister Shri Piyush Goyal.

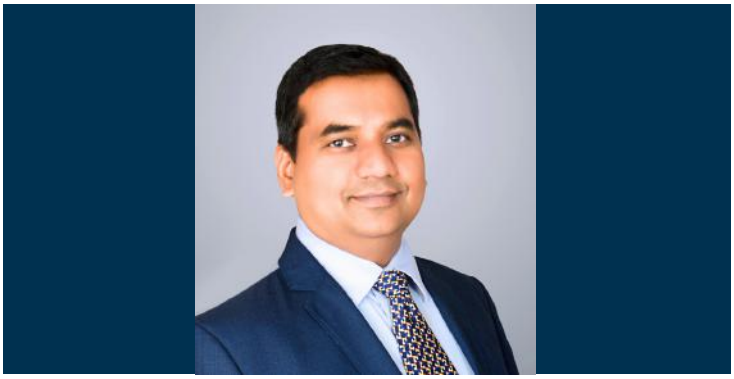
Additionally, various State Ministers, senior officials from key line ministries and States, major trade and industry bodies, Export Promotion Councils, and industry association leaders, including Mr. Dushyant Mulani, Chairman, FFFAI; Mr. Amit Kamat, Chairman Elect, FFFAI; and Mr. S. Ramakrishna, Advisor, FFFAI, were also present at the meeting.

During his opening remarks, Shri Goyal highlighted the importance of leveraging FTAs, encouraging startups/ MSMEs to explore export opportunities, and boosting exports from the services sector.

He stressed the need to internationalize goods and services to improve product quality and achieve economies of scale, emphasizing the need for a collective effort from States, the Center, and the Industry to accelerate Indian exports. Various presentations were made during the BOT meeting on subjects such as India's import/export performance, state export performance, PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan for multimodal connectivity, leveraging FTAs for export growth, trade facilitation measures, reforms in the Indian patent system, and interventions to boost pharma exports.

"IFCBA INTRODUCES 'INTERNATIONAL CUSTOMS BROKERS DAY' ON JANUARY 26, CELEBRATED GLOBALLY

The International Federation of Customs Brokers Associations (IFCBA) has declared January 26 as International Customs Brokers Day, a yearly celebration dedicated to honoring and recognizing the exceptional contributions of customs brokers worldwide. Mr. Shankar Shinde, Chairman of IFCBA, expressed his thoughts on this initiative, stating, "This marks a significant milestone for our esteemed profession. Choosing January 26 aligns with International Customs Day, providing a global platform to celebrate our profession."



IFCBA Chairman and FFFAI Immediate Past Chairman Mr. Shankar Shinde



FFFAI Chairman Mr. Dushyant Mulani

Reflecting on the theme of "Customs Engaging Traditional and New Partners with Purpose" for the 2024 International Customs Day by the World Customs Organization (WCO), Mr. Shinde underscored the importance of collaboration with the WCO and customs administrations worldwide. He emphasized fostering a sense of belonging within the global customs community.

Mr. Mulani reiterated FFFAI's commitment to IFCBA and the international customs brokers community, pledging support for innovative initiatives and their successful implementation to facilitate global trade effectively.



FIRST MEETING OF HIGH LEVEL TASK FORCE OF INDIA MARITIME CENTRE (IMC) UNDER MARITIME INDIA VISION (MIV) 2030.



Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways has constituted a high level committee to form a world class Arbitration and Dispute resolution centre with objective of providing cost-effetive, swift and credible Alternative Dispute Resolution. The virtual meeting was attended by Office Bearers of FFFAI.

HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER, GOVERNMENT OF GOA CONVENED A MEETING OF CUSTOM BROKERS FRATERNITY WITH RESPECT TO CLEARANCE OF EXIM CARGO AT MULTIMODAL LOGISTICS PART, BALLI, GOA.

Recently, a delegation comprising Mr. Dushyant Mulani, the Chairman of the Federation of Freight Forwarders' Associations in India (FFFAI), Mr. Amit Kamat, the Chairman Elect of FFFAI, and Mr. Kaustubh K. Kamat, President of the Goa Custom Brokers Association (GCBA), along with other Managing Committee Members of GCBA, convened with the Honorable Chief Minister of Goa, Dr. Pramod Sawant. The agenda of the meeting revolved around crucial aspects of trade and logistics in Goa, including Export-Import Customs Clearance, Shipping, and Skill Development within the logistics sector



FFFAI Chairman Mr. Dushyant Mulani felicitating Honorable Chief Minister of Goa, Dr Pramod Sawant, along with Chairman Elect Mr Amit Kamat, GCBA President Mr. Kaustubh Kamat and other Managing Committee Members of GCBA.

The leaders from FFFAI utilized this opportunity to emphasize the importance of these issues for the state's trade ecosystem. Of particular significance was the discussion regarding recent developments such as the inauguration of the Inland Container Depot (ICD) at Balli and the commencement of operations at the MOPA Air Cargo Complex. Additionally, the resumption of activities related to Container Feeder Vessels at Marmagoa Port was deliberated upon during the meeting. This gathering served as a platform for constructive dialogue between key stakeholders in the industry and the government, aiming to address challenges and capitalize on opportunities to further enhance trade facilitation and economic growth in Goa.



FFFAI Chairman Elect Mr Amit Kamat presenting the FFFAI Coffee Table Book to Honorable Chief Minister of Goa, Dr Pramod Sawant.

VIRTUAL TRAINING PROGRAM FOR ODISHA CUSTOM BROKERS ASSOCIATION

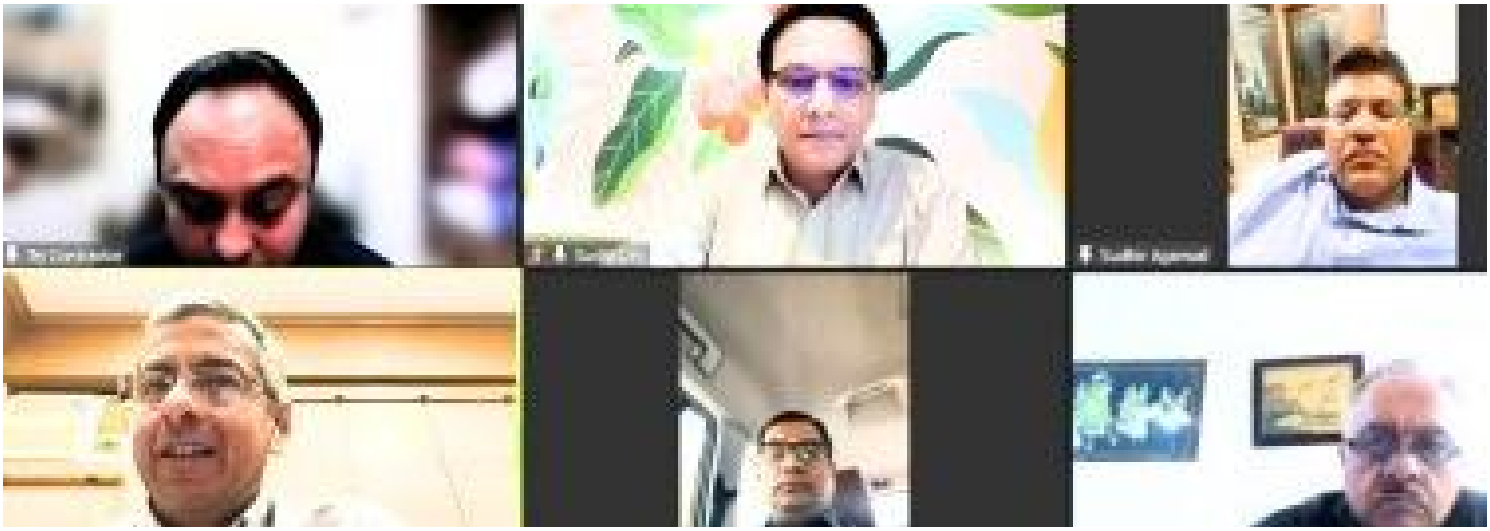
On February 3, 2024, the Indian Institute of Freight Forwarders (IIFF), a training arm of the Federation of Freight Forwarders Association of India (FFFAI), inaugurated its Eastern Region Chapter with a pioneering training program for G Category Examination candidates. This initiative marks a significant milestone for the entire Eastern Region, particularly for the Bhubaneshwar Customs Commissionerate where the examination is scheduled to take place after a hiatus of over two decades.



The launch event, conducted virtually, was spearheaded by the Odisha Customs Brokers Association (OCBA) in the esteemed presence of the Commissioner of Customs (Preventive), Commissionerate, Bhubaneshwar, Mr. Madhab Chandra Mishra, IRS.

Distinguished speakers at the event included FFFAI Chairman, Mr. Dushyant Mulani; Chairman-Elect, Mr. Amit Kamat; Immediate Past Chairman, Mr. Shankar Shinde; Vice Chairman, Mr. Puneet Jain; Hon. Treasurer & OB In-charge, IIFF, Mr. Sudhir Agarwal, and IIFF President, Mr. Tej Contractor. and Dr. Pramod Sant Director General FFFAI. Mr. Sudip Dey, Hon. Secretary, FFFAI moderated the launch program, while Mr. Viren Dayal, Faculty Member IIFF, conducted the inaugural training session. Mr. Dushyant Mulani expressed gratitude to Mr. Madhab Chandra Mishra for supporting the customs brokers' community and facilitating the resumption of the G Category Examination. He underscored FFFAI's role in disseminating knowledge and conducting training courses for the logistics industry, lauding OCBA for its proactive approach to human resource development. The day-long training session, conducted by IIFF Faculty Mr. Viren Dayal, concluded with a commitment from IIFF to continue supporting candidates and addressing their queries until the examination date.





INVITE FOR PARTICIPATION IN WEBINAR WITH INDUSTRY ASSOCIATIONS ON ROLLING ANNUAL ACTION PLAN 2024-25 FOR STANDARDIZATION.



The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), the National Standardization Body of India conducted a webinar on 6th Feb 2024 for Industry Association to get their inputs to prepare for their Annual Action Plan for the year 2024-25. The webinar was attended by I.P Chairman FFFAI Mr Shankar Shinde, Chairman Elect Mr Amit Kamat and Hon. Secretary Mr Sudip Dey.

MEETING WITH DG SYSTEMS ON 7TH FEBRUARY 2024





A meeting chaired by Director General, Systems with all verticals of DG Systems to discuss the various issues raised by Trade organizations was held on 7th February, 2024.

FFFAI was represented by Chairman Mr Dushyant Mulani, Chairman Elect Mr Amit Kamat, Hon. Secretary Mr Sudip Dey, EC Members and Advisors.

Some of the points represented were : Frequent Down time/ Slow working of ICEGATE/ ICES EDI System, Frequent downtime and slow working of Public Enquiry Module, Non receipt of examination order by email and along with PDF copies by Bill of Entry.

Capturing of inward date of IGM on real time basis since at present there are instances of filing inward date in back date, and many more points vide FFFAI/REP/022 / 2024.

MEETING NOTICE ON RED SEA ISSUES CHAIRED BY THE COMMERCE SECRETARY



The Commerce Secretary chaired a hybrid meeting on 7th February, 2024. FFFAI represented two major points in the meeting - Escalating freight rates and Demand of additional freight after sailing of vessel and release of Bills of Lading. The meeting was attended by FFFAI Office Bearers and Shipping Line Committee.

FFFAI CHAIRMAN HIGHLIGHTS THE IMPORTANCE OF GREEN LOGISTICS AT 'CTL BHP 2024' HELD IN MUMBAI

The 'CTL BHP 2024' concluded with resounding success on February 14th and 15th, 2024, at the Jio World Convention Centre, located in the bustling Bandra Kurla Complex of Mumbai. Hosted by Exim India publication, the event centered around the theme of Sustainable Practices in The Logistics Industry, Its Benefits, and Effects. It served as a platform that brought together a diverse array of stakeholders from the cargo, shipping, and logistics sectors including LSPs, manufacturers, exporters & importers, supply chain professionals, shippers, consignees, policymakers, and regulators.

Mr. Mulani delineated that sustainability in the logistics sector can be achieved through embracing international best practices including Route



Optimization, Alternative Fuel Vehicles, Green Warehousing, Modal Shift, Packaging Optimization, Last-Mile Innovations, Reverse Logistics, and Circular Economy. Such measures, he stressed, would lead to reduced Carbon Footprint, compliance with Regulatory Standards, fostering Innovation and Collaboration, and fortifying Supply Chain Resilience.

ON BEHALF OF WORLD TRADE CENTER MIAMI (WTCM) ALICE ANCONA, SVP & COO, WORLD TRADE CENTER MIAMI,PRESIDENT & CEO, WORLD TRADE CENTER MIAMI



Ivan Barrios_ President & CEO, World Trade Center Miami Alice Ancona, SVP & COO, World Trade Center Miami.

INTERNATIONAL OCEAN FREIGHT FORWARDERS & LOGISTICS ASSOCIATION, TAIWAN CEO & MD JASON KUO (BOARD MEMBER)



MARITIME TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS SHOW 2024



(L to R):Mr. Arne Jan Fløl - Consul General, Norway; Capt. B. V. J. K. Sharma, CEO, Navi Mumbai International Airport; Shri. Shyam Jagannathan, IAS, Director General of Shipping; Mr. Dushyant Mulani, Chairman, FFFAI; Mr. Shankar Shinde, I.P. Chairman, FFFAI; Mr. Sagar Kadu, Director Logistics, Ministry of Commerce and Industry



(L to R) Capt.Vivek Bhandarkar, Ms. Pallavi Naik, Mr. Sagar Kadu, Shri Shyam Jagannathan, Capt. B. V. J. K. Sharma, Mr. Amit Kamat, Mr. Dushyant Mulani, Mrs. Iram Patankar, Mr. Arne Jan Fløl



(L to R) Mr. Sailesh Bhatia, Capt. Umesh Grover, Capt. Kapil Dev Bahl, Mr. Shantanu Bhadkamar, Mr. Sagar Kadu, Mr. Samir Shah, Mr. Dushyant Mulani, Mr. Sudip Dey



(L to R) Capt.Vivek Bhandarkar, Mr. Haresh Lalwani, Dr. Pramod Sant, Dr. Sharmila Amin, Capt. Dinesh Gautama, Mr. Tej Contractor



(L to R) Dr. Vishhal Bisen, Mr. Sambasiva Rao, Mr. Shankar Shinde, Capt. Mohit Chaturvedi and Capt.Vivek Bhandarkar

MEETING WITH CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF TÜRKIYE

Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations in India (FFFAI) in association with Brihanmumbai Custom Brokers Association (BCBA) had a meeting with The Consulate General of the Republic of Türkiye Mr. Cüneyt Yavuzcan on 1st March 2024 at BCBA Nariman Point office to discuss about the co-operation areas between the Consulate General of Türkiye and FFFAI / BCBA for Logistics & Supply Chain. BCBA President & FFFAI Chairman- Mr Dushyant Mulani, FFFAI Chairman Elect-Mr. Amit Kamat, FFFAI Immediate Past Chairman-Mr. Shankar Shinde, FFFAI Director General- Mr. Pramod Sant, BCBA Hon. Secretary- Mr. Nirav Thakker & Managing Committee Members Mr. Mihir Bhadkamkar and Mr. Kamal Shah deliberated on the prospects for the mutual benefits of both the organizations.

Mr. Cüneyt Yavuzcan shared many inputs on the India- Turkey trade and opportunities. He stressed on the potential of Mersin port in Turkey. He also mentioned about various articles produced by him which have been published.



(L to R) FFFAI Chairman Elect Mr. Amit Kamat, Consulate General of the Republic of Turkiye Mr. Cuneyt Yavuzcan, FFFAI Chairman Mr. Dushyant Mulani, FFFAI I.P. Chairman Mr. Shankar Shinde, FFFAI DG Dr. Pramod Sant and IIFF Hon.Secretary Dr.Nirav Thakker

Mr. Dushyant Mulani spoke about the common synergies between the organizations and agreed how Mersin port could be a great game changer for the international trade in the current geopolitical scenario. He also mentioned about the various skill development initiatives of FFFAI and BCBA and suggested exploring channels to collaborate for better ties and overall benefit of the trade lanes between India and Turkey.

MEETING MR. PARSHOTAM RUPALA, MOS, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, FISHERIES AND DAIRY

On March 9, 2024, a delegation from FFFAI, led by Chairman Shri. Dushyant Mulani, had the privilege of meeting Shri. Parshottam Rupala, Hon'ble Minister of State for Animal Husbandry, Dairying, and Fisheries of India at the Ministry Office in New Delhi.

"The FFFAI representatives engaged in discussions on critical challenges within the Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, and Dairy sectors, with a focus on enhancing trade opportunities through streamlined export processes. FFFAI is dedicated to providing regular feedback from its 31 member Associations nationwide to facilitate effective policy implementation," stated Mr. Dushyant Mulani.

The meeting also saw participation from FFFAI Chairman-elect Mr. Amit Kamat, Board of Advisors Mr. S. Ramakrishna, Honorary Secretary Mr. Sudip Dey, Vice Chairman of PGA Committee Mr. Puneet Jain, and Convenor Mr. Mannu Choudhary, who interacted with the minister to shed light on specific trade issues encountered across the country.



(R to L) : FFFAI VC Mr. Puneet Jain, FFFAI Chairman Elect Mr. Amit Kamat, Hon'ble Minister of State for Animal Husbandry, Dairying, and Fisheries of India Shri Parshottam Rupala

MEETING WITH MR. G.N. SINGH, JOINT SECRETARY(ADMIN), DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

FFFAI recently convened a productive session at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi, engaging with key officials from the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare. Among those present were Joint Secretary(Admin) Shri. G.N. Singh, Dr. Gagan Garg, Deputy Commissioner (Trade), and Dr. Venkatesh, Assistant Director from the Animal Quarantine department.



(Centre) Joint Secretary(Admin) Shri. G.N. Singh, Department Of Animal Husbandry And Dairying

Led by FFFAI Chairman Mr. Dushyant Mulani, the delegation included Chairman Elect Mr. Amit Kamat, BoA Mr. S.Ramakrishna, Vice Chairman Mr. Dinesh Gupta, Vice Chairman & PAG Committee OB in charge Mr. Puneet Jain, Hon. Sec. Mr. Sudip Dey and Mr. Mannu Chaudhary (EC member and PAG Committee Convenor). The focus of the discussions was key points aiming to streamline trade processes.



Takeaways/highlights of the discussions:

- FFFAI's efforts led to AQCS considering trade meets, inviting FFFAI to future discussions alongside trade bodies.
- AQCS showcased their upgraded portal, V1.0, promising smoother import clearance procedures.
- Collaboration to eliminate dual-use items forwarded unnecessarily for NOC by ICES.
- Proposal for a joint meeting with DG System, AQCS, and DPIIT to enhance process efficiency and cut down on transaction costs.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY EVENT IN ASSOCIATION WITH BCBA

The celebration of International Women's Day on March 8th, 2024, at the Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations in India (FFFAI) headquarters marks another significant milestone, thanks to its Women's Wing. FFFAI has announced a three-month apprenticeship program in shipping and logistics for underprivileged women, aiming to empower them.

In collaboration with Lok Bharti, an NGO dedicated to bridging skill gaps in various sectors of the Indian economy, FFFAI has initiated this pioneering initiative. Lok Bharti focuses on employment and employability by providing short-term, workshop-based programs to skill and re-skill individuals, ensuring industry-ready manpower.



Lok Bharti prioritizes enhancing employment and employability by forging close collaborations with industries to secure a consistent influx of job prospects for trainees. The organization has reached out to FFFAI's Women's Wing and the training division, Indian Institute of Freight Forwarders (IIFF), to deliver training programs tailored for women candidates, aiming to equip them for potential roles as logistics professionals or entrepreneurs.



Addressing the predominantly FFFAI Women's Wing attendees, FFFAI Chairman Mr. Dushyant Mulani expressed appreciation for the unique celebration of the day. He emphasized the significant impact it would have on empowering underprivileged women and shaping the future landscape of India's logistics industry. Mr. Mulani highlighted the government's efforts in empowering 'Nari Shakti' over the past 7-8 years, which has also positively influenced the logistics sector, attracting women to it as a dynamic career choice. He noted a notable increase of 15-18% in women entrepreneurs in the logistics profession during this period. Asserting FFFAI's commitment, Mr. Mulani pledged to facilitate the growth of women's participation to at least 35-40% within the next two years. He mentioned FFFAI's collaboration with the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) and the World Bank (WB) at both local and national levels in this endeavor. Mr. Mulani underscored the vast employment opportunities available for undergraduates in the logistics sector, emphasizing FFFAI's dedication to empowering underprivileged women as part of its social responsibilities.



Ms. Chaitaly Mehta, Convenor of FFFAI Women's Wing, elaborated on the on-job training, stating that it would be conducted in the form of internships. Upon completion, candidates will receive certificates from the respective companies. While there is potential for employment with these companies, the decision rests entirely with them. Ms. Chaitaly emphasized that holding such certificates would offer a significant advantage when applying for positions in logistics companies, as certificate holders wouldn't be considered as freshers. She also shared the growth journey of FFFAI Women's Wing, which commenced in 2012 with just four members but has now expanded to 80 members nationwide. Additionally, she showcased the various activities of the Women's Wing through an engaging video presentation



Appreciating the efforts of FFFAI Women's Wing Mr. Amit Kamat, Chairman-Elect of FFFAI expressed optimism that in the days to come women logistics entrepreneurs would place themselves in the leading positions of the country's economy, simultaneously with other growing industry segments. Mr. Samir Shah and Mr. S. Ramakrishna from the Board of Advisors, Dr. Pramod Sant, FFFAI DG, and Mrs. Philomena V. Pereira, Mentor of FFFAI Women's Wing, also delivered remarks during the event.



In his concluding remarks Mr. Sudip Dey, Hon. Secretary, FFFAI stated that FFFAI has stepped into a long journey not only to facilitate and strengthen the EXIM trade of the country, but also to empower women and underprivileged sections of the society by providing employment opportunities. Conveying his best wishes to FFFAI Women's Wing members and the women candidates engaged in the on-job training programme.

Mr. Dey informed that FFFAI has already tied up with many institutions including IIM Mumbai, IIFT Kolkata and many other business colleges/institutions across the country to train both logistics industry professionals and freshers at the same time, considering the huge demand for skilled manpower. And, there will be special focus to attract women to the logistics sector which is a safe, secured and lucrative career option for them.

13TH EDITION OF BCC&I ANNUAL SHIPPING AND LOGISTICS CONCLAVE 2024

The 13th Edition of Annual Shipping and Logistics Conclave 2024 by The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) was inaugurated in the esteemed presence of Gautam Ray, President, BCC&I, Debashis Dutta, Chairperson, Shipping and Logistics Committee, BCC&I, Rathendra Raman (IRTS), Chairman, Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port (SMPK), Vandana Yadav (IAS), Principal Secretary, Department of Industry, Commerce and Enterprises, Government of West Bengal, and Capt S B Mazumder, Mentor, Shipping and Logistics Committee, BCC&I .



Mr. Sudip Kumar Dey, Honorary Secretary, Federation of Freight Forwarders' Associations in India emphasized on the need of Digitization of documentation at Ports and Custom Offices.

The aim of the Government to achieve ease of doing business is bearing fruits and India must reach 38th position in the ease of doing business ranking.



17TH CUSTOMS CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING (CCG) HELD UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF MEMBER (CUSTOMS)

The 17th CCG meeting was held on 21.03.2024 at 1000 hrs in the Conference Hall of New Customs House, Ballard Estate, Mumbai under the chairmanship of Shri Surjit Bhujabal, Special Secretary to Govt of India & Member (Customs), Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs.



Sh. Surjit Bhujabal, Member (Customs), CBIC released a book "Proud and Inclusive Participants In International Supply Chain" published by CBIC, New Delhi.



Some of the points FFFAI sponsored were (a) Delay in faceless assessment (b) Poor quality of examination orders in faceless (c) Assessment of Bills of Entry under Carotar (d) Testing of Samples and Test Reports (e) Difficulties after implementation of ECL (f) Auto linking of PGA and many more.

MEETING WITH FICCI AND JAPAN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AGENCY (JICA) ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE SEWRI - NHAVA SHEVA ATAL SETU - DETAILED STUDY AND IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF THE BRIDGE ON THE ECONOMY OF THE REGION

A joint delegation from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) visited FFFAI Secretariat on 22nd March 2024.

JICA team was doing a detailed study and impact assessment of the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Sewri - Nhava Sheva Atal Setu bridge on the economy of the region. Since one of the core stakeholders of this impact assessment are companies involved in Freight movement and how easy or difficult it remains after the opening of the bridge and its proximity to the port.

They wanted to understand if in the long term the bridge will provide any economic benefit due to the ease of commute. The visit was to discuss the same.



(R to L) Director FICCI Mr Deepak Mukhi, Project Officer JICA Ms Annie Srivastava, Executive Senior Research Fellow JICA Mr Tetsuya Harada, FFFAI Vice Chairman Mr Sailesh Bhatia, FFFAI I.P Chairman Mr Shankar Shinde and FFFAI EC Mr Tej Contractor.

MEETING WITH CONSUL GENERAL OF SRI LANKA DR. VALSAN VETHODY

On March 22, 2024 His Excellency Dr. Valsan Vethody, Consul General of Sri Lanka, office of the Consulate General of Sri Lanka in Mumbai paid a visit to the FFFAI Mumbai office with an objective of strengthening the trade between India and Sri Lanka. Dr. Vethody was welcomed by Mr. Dushyant Mulani, Chairman, FFFAI and Mr. Samir Shah, Board of Advisor, FFFAI. They also welcomed Mrs. Shirani Ariyarathne, Mr Saif Jafferjee, Mr. Kasun Karunasena and Mrs. Shweta Shinde who accompanied the Consul General.

"On behalf of the Federation of Freight Forwarders' Associations in India (FFFAI), we would like to extend our sincere gratitude for your visit to our Mumbai office for discussion on Trade related matters between Sri Lanka and India. We truly appreciate the opportunity to discuss matters of mutual interest and explore the avenues for trade opportunities between the two countries," said Mr. Dushyant Mulani while felicitating Dr. Vethody.

Mr. Mulani informed us that during the course of discussion, the Sri Lankan Consul General invited FFFAI to hold its Executive Committee Meeting in Sri Lanka. According to him, such gatherings would provide an invaluable platform for fostering dialogue, exchanging ideas, and strengthening the strong trade relationship between Sri Lanka and India.

"We believe that convening the meeting in Sri Lanka will bring about considerable opportunities for enhancing the prospect of trade and shall benefit both the countries," Mr. Mulani added.



(R to L) : Consul General of Sri Lanka Dr. Valsan Vethody, FFFAI Chairman Mr *Dushyant Mulani and FFFAI Board of Advisor Mr. Samir Shah*

The interactions between the Consul General and FFFAI is very significant in view of the recent trade initiatives between the two countries. It is pertinent to mention that India and Sri Lanka held the crucial 12th round of negotiations on the Economic and Technology Cooperation Agreement (ETCA) in Colombo, Sri Lanka from 30th October 2023 to 1st November 2023. The two countries had 11 rounds of bilateral talks from 2016 to 2018. Thereafter the negotiations were paused.

HYBRID WEBINAR ON CARGO CLAIMS



(R to L) : CEO Recoupex Dr. Lina Jasutiene, FFFAI I.P. Chairman Mr. Shankar Shinde, FFFAI Chairman Elect Mr. Amit Kamat and FFFAI Women's Wing Mentor Mrs. Philomena Pereira

In continuation of the Knowledge Series, on March 22, 2024 FFFAI hosted a Webinar on Cargo Claims in association with RECOUPEX, represented by Dr. Lina Jasutiene, Shipping Attorney, Founder and CEO at Recoupex.

Helping exporters to recover transit losses from actual carriers is not only the easiest way for freight forwarders to avoid losses themselves, but also provides value added service to shippers at no additional costs.

FFFAI DG DR. PRAMOD SANT MAKES PRESENTATION AT MIT-ADT UNIVERSITY IN PUNE

On 22nd March 2024, the FFFAI DG Dr. Pramod Sant delivered special guest speech at the 6th National Conference on Innovative Global Technology Trends, which was organized by MIT - ADT University in Pune. One of the streams in the conference was dedicated to the Marketing and Logistics-Supply Chain Conference. In his extensive presentation Dr. Sant elaborated on “Impact of Cloud, Big Data, and AI on LSC”.



“UNLOCKING SUCCESS: FFFAI WEBINAR EMPOWERS GROWTH THROUGH SKILLING IN FREIGHT FORWARDING”

The Federation of Freight Forwarders’ Associations in India (FFFAI) recently spearheaded an enlightening webinar aimed at its members, shedding light on comprehensive training modules available via an e-learning platform tailored for freight forwarding and logistics service providers. Hosted by FFFAI in collaboration with its esteemed affiliates, IIFF and 21 CC, the webinar featured esteemed speakers including FFFAI Chairman, Mr. Dushyant Mulani, Hon. Secretary, Mr. Sudip Dey, Hon. Treasurer and OB in charge (IIFF), Mr. Sudhir Agarwal, DG Dr. Pramod Sant, IIFF President Mr. Tej Contractor, Secretary Dr. Nirav Thakker, and 21 CC CEO Mr. Sanjay Tiwari.





Echoing sentiments expressed by the FFFAI Chairman, Mr. Sanjay Tiwari emphasized the criticality of precision in the logistics sector, where slender profit margins leave no room for error. Success hinges on recruiting adept individuals for pivotal roles within organizations.

Noting that India’s logistics landscape is predominantly populated by mid-sized or family-owned enterprises, Tiwari stressed the urgency of upskilling. He underscored the necessity for a blend of hard and soft skills, asserting that the traditional method of experiential learning is inadequate in the contemporary context.

To address this challenge, FFFAI and 21CC have collaborated to devise training modules tailored specifically for Customs Broking and Freight Forwarding businesses, with more bespoke solutions in the pipeline.

5TH LOGIX INDIA - SESSION CREATING GLOBAL LOGISTICS LINKAGES WITH INDIA - INBOUND



Mr. S Ramakrishna, Board of Advisor FFFAI





FFFAI Chairman Mr. Dushyant Mulani being felicitated by FIEO Dy.DG Mr. Ashish Jain



(R to L): Mr. Raj Malani, Director, Shree Balaji Shipping and Projects Pvt Ltd, Mr. Dushyant Mulani, Chairman FFFAI; Mr. Shankar Shinde, I.P.Chairman FFFAI; Mr. S Ramakrishna, Board of Advisor FFFAI; Mr. Sailesh Bhatia, Vice Chairman FFFAI; Mr. Ashish Jain, Dy. DG FIEO and Mr. Sooraj Dhawan, Director, Falcon Exhibitions Pvt. Ltd.



Governor of Maharashtra Shri Ramesh Bais being felicitated by FFFAI Chairman Mr. Dushyant Mulani and FFFAI Vice Chairman Mr. Sailesh Bhatia during the inaugural ceremony of 5th Logix India 2024



FIATA HQ SESSION 2024, HELD FROM APRIL 23-26 IN GENEVA

The International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations (FIATA) hosted its HQ Session 2024 from April 23 to 26 in Geneva, Switzerland with the theme “Uniting for Resilience” and in presence of more than 250 participants from across the world to discuss 45 key topics of interest throughout 15 workshop sessions.

The attendees from India in this prestigious event included Chairman Elect FFFAI Mr. Amit Kamat, EC member Mr. Tej Contractor, Past Chairmen and Board of Advisors FFFAI, Mr. Debasis Dutta & Samir Shah. Other attendees from India were Mr. Keshav Tanna and CK Govil from the Air Cargo Agents Association of India (ACCAI).





Breakout session with Mr. Debasish Dutta, Board of Advisor, FFFAI, Mr. Amit Kamat Chaiman Elect FFFAI and Mr. Samir shah, Board of Advisor, FFFAI

Each of the speakers brought their expertise into each forum that they were part of. In the breakout sessions they were facilitators to capture the practical experience and expertise that the crowd had.

Under the direction of the respective chairs, the workshops were held in the following areas: Safety and Security, Legal Matters, Information Technology, Advisory Bodies, Multimodal Transport, Custom Affairs, and Region Meetings

CCTT AND FFFAI JOINTLY HOST ‘INDIA-AND-WORLD’ BUSINESS FORUM IN MUMBAI

Tth International Coordinating Council on Trans-Eurasian Transportation (CCTT) and the Federation of Freight Forwarding Associations of India (FFFAI) jointly organized a very significant debut meet called ‘India-And- World’ Business Forum which was held from April 24 to 25, 2024 in Mumbai. It is pertinent to mention that the FFFAI joined the CCTT during the XXXII Plenary Meeting which was held in Moscow in 2023 with Mr. Shankar Shinde as Vice Chairman of CCTT.

The Forum was welcomed by Mr. Dushyant Mulani, Chairman, FFFAI; Mr. Shankar Shinde, I.P. Chairman, FFFAI and Vice Chairman, CCTT; Mr. Gennady Bessonov, Secretary General, CCTT and other dignitaries proposing vote of thanks by Mr. Sudip Dey,



Hon. Secretary, FFFAI Mr. Shyam Jagannathan, IAS, Director General of Shipping, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Government of India as Chief Guest; Mr. Rajiv Jalota, IAS, Chairman, Mumbai Port Authority and Chairman of Indian Ports Association (IPA); Mr. Sanjay Swarup, Chairman and Managing Director of Container Corporation of India (CONCOR) as Guest of Honour; Mr. Unmesh Sharad

Wagh, IRS, Chairman, Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority and Director Operations India Ports Global Limited (IPGL) addressed the forum which was attended by a large number of representatives of the industry stake holding, ministries and departments of Russia, India and Europe.

Earlier, welcoming the dignitaries and participants from Russia, CIS countries and India the FFFAI Chairman, Mr. Dushyant Mulani highlighted the decades old partnership between India and Russia which further needs to be strengthened by enhancing bilateral trade. The initiatives taken by CCTT and FFFAI in this regard would have significant impact. Multimodal transport opportunities through the INSTC, in which FFFAI is deeply engaged, needs to be explored," he said. He urged that, "This is a good opportunity for members in logistics to participate and deliberate to have their concerns addressed and FFFAI is commitment to support trade in facilitating and safeguarding trade with safety, security recommending measures to Government of India with simplification processes, The conference would help in deliberation and prepare white paper for representations. FFFAI continues in its endeavors to promote International trade in cooperation with trade associations and is happy to receive the international delegation to exchange and share insight and happy to receive the international delegation to exchange and share insight and happy to partner with CCTT for future initiatives," the FFFAI Chairman added.

In his address Mr. Shankar Shinde, IP Chairman, FFFAI and Vice Chairman CCTT elaborated the significance of 'India-And-World' Business Forum in promoting the North South and East West corridors. He highlighted FFFAI's initiatives to promote INSTC route in association with the Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Commerce and Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Inland Waterways, Government of India. Mr. Shinde also discussed the key findings of the Dry Run Studies done by FFFAI on INSTC route, its advantages as well as issues that need to be addressed for seamless and viable operations. He also underlined the importance of Chabahar Port in Iran which has been developed by the Government of India. A study also has been done by FFFAI on the strategic importance of this port and transportation through Iran to Russia and beyond. Mr. Shinde pointed out that India's accession to the TIR Convention was one of the key developments in this regard. The collaborative initiatives provided opportunities to Logistics service providers to participate in cross border trade with landlocked countries using TIR for seamless movements. Further, Mr Shinde provided details on Insurances and Bank remittances support systems for trade with Iran /Russia.



FFFAI ENGAGES WITH CBIC CHAIRMAN TO ENHANCE FACELESS ASSESSMENT; KICKS OFF 'OPEN HOUSE' SESSIONS

On May 10, 2024, members of FFFAI, led by Chairman Mr. Dushyant Mulani, held an interactive meeting with CBIC Chairman Mr. Sanjay Kumar Agarwal and CBIC Member Ms. Aruna Narayan Gupta at JNPA Port in Mumbai.

Key discussion points included the challenges faced by the trade since the implementation of Faceless Assessment and ways to improve Customs mechanisms to better facilitate exim trade.

FFFAI and other trade members expressed their gratitude to the CBIC Chairman for his thorough analysis and his assurance of introducing the next wave of reforms to help achieve India's target of a USD 7 trillion economy by 2030.



In response to the trade's feedback, the CBIC Chairman advised all Customs Commissionerate to conduct interactive "Open House Meetings" in collaboration with FFFAI and other stakeholders to address issues related to Faceless Assessment and other trade facilitation bottlenecks.

Second session on this topic was held on May 28, 2024, at the IMC Chamber of Commerce, the Brihanmumbai Custom Brokers Association (BCBA) organized an Open House/Interactive Session with Jawaharlal Nehru Customs House (JNCH) to discuss the necessary restructuring in Faceless Assessment for Customs Clearance. The session saw active engagement from Chief Commissioner of Customs Mumbai Zone II, Mr. Rajesh Pandey, Commissioners Mr. D.S. Garbyal, Mr. Ashwini Kumar, Mr. Sonal Bajaj, and senior officers of JNCH, along with over 225 participants, including Custom Brokers, Exporters, and Importers, who addressed issues to improve Faceless Assessment for the benefit of trade.



(L to R) Hon. Secretary, Mr. Sudip Dey; Imm Past Chairman, Mr. Shankar Shinde; Chairman FFFAI, Mr. Dushyant Mulani; FFFAI EC Member Mr. S Nataraja; CBIC Chairman Shri. Sanjay Kumar Agarwal; FFFAI Vice Chairman Mr Dinesh Gupta; BCBA MC Members Mr Hiren Ruparel; Mr Vinayak Aparaj & Mr. Ganpat P.Korade.

In his address, Chief Commissioner Mr. Rajesh Pandey assured the resolution of difficulties faced by importers regarding faceless assessment.

Various initiatives for Ease of Doing Business were discussed, such as providing statutory timelines for clearance of import and export cargo, utilizing IT tools and the EDI system to reduce delays, minimizing the number of queries, implementing non-intrusive examination processes, appointing a Nodal Officer to facilitate trade with defined timelines, and ensuring transparency in the clearance of goods under CAROTAR rules 2020.



During this Open House, FFFAI Chairman and BCBA President Mr. Dushyant Mulani delivered a detailed presentation based on feedback from Customs Brokers. A key request made on behalf of the trade was the creation of a comprehensive digital Escalation Mechanism to aid the Trade and Industry in swiftly addressing pending import consignments.
While addressing the gathering, Chief Commissioner of Customs JNCH, Shri Rajesh Pandey, announced the issuance of PN NO 46/2024, specifying a Midyear Special Drive.

INDIA SKILLS COMPETITION 2024

India Skills Competition 2024 was held from 15th May 2024 to 19th May 2024 at Yashobhoomi Convention Centre, Sector 25, Dwarka, New Delhi conducted by National Skill Development Council under sponsorship by Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, G.O.I .

FFFAI actively participated in this competition with Mr. Puneet Jain, Vice Chairman, FFFAI and Mr. Kuldeep Thakur, EC Member, FFFAI as Jury Members.



They judged 10 finalists from across India. This competition was completed with four tests of approximately three hours duration each spread over two days.

INVITATION FOR WORKSHOP ON ULIP

FFFAI attended the workshop conducted by the Unified Logistics Interface Platform (ULIP) on May 20, 2024, under the chairmanship of Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh, Secretary of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT). Representing FFFAI were Mr. Kuldeep Thakur, Mr. Amit Atree, and Mr. Bharat Malik.

The event took place at Vanijya Bhavan, New Delhi, and saw active participation from representatives of various states. The Secretary, DPIIT, emphasized the pivotal role of ULIP in fostering collaboration and integration among states to build a unified logistics ecosystem.

ULIP offers states significant opportunities to enhance their logistics frameworks and encourages all states to actively leverage ULIP to drive a seamless, efficient, and inclusive logistics sector across India. During the workshop, Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh also unveiled a ULIP booklet showcasing how various private sector companies and startups are utilizing ULIP APIs.



The booklet serves as a comprehensive guide, illustrating the innovative applications developed through ULIP and their substantial contributions to improving logistics efficiency. Rajat Kumar Saini, CEO & MD of the National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (NICDC) and Chairman of the National Logistics Data Services (NLDSL), emphasized the importance of ULIP and encouraged startups to continue their innovative efforts.

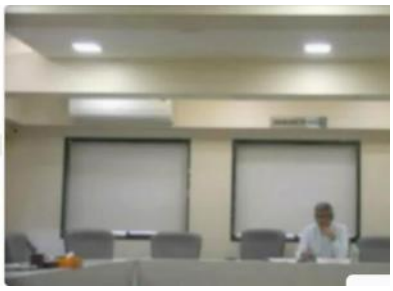
10TH MEETING OF SERVICES IMPROVEMENT GROUP (SIG)

FFFAI Office Bearers and Board of Advisors attended the 10th Services Improvement Group (SIG) meeting held on May 29, 2024, in a hybrid mode. SIG was formed under the chairpersonship of Ms. Sumita Dawra, Special Secretary, Logistics Division, Departm for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry. At the forefront of the National Logistics Policy (NLP), SIG serves as an inter-ministerial institutional mechanism, engaging with over 30 business associations in the

logistics sector, including FFFAI. The 10th SIG meeting was addressed by Mr. Rajeev Singh Thakur, Additional Secretary, DPIIT.

During the meeting, FFFAI Chairman Mr. Dushyant Mulani, Chairman Elect Mr. Amit Kamat, IPC Mr. Shankar Shinde, Vice Chairman Mr. Puneet Jain, and Board of Advisor Mr. S. Ramakrishna raised issues regarding the DGFT Notifications on PIMS (Paper Import Monitoring System) and SIMS (Steel Import Monitoring System). FFFAI also highlighted the need for industry status for logistics practitioners, which would enable the sector to avail various benefits from banks and other financial institutions. The Chair acknowledged the importance of granting industry status and suggested that FFFAI explore which authority or ministry would be responsible for granting such status. At this important meeting, FFFAI representatives highlighted that Airport Cargo Terminal operators have been increasing charges without engaging in the mandatory consultative approach with stakeholders.





Furthermore, these increases have been implemented without corresponding capacity and infrastructure enhancements. It was also noted that Air Cargo Terminal operators maintain that their charges are not subject to control or governance by AERA. The Chair advised FFFAI to file the grievance under E-Log.

The meeting brought together a diverse group of logistics industry stakeholders and allied ministries, including officials from the Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, and Ministry of Railways, along with industry association representatives.

FFFAI COMMENDS JNPA'S ROLE IN BOOSTING INDIA'S MARITIME ECONOMY AT 35TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IN MUMBAI

Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA), India's first 100% landlord and premier container port, celebrated 35 years of operational excellence with a grand event on May 29, 2024, at Hotel Taj Mahal, Colaba, Mumbai. The prestigious event was attended by FFFAI Office Bearers, led by Chairman Mr. Dushyant Mulani. Themed "Port of Prosperity," the celebration highlighted JNPA's remarkable achievements and growth, underscoring its pivotal role in India's maritime industry.

Providing the stakeholders' perspective, FFFAI Chairman Mr. Dushyant Mulani expressed pride in being part of the celebration of 35 years of Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA). "On behalf of the Federation of Freight Forwarders' Associations in India (FFFAI), I heartily congratulate the JNPA team for their excellent efforts in elevating the country's exim trade and, consequently, the economy to new heights," he said.



Chairman JNPT Shri Umesh Sharad Wagh, IRS, being felicitated by Office Bearers of FFFAI and BCBA. (L to R) : Hon. Secretary, BCBA Dr. Nirav Thakker, Sr.VP BCBA Mr Sanjeev Harale, VC FFFAI Mr. Sailesh Bhatia, VP BCBA Mr Vinayak Aparaj, FFFAI IP Chairman Mr. Shankar Shinde, Chairman JNPT Shri Umesh Sharad Wagh, VP BCBA Mr. Paresh Thakker, FFFAI Chairman Mr .Dushyant Mulani and Hon.Treasuer BCBA Mr. Ganpat Korde.

FFFAI CHAIRMAN CONDUCTS A HIGH-PROFILE DELEGATION VISIT TO GIFT CITY

FFFAI joins Gujarat Maritime Cluster at a meeting in GIFT City in Ahmedabad The Federation of Freight Forwarders' Associations in India (FFFAI), led by Chairman Mr. Dushyant Mulani, on May 31, 2024, conducted a delegation visit for its members to Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City) with an objective of explore logistics business opportunities based out of this pioneering Financial and Smart City in the country established at Gandhinagar in Ahmedabad. During the day-long visit the FFFAI delegation engaged in comprehensive discussions with officials from GIFT City, Price Waterhouse, Axis Bank and the Gujarat Maritime Cluster (GMC).

Significantly, during this programme, FFFAI was officially inducted as a member of the Gujarat Maritime Cluster. The GMC is the first ever commercial Maritime Cluster of its kind in the country and has been envisioned as a synergetic collaboration. It is a one-stop solution for the maritime fraternity, that creates a dedicated, single-location ecosystem of maritime / shipping industry players and service providers, along with relevant Government regulatory agencies, at the GIFT City.



Head IFSC Dept, GIFT City, Mr. Sandip Shah being felicitated by Chairman FFFAI Mr Dushyant Mulani.

According to Mr. Mulani, FFFAI's membership of GMC is poised to strengthen collaborative efforts in the maritime and logistics sector, enhancing trade efficiency and fostering growth within the industry. He expressed enthusiasm about the opportunities this partnership will create, emphasizing the strategic importance of aligning with leading financial and maritime institutions.



MD and Group CEO, GIFT City; Mr. Tapan Ray, IAS (Retd) being felicitated by Chairman Elect FFFAI Mr Amit Kamat

"The membership in GMC marks a significant milestone for FFFAI, positioning it at the forefront of India's maritime innovation and operational excellence. This collaboration is expected to facilitate seamless trade operations and enhance the global competitiveness of Indian freight forwarders," the FFFAI Chairman stated. Mr. Mulani asserted that FFFAI's proactive engagement and strategic partnerships with GMC underscore its commitment to advancing India's logistics industry and contributing to its sustainable economic growth. The discussions at GIFT City revolved around leveraging its state-of-the-art infrastructure and strategic location to boost India's logistics and maritime capabilities. During interactions with FFFAI Price Waterhouse and Axis Bank provided insights.



IFCBA CUSTOMS BROKERS CONVENED AT THE WORLD CUSTOMS ORGANIZATION

Members of the International Federation of Customs Brokers Associations (IFCBA) from 12 countries, comprising 40 delegates, convened at the World Customs Organization (WCO) headquarters in Brussels on June 3-4. The meeting highlighted the collaborative spirit and shared goals of both organizations.



IFCBA Chairman Mr. Shankar Shinde felicitating Secretary General Mr. Ian Saunders

IFCBA Chairman Shankar Shinde from India expressed his gratitude and appreciation for the initiatives of both the WCO and IFCBA members.



FFFAI Team with IFCBA Team

He remarked, “Customs brokers play a key role in securing borders for the seamless movement of supply chains and facilitating trade with legal compliance at the national level. This collaboration with the WCO is crucial for creating a transparent, reliable, and trust-based environment in the ecosystem. It builds confidence through better understanding and supports the significant role played by the WCO in partnering with the IFCBA at the international level.”

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION MEETING WITH NEW MINISTERS



Hon'ble Union Minister Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways



Hon'ble Minister of State Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Ministry of Law and Justice

SEMINAR ON EAST INDIA'S MULTIMODAL TRANSFORMATION: COLLABORATION FOR LOGISTICS SUCCESS

As part of celebrating Silver Jubilee year of the Association of Multimodal Transport Operators in India (AMTOI), the Association's Eastern Region Chapter hosted a discussion on "East India's Multimodal Transportation; Collaboration for Logistics Success". Held on June 12, 2024 in Kolkata, Present on this occasion were President AMTOI, Mr. Xerrxes Master; Chief Guest Dr. Shivajirao H. Dange, IRS, Principal Commissioner of Customs at Airport ACC; Guest of Honor Mr. Ashutosh Jaiswal; Mr. Brij Lakhotia, Convenor AMTOI – ERC; AMTOI Past Presidents Mr. Shantanu Bhadkamkar & Mr. Nailesh Gandhi; FFFAI Vice Chairman & CCHAA Past President Mr. Sudip Dey, and several other dignitaries to take part in the discussion/seminar, which was conducted by Mr. Avishkar Srivastava.



FFFAI ATTENDS SIG MEETING ORGANIZED BY DPIIT, HIGHLIGHTS ISSUES IN CARGO HANDLING BY CARGO SERVICE CENTRE

On June 28, 2024, the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) organized a Service Improvement Group (SIG) Meeting in New Delhi to address various issues in multimodal logistics operations across the country. Representatives from major trade associations, including FFFAI, participated in the discussions with the Special Secretary (Logistics) from the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, and other officials to explore solutions for improving logistics operations nationwide.

Major Agenda points of the meeting were as under:

- Onboarding of IWAI (Inland Waterways Authority of India)
- Onboarding of new association
- Closer of old pending issues
- Discussion with stakeholders
- To resolve issues received on E-LogS portal

During the meeting, FFFAI representative Mr S Ramakrishna raised concerns about the recent tariff



increase by Mumbai Cargo Service Centre Airport Pvt Ltd, effective from June 1, 2024, for international cargo handling at Mumbai Airport. He emphasized that any tariff adjustments should be made in consultation with Trade and Trade Associations due to their direct impact on logistics costs, which in turn affects EXIM Trade. FFFAI also highlighted that frequent annual tariff hikes by concessionaries are driving up manufacturing costs and undermining the export competitiveness of Indian goods, posing a significant challenge to the Government's target of achieving a USD 5 trillion economy. The FFFAI representative requested urgent intervention of Ministries to have this increase put on hold and get the Concessioners on table for discussions with Trade bodies.

In this meeting issues regarding cargo handling by Delhi Cargo Service Centre at IGI Airport, New Delhi also raised by the Air Cargo Agents Association of India (ACAAI).

According to ACAAI, the acceptance of export cargo at IGI Airport is severely hampered due to inadequate handling capacity. This issue stems from the staggered acceptance of export cargo by a Cargo Terminal Operator, which often halts the acceptance of urgent shipments, including perishables, pharmaceuticals, and express cargo. This frequent disruption is significantly impacting India's export activities.

The Government of India established two Cargo Terminal Operators at IGI Airport, which, according to the custodian Delhi International Airport Pvt. Ltd (DIAL), are supposed to have substantial handling capacity.

However, the ground reality is starkly different, with cargo agents facing daily struggles. The Operator attributes the issue to the large volume of cargo originating from Dhaka, Bangladesh, transported by road via the Petrapole border to IGI Airport, which affects the acceptance of export cargo originating from India.

BRIHANMUMBAI CUSTOM BROKERS ASSOCIATION (BCBA) HOSTS LOGISTICS CONCLAVE 2024 ON JUNE 27, 2024, AT MUMBAI

The Brihanmumbai Custom Brokers Association (BCBA) hosted the Logistics Conclave 2024 on June 27, 2024, at the Hotel Taj Palace in Mumbai. This event marked a significant step towards realizing India's vision of "Viksit Bharat 2047." Supporting the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative, the conclave aimed to enhance resilience within the logistics sector.



The theme of the Conclave was "Logistics on Amritkaal Vision 2047," highlighting the latest trends and opportunities in the logistics industry. The event was honored by the presence of dignitaries from the Ministry of Shipping, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Commerce, the World Bank, DG Systems, as well as prominent leaders from trade and industry. Additionally, custom brokers, freight forwarders, and logistics players were in attendance.



Symbolizing India's rich tradition, the conclave began with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp in the presence of the esteemed Chief Guest, Mr. Pramod Kumar Agrawal, Principal Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Zone-I, along with Guests of Honor and other distinguished dignitaries. The dignitaries were honored in a grand felicitation ceremony, accompanied by words of appreciation for their significant contributions.

The Logistics Conclave 2024 was inaugurated by Chief Guest Mr. Pramod Kumar Agrawal, Principal Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Zone-I, joined by an elite panel of experts from customs, ports, airports, shipping, banking, and India's largest business conglomerates along with Mr. Dushyant Mulani, President of BCBA.

The Guest of Honour was Mr. Rajesh Pandey, Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Zone-II. Other esteemed guests included Shri Shyam Jagannathan, DG Shipping; Shri Unmesh Wagh, Chairman of JN Port Authority; Shri B K Tyagi, Chairman of Shipping Corporation of India; Shri Piyushkumar Shah from Reliance Industries; and Shri G S Rana, DMD of State Bank of India.

Mr. Pramod Kumar Agrawal, Principal Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Zone-I, and esteemed IRS officer from the 1988 batch, delivered an inspiring keynote address that set the tone for the Logistics Conclave. The day-long event commenced with its first enriching business session, discussing the crucial topic: "Logistics in Amritkaal: Paving the Path for India's Golden Era." Shri Dushyant Mulani, President of BCBA, moderated the session, joined by industry experts from India's shipping and port sectors. The day-long Logistics Conclave commenced with its first enriching business session, focusing on the crucial topic: "Logistics in Amritkaal: Paving the Path for India's Golden Era." Shri Dushyant Mulani, President of BCBA, moderated the session, joined by industry experts from India's shipping and port sectors, including Shri Unmesh Wagh, Chairman of JN Port Authority; Captain BVJK Sharma, Chief Executive Officer of Adani Navi Mumbai Airport; Dr. Deepankar Sinha, HoD Trade & Logistics at IIFT; Captain Deepak Tiwari, Chairman of CSLA; and Shri Shankar Shinde, Chairman of the International Federation of Customs Broker Associations (IFCBA). The event also featured a special souvenir to honor excellence at the Logistics Conclave 2024. MOU was signed between JNPA and BCBA and SBI and BCBA which can be termed as new beginning of cooperation.

Other three business sessions included Leadership essentials for navigating and everchanging landscape, Transforming Logistics and Customs operations in a Digital age and Championing Stability and Continuity in Business.

15TH SOUTH EAST CONCLAVE AWARDS (SECC) 2024

Speaking to a packed audience at Exim India's 15th South East CEO Conclave & Awards (SECC) 2024, held on July 3, 2024, at the ITC Grand Chola in Chennai, Mr. Dushyant Mulani, Chairman of FFFAI, underscored the indispensable role of technology in the logistics industry. He likened technology to oxygen, essential for daily operations, enhancing efficiency, and boosting revenue. "FFFAI has been actively organizing tech upskilling programs for forwarders," he noted.

Mr. Mulani also highlighted the recurring issue of Bill of Entry recalls and amendments after submission, emphasizing the need to minimize this through technological advancements. He further stressed the importance of seamless coordination and communication among all stakeholders, advocating for the integration of relevant ministries and other players, including banks. "The role of the government is crucial in driving this integration," he added.



The theme of SECC 2024, was 'Southern Region emerging as transhipment & technology hub – Scope & Viability'. The event was participated by a number of leading government representatives, including eminent port heads, Customs officials and others associated with cargo and logistics. The event witnessed a convergence of government officials, industry leaders and stakeholders from the entire spectrum of shipping, cargo, logistics, the export and import trade and more, who graced the occasion as

speakers, panellists and delegates, expounding and interacting on the varied aspects of the event theme in the context of the fast-changing sectoral scenario in the region.

Distinguished government attendees included Mr Gopal Krishna, IAS, Former Shipping Secretary, Ministry of Shipping, Government of India & Chairman, CSC (Conciliation and Settlement Committee); Mr Sunil Paliwal, IAS, Chairperson, Chennai Port Authority & Chairperson, Kamarajar Port Limited; Mr B. Kasiviswanathan, IRSME, Chairperson, Cochin Port Authority; Mr Susanta Kumar Purohit, IRSEE, Chairperson, V.O. Chidambaranar Port Authority and other dignitaries.

SECC 2024 also provided an invaluable networking opportunity, to rub shoulders with stakeholders from across the spectrum in order to forge partnerships, discuss trends and build lasting connections.



WEBINAR : DEVELOP SKILLS TO CREATE A CULTURE OF RESPECT AND EMPATHY

Addressing an awareness programme/ webinar organized by the Federation of Freight Forwarders' Associations in India (FFFAI) and Association of Multimodal Transport Operators of India (AMTOI) on July 9, 2024, Ms. Rama Ravee Titti, Founder Director, The Shikha Group advised the logistics industry stakeholders to form Internal Complaint Committee (ICC) in their respective firms/companies to fulfill the compliances of Prevention of Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (PoSH) Act 2013. Failing which the firms/companies may face financial consequences as witnessed in the recent past.



Ms. Titti is an avid International Certified Trainer, Master NLP Practitioner, Corporate Trainer, POSH Trainer, Student & Youth Transformation Coach, Certified Empowerment Coach and Certified Therapist & Counsellor. She is also a practicing Customs Broker and member of FFFAI Women's Wing based out of Chennai.



In his welcome address FFFAI President Mr. Dushyant Mulani commended both FFFAI and AMTOI Women Wings for organizing such an important webinar which is crucial from the aspect of attracting women professionals to logistics sector. He pondered on the Government of India's endeavor in this regard to position India as Viksit Bharat by 2047, where women as well as the logistics industry have a big role to play. Mr. Mulani also pointed out that empowering women is a social subject and hence everyone in society, which also includes the corporate sector, must change the mindset. And the charity begins at home. Otherwise, mere awareness campaign will not achieve the actual goal. He further added that FFFAI, through its Women's Wing is committed to take many more initiatives including training programmes in the days ahead in respect of creating safe and secure environment for the women practitioners in logistics sector.

WORLD BANK B-READY - A WORKSHOP IS BEING ORGANISED WITH SELECT STAKEHOLDER ON INTERNAL TRADE (MAINLY TRADE FACILITATION) IN MUMBAI

B-Ready an international benchmarking project on business enabling environment by the World Bank Group (WBG), focuses on 10 topics across business lifecycle.

The workshop had particular focus on questions pertaining to firm's experiences in obtaining government services and was chaired by **Ms. Himani Pande, Additional Secretary, DPIIT and Principal Secretary- Industries, Government of Maharashtra.**





Chairman FFFAI Mr. Dushyant Mulani was invited by DPIIT to share feedback regarding international trade & delays. Current Status, recommendations & reforms were shared which will lead to improvement in the efficiency and predictability of trade operations in India so it can achieve its goal of becoming a 35 trillion economy.

THE 2024 FIATA-REGION ASIA-PACIFIC (RAP) MEETING

The 2024 FIATA-Region Asia-Pacific (RAP) Field Meeting held in Bali, Indonesia, on 11-12 July was a resounding success under the theme "Sustainable Logistics: Prioritizing Digital Transformation & Human Capacities". The meeting brought together key stakeholders in the freight forwarding industry to discuss and address the evolving logistics landscape in the Asia-Pacific region.





The meeting was attended by FFFAI Executive Committee member and President IIFF Mr Tej Contractor.

Stephane Graber, the FIATA Director General, provided insights into FIATA's global initiatives and activities in the region, including efforts related to eFBL, trade facilitation measures, and the global Air Cargo Program. A panel discussion focused on sustainable logistics featured prominent Indonesian CEOs and emphasized the importance of resilient supply chains amidst geopolitical challenges.

KNOWLEDGE SERIES WEBINAR - EXPORTS. PART 1

India has kept ambitious target to increase its exports by around three times to reach the target of $1 trillion by 2030. This is despite of adverse geopolitical situation and market conditions across many part of world and many new trade restrictions and challenges.



In order to achieve this target India require large number of skilled manpower who has sound knowledge of Exports. In order to spread knowledge and prepare young customs broker / freight forwarder who are eager to enhance knowledge of export handling from India FFFAI woman's wing along with AMTOI have developed webinar series on Exports which is spearheaded by Dr. Pramod Sant Director General FFFAI. Export webinar on various subjects will be conducted on monthly basis and will cover entire gambit of topics related with exports.

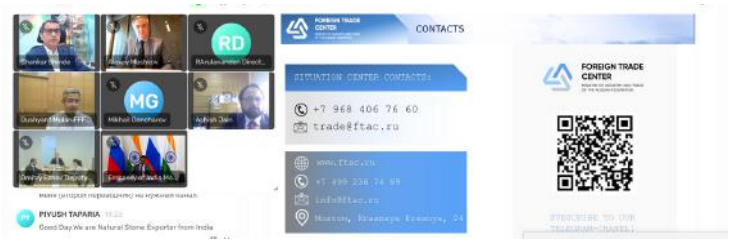
First Edition of Webinar on Exports was held on 19 th July 2024, on topic of Basic of Exports, role of Govt Agencies. Session started with MS. Chaitali Mehta, Convenor FFFAI Woman's wing elobarting need to have knowledge session on Exports and how FFFAI wish to ensure that not only woman entrepreneurs in Custom clearance and Freight forwarding area but entire trade will benefit from this webinar series which is planned to have one/two webinar every month for next one year.

Mr. Dushyant Mulani , Chairman FFFAI welcomed this initiative and requested all to take benefit of this initiative, Mr.Sudip Dey Honorary secretary and other office barer were present.

INDIA - RUSSIA WEBINAR

On July 24 July, 2024 FFFAI along with Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India; Ministry of Industry & Trade of the Russian Federation; The International Coordinating Council on Trans-Eurasian Transportation (CCTT) and the Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) hosted a Webinar on Ido-Russia Trade, Logistics & Banking opportunities. The Webinar was addressed by Mr. Dushyant Mulani - Chairman FFFAI; Mr. Shankar Shinde – I.P. Chairman FFFAI; Mr. Ashwani Kumar - President FIEO; Mr. Mikhail Goncharov - General Secretary, CCTT; Mr. Konstantin Kim – Director of Foreign Trade Center, Russia; Mr. Ajay Sahai, DG & CEO of FIEO and other dignitaries.





Topics of discussions included 'India-Russia Economic Cooperation and Future Prospects and Overview of India – Russia Trade and Commerce focusing on Trade, Logistics and Banking. In their respective presentations the speakers highlighted India's potential as Exporter of Industrial Goods to Russia; Indian Transport Infrastructure & Logistics Services to Russia & CIS; India- Russia Container Services; Financial Infrastructure between India and Russia; facilitating Rupee Ruble Trade Mechanism and experience with Indian manufacturers and supplying equipment to Russia.

Speaking on the Occasion and the welcoming the dignitaries and participants from Russia the FFFAI Chairman, Mr. Dushyant Mulani stressed on the decades-old partnership between India and Russia. In this regard seamless logistics operations would play the pivotal role. He also emphasized on exploring multimodal transport opportunities through International North South Transport Corridor (INSTC), in which FFFAI is deeply engaged. He advised industry stakeholders to provide thoughts and inputs to take it forward to the Government of India to facilitate the logistics operations between India, Russia and CIS countries.

In his address Mr. Shankar Shinde, IP Chairman, FFFAI and Vice Chairman CCTT elaborated the significance of the North South and East West corridors. He highlighted FFFAI's initiatives to promote INSTC route in association with the Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Commerce and Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Inland Waterways, Government of India. Mr. Shinde also discussed the key findings of Dry Run Studies done by FFFAI on INSTIC route.

In this webinar there were several informative presentations on organizations-specific products and services were made by FESCO Integrated Transport; UCO Bank, International Banking Department, India; Sberbank, India; JSC VTB Bank, New Delhi Branch and others.

The webinar was organized given the facts that India and Russia agreed to increase bilateral trade to $100 billion dollars by 2030, including the use of national currencies to circumvent Western sanctions. The objective of the webinar was to iron out bottlenecks especially related to logistics and banking.

Industry experts say steps such as increasing exports, making local currency trading workable and a free trade agreement with the Eurasian Economic Union will help boost trade between India and Russia. The Webinar was attended by a large number of Exporters & Importers, Logistics Service Providers, Bankers and Government representatives from across India and Russia.

ONE-DAY WORKSHOP-CUM-BRAINSTORMING SESSION FOR TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS



FFFAI I.P Chairman Mr. Shankar Shinde attended the One-Day Workshop-cum-Brainstorming Session for Technical Committee Members organized by Bureau of Indian Standards at New Delhi on July 29, 2024.

CHAIRMAN CBIC MR SANJAY KUMAR AGARWAL AND CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF KOLKATA BEING WELCOMED AT PETRAPOL LAND CUSTOMS STATION BY FFFAI HON.SECRETARY MR SUDIP DEY





MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON TIME RELEASE STUDY THE MEETING HELD JOINTLY BY JOINT SECRETARY (CUSTOMS), CBIC AND JOINT SECRETARY (PORTS), MOPSW



MEETING WITH RESERVE BANK OF INDIA OFFICIALS



MEETING WITH CBIC CHAIRMAN & MEMBER CUSTOM





PTFC MEETING BEING CHAIRED BY MR. RAJAN CHOUDHARY ON 22ND AUG 2024 AT MUMBAI



Principal Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Zone I, Shri Rajan Choudhary being welcomed and felicitated by Chairman FFFAI Mr. Dushyant Mulani during the PTFC Meeting chaired by Mr. Choudhary on 22nd Aug 2024

MEETING WITH RESEARCH AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (RIS) AND CENTRE FOR MARITIME ECONOMY AND CONNECTIVITY (CMEC)



(LtoR) Chairman Elect FFFAI Mr. Amit Kamat, Dr. Shishir Shrotriya, Head, CMEC / RIS, I.P Chairman FFFAI Mr. Shankar Shinde and Hon. Secretary FFFAI Mr. Sudip Dey.

MEETING HELD BY DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF FOREIGN TRADE ON WORLD BANK - B READY PROJECT



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Date	Title	Representative	Location	Organizer
01-10-2023	FIATA MTI Meeting	Mr. Tej Contractor Mr. Samir Shah	Brussels, Belgium	FIATA
05-10-2023	Meeting of SSD 18 Sectional Committee	Mr.Dushyant Mulani Mr. Shankar Shinde Mr. Sudip Dey Mr. Rajesh Verma	Virtual	BIS
06-10-2023	VC Meeting regarding changes proposed in MSMED Act, 2006	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Mr. Amit Kamat Mr. Sudip Dey	Virtual	Chairmanship of AS&DC (MSME)
13-10-2023	Meeting with D&D Control, Malayasia for Container Ledger Account (CLA) review	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Mr. Amit Kamat Mr. Shankar Shinde Mr. Sudip Dey Mr. Sudhir Agarwal Mr. Dinesh Gupta Mr. Puneet Jain Mr. Tej Contractor	Virtual	FFFAI
16-10-2023	"INDIA-SPAIN/CATALONIA: NEW BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES" MoU signing	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Mr. Amit Kamat Mr. Shankar Shinde	TAJ. MAHAL PALACE & TOWER HOTEL	Trade Mission Port De Barcelona
17-10-2023	32nd CCTT Plenary Meeting	Mr. Shankar Shinde as Speaker	Virtual	International Coordinating Council on Trans-Eurasian Transportation
17-10-2023	Delegates for the session on Developing Ports for the Future, being convened by Shri. Sanjay Sethi, IAS, Chairman JNPA	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Mr. Shankar Shinde Mr. Sailesh Bhatia	MMRDA Grounds, Mumbai	Joint Secretary, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways
18-10-2023	Global Maritime India Summit (GMIS 2023) Breakout Session 3 : 10:30 a.m to 12 p.m. Latest Trends in Shipping & Maritime Logistics	Mr. Shankar Shinde as Speaker	MMRDA Grounds, Mumbai	Joint Secretary, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways
18-10-2023	Roundtable on Chabahar Port-INSTC Corridor: Gateway to Central Asia	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Mr. Shankar Shinde	MMRDA Grounds, Mumbai	Joint Director – Russia & CIS desk FICCI
19-10-2023	Networking dinner reception at residence of Mr Frank Geerkens, Consul General of Belgium in Mumbai	Mr. Shankar Shinde	Signature Island, Apt 301, A-Wing, G Block, BKC, Bandra East	Mr. Frank Geerkens, Consul General and Port of Antwerp-Burges, Mumbai
20-10-2023	Protocol of 6th India-Azerbaijan Inter-Governmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific and Technological Cooperation	Mr. Shankar Shinde via VC	Room no. 30, Vanijya Bhawan	Co-chairmanship of Shri Manish Chadha, JS, DoC
28-10-2023	Discussion on Custom related Issues on the Service Improvement Group (SIG) ELogS portal	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Mr. Amit Kamat Mr. Shankar Shinde Mr. Sudip Dey	Virtual	Dr. Sumeet Kumar Jarangal, Director, Logistics Division, DPIIT
02-11-2023	LogiConverge A Logistics Conclave	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Mr. Amit Kamat Mr. Shankar Shinde Mr. Sudip Dey	8th Floor Auditorium, Rajadhani Institute of Engineering & Technology, Nagaroor, Thiruvananthapuram	Rajadhani Business School, Nagaroor, Thiruvananthapuram
08-11-2023	The International Samudra Manthan Awards	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Mr. Shankar Shinde Mr. Amit Kamat Mr. Sailesh Bhatia	Domestic Cruise Terminal	Bhandarkar Publications
14-11-2023	Meeting Notice: TC Meeting on 14-11-2023 at 15:00	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Mr. Shankar Shinde Mr. Amit Kamat Mr. Sudip Dey Mr. Rajesh Verma	Virtual	BIS
15-11-2023	Global Freight Summit 2023	Mr. Shankar Shinde	Dubai	DP World
17-11-2023	10th India Association Congress	Mr. Belli Gowda Mr. Girish Narayan	Bangalore	Indian Association Congress
22-11-2023	AMTOI 1st EB Meeting for the term 2023-2024	Mr. Shankar Shinde Mr. Sailesh Bhatia	The Sports Willingdon Club, Mumbai	AMTOI

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23-11-2023	Business Forum and Networking Reception A transport and logistics delegation from Slovenia to Chennai	Mr. R Sekar Mr. S Nataraja Mr. Zahir Hussan Mr. Divakaran Nair M. S Balaji	Hotel Hyatt Regency, Chennai.	CII
24-11-2023	AILBIEA Annual Event and Awards	Mr. Tej Contractor Dr. Nirav Thakker	Regal Room, Hotel Trident, Nariman Point	AILBIEA
24-11-2023	2nd ECM at Mundra / Kandla	OB ECM	Kandla / Mundra	FFFAI
29-11-2023	Faceless Assessment in Customs - Latest Changes	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Mr. Shankar Shinde	Virtual	DGTS
29-11-2023	Report on Roundtable on Freight Decarbonisation in India. Ms. Sumitra Dawra (IAS) – Sp. Secretary Logisitcs. DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce, Govt. of India was the Keynote Speaker for the event	Mr. Amit Kamat	Physical	Smart Freight Centre
02-12-2023	FFFAI Founders Day	Office Bearers EC Members 31 Association locations	31 Members locations	FFFAI
05-12-2023	THAMES FREEPORT Visit to Mumbai	Mr. Amit Kamat Mr. Shankar Shinde Mr. Sailesh Bhatia	Mumbai	THAMES FREEPORT
06-12-2023	Special Service Improvement Group (SIG) Meeting with Customs	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Mr. Amit Kamat Mr. Shankar Shinde Mr. Sudip Dey Mr. S Ramakrishna	Hybrid	Office of RAMESH KUMAR VERMA DEPUTY SECRETARY
07-12-2023	Meeting with Ms. Sumita Dawra Special Secretary (Logistics)	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Mr. Amit Kamat Mr. Shankar Shinde Mr. Sudip Dey Mr. Puneet Jain Mr. Sailesh Bhatia	New Delhi	FFFAI
07-12-2023	Meeting with Shri Santosh Kumar Sarangi Director General of Foreign Trade & Ex-officio Add. Secretary to the Government of India	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Mr. Amit Kamat Mr. Shankar Shinde Mr. Sudip Dey Mr. Puneet Jain Mr. Sailesh Bhatia	New Delhi	FFFAI
07-12-2023	Meeting with Shri Surjit Bhujabal Member Customs	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Mr. Amit Kamat Mr. Shankar Shinde Mr. Sudip Dey Mr. Puneet Jain Mr. Sailesh Bhatia	New Delhi	FFFAI
07-12-2023	Meeting with Shri Vumlunmang Vualnam Secretary, MoCA	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Mr. Amit Kamat Mr. Shankar Shinde Mr. Sudip Dey Mr. Puneet Jain Mr. Sailesh Bhatia Mr. Vipin Vohra	New Delhi	FFFAI
08-12-2023	Meeting with Shri Sanjay Swaroop CMD Concor	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Mr. Amit Kamat Mr. Shankar Shinde Mr. Sudip Dey Mr. Puneet Jain Mr. Sailesh Bhatia Mr. Amit Jain	New Delhi	FFFAI
08-12-2023	Program of the scientific and practical conference, devoted to the 70th anniversary of the conclusion Trade Agreement between the USSR (Russia) and India and the opening of the Trade Representation of the Russian Federation in India	Mr. Shankar Shinde	Russian House, New Delhi, 24 Firoz Shah Street, New Delhi	Russian Federation in India
08-12-2023	AMTOI 25th Anniversary	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Mr. Amit Kamat Mr. Shankar Shinde Mr. Sudip Dey	Lemon Tree Premier, Aerocity, New Delhi, India	AMTOI

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12-12-2023	Meeting with Rajadhani Business School	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Mr. Shankar Shinde Mr. Amit Kamat Mr. Sudip Dey Mr. Sudhir Agarwal Mr. Tej Contractor Mr. Nirav Thakker	Virtual	FFFAI
13-12-2023	India International Cargo Show – IICS 2023	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Mr. Shankar Shinde Mr. Amit Kamat TBN	Jio World Convention Centre, Mumbai	IICS
14-12-2023	Invitation for Stakeholder Consultation for National Logistics HR Workforce Strategy in India under GIZ's Green Freight Project	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Mr. Shankar Shinde Mr. Amit Kamat Mr. Sudip Dey Mr. Puneet Jain (Venue) Mr. Kuldeep (Venue)	Hybrid	Office of the Joint Secretary (Logistics) DPIIT, MoCI
16-12-2023	Sectoral Workshop to be organized by the West Bengal State Council for Technical & Vocational Education and Skill Development under Technical Education, Training & Skill Development Department, Government of West Bengal on "Logistics and Supply" Chain	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Mr. Amit Kamat Mr. Sudip Dey Dr. Nirav (Virtual)	The Bengal Chamber premises, Kolkata (Royal Exchange Building, 6, Netaji Subhas Rd, Murgighata, B.B.D. Bagh, Kolkata	West Bengal State Council for Technical & Vocational Education and Skill Development under Technical Education
18-12-2023	VISIT BY DR [MR] SURENDRA KUMAR AHIRWAR, JOINT SECRETARY, DPIIT AT INTERNATIONAL AIR CARGO TERMINAL, MUMBAI	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Mr. Shankar Shinde Mr. Amit Kamat	Conference Room Adani Airport Holding Ltd ACC, Mumbai	DPIIT
18-12-2023	Capacity Building Workshop on "Gender Mainstreaming at India's Land Ports"	Mr.Sudip Dey as Speaker	New Delhi	Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER)
19-12-2023	Capacity Building Workshop on "Gender Mainstreaming at India's Land Ports"	Mr.Sudip Dey	New Delhi	Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER)
19-12-2023	Meeting of Civil Aviation Advisory Group on Cargo	Mr. Vipin Vohra	Conference Room , 2nd Floor, B-Block, Rajiv Gandhi Bhavan, New Delhi	E.R. Section Ministry of Civil Aviation
19-12-2023	BCBA 87th Founder's Day Celebration	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Mr. Shankar Shinde Mr. Amit Kamat	Walchand Hirachand Hall	BCBA
29-12-2023	India Skills - Sensitization program	Mr. Shankar Shinde Mr. Amit Kamat Mr. Sudip Dey Mr. Puneet Jain Mr. Girish N	Virtual	LSC
03-01-2024	Meeting to felicitate Shri Sanjay Sethi IAS Chairman JNPA	Mr. Dushyant Mulani	Hotel St. Regis, Lower Parel	Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority
04-01-2024	RED SEA ISSUES Hosted by Services Division, DoC	Mr. Sailesh Bhatia	Virtual	Services Division, DoC
05-01-2024	Webinar on CAROTAR Rule 2020 Speaker : Dr. Joshua Ebenezer	Office Bearers EC Members	Hybrid	FFFAI
06-01-2024	Invitation for the event "Dialogue for Strengthening Quality Eco-system in India on occasion of BIS Foundation Day" to commemorate BIS 77th year in Service of Nation	Mr.Jogesh Sethi Mr. Devendra Singh Bhadoria	Auditorium -2, Level-2, Bharat Mandapam (Convention Centre), ITPO, New Delhi	BIS
08-01-2024	Virtual meeting of an Advisory Board Committee for Maritime Transport & Logistics Show 2024, Mumbai	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Mr. Sudip Dey	Virtual	Maritime Transport & Logistics Summit 2024
09-01-2024	Meeting regarding issues related to Digital Air Cargo, E-KYC and Digital Shippers Invoice scheduled to be held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of State for Civil Aviation	Mr. Puneet Jain Mr. Vipin Vohra	Seminar Hall, 3rd Floor, 'A' Block, Rajiv Gandhi Bhavan, Ministry of Civil Aviation, New Delhi	E.R. Section Ministry of Civil Aviation

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09-01-2024	LPAI's Conference on "Engendering Land Ports in India"	Mrs Anita Girdhar	Juniper Hall, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi	Land Ports Authority of India Ministry of Home Affairs
10-01-2024	Preliminary virtual meeting with Sachin Zambre (M/s.Peracto Infotech) for eKYC integration software development Scope of Work	Mr. Sudip Dey	Virtual	FFFAI
10-01-2024	Meeting with Ms. Chitra Gupta, DDG, Bureau of Indian Standards	Mr. S Ramakrishna	Bureau of Indian Standards BIS Headquarter DDG (FMCD) chamber	FFFAI - BIS
10-01-2024	9th Edition of East Coast Maritime Forum Concurrent with Eastern Star Awards 2024	Mr. Sudip Dey Mr. Sambasiva Rao (as Panelists)	Nicco Parks & Resorts Ltd., Royal Courtyard, Kolkata	EXIM INDIA Shipping Times
13-01-2024	3rd EC Meeting	Office Bearers EC Members	Virtual	FFFAI
16-01-2024	Board of Trade meeting (BOT) Under the Chairmanship of Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister of Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and Textiles	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Mr. Amit Kamat Mr. S Ramakrishnan	Bharat Mandapam New Delhi	Vinod Kumar Kashyap DDG(Coord & HRD-III)
18-01-2024	Closed-door interaction with Mr Ravi Mital, Chairman, The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI)	Mr. Amit Kamat	Virtual	Jyoti Vij Addl Director General FICCI
27-01-2024	International Customs day 2024	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Mr. Shankar Shinde Mr. Amit Kamat	New Custom House	Office of the Pr. Chief Commissioner of Customs
31-01-2024	9th Meeting of the Services Improvement Group (SIG)	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Mr. Shankar Shinde Mr. Amit Kamat Mr. Sudip Dey	Virtual	FFFAI
31-01-2024	India-Indonesia Business Forum 2024	Mr Kuldeep Thakur Mr Palvinder Singh	Taj Mahal Hotel, New Delhi	PwC
31-01-2024	First Meeting of High Level Task Force of India Maritime Centre (IMC) under Maritime India Vision (MIV) 2030.	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Mr. Shankar Shinde Mr. Sudip Dey Mr. Sudhir Agarwal Mr. Dinesh Gupta	Virtual	Sagarmala MoSPW
01-02-2024	Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of Goa has scheduled a meeting regarding customs Broker Fraternity, with respect to clearance of EXIM Cargo at Multimodal Logistics Park, Balli	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Mr. Shankar Shinde Mr. Amit Kamat	CM's Conference Hall, 3rd floor, Mantralaya, Porvorim Goa	Chief Minister Goa
01-02-2024	Launch of Martime Single Window and Mercantile Marine Department Module in Sagar Setu (NLP-M) by Hon'ble Minister of Ports Shipping and Waterways.	EC Members	Hybrid Sagarmanthan Hall Parivahan Bhavan New Delhi	MoSPW
03-02-2024	Virtual training program for Odisha Custom Brokers Association	Office Bearers Mr Tej Contractor Dr Nirav Thakkar	Virtual	IIFF, OCBA
06-02-2024	Invite for participation in Webinar with Industry Associations on rolling Annual Action Plan 2024-25 for standardization.	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Mr. Shankar Shinde Mr. Amit Kamat Mr. Sudip Dey	Virtual	BIS
07-02-2024	Meeting with DG Systems	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Mr. Shankar Shinde Mr. Amit Kamat Mr. Sudip Dey Mr. S Ramakrishna Mr. Divakaran Nair	Virtual	Directorate General of Systems & Data Management
07-02-2024	Meeting notice on Red Sea issues chaired by the Commerce Secretary	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Mr. Shankar Shinde Mr. Amit Kamat Mr. Sailesh Bhatia Mr. Paresh Thakker	Hybrid Room No. 427, at Vanijya Bhawan	Under Secretary Logistics DoC Vanijya Bhawan
15-02-2024	15th Feb CCTT and TLA Joint Webinar	Mr. Shankar Shinde	Virtual	CCTT Representative office in RF
15-02-2024	Panel discussion on "Best Global Practices & Sustainability in Cargo & Multimodal Logistics" 14th Edition of CTL 2024 concurrent with BHP 2024 - International Expo & Conference	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Panelist	Jio World Convention Centre, BKC, Mumbai	EXIM INDIA Shipping Times

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16-02-2024	ILG Meeting - 3rd Friday of every month starting December 2023	Mr. Shankar Shinde Mr. Amit Kamat	Virtual	ILG
20-02-2024	FFFAI - IIFF - IIM Meeting	Office Bearers Mr. Tej Contractor Mr. Nirav Thakker	Virtual	IIFF
20-02-2024	AMTOI in association with ILG presents Webinar on "GST & RCM – Advisory issued by AMTOI on GST."	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Mr. S Ramakrishna	Virtual	AMTOI - ILG
21-02-2024	Port of Hamburg Reception / Hafen Hamburg Empfang	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Mr. Shankar Shinde Mr. Amit Kamat	Trident, Nariman Point Sunset Lounge	The Indo German Chamber of Commerce on behalf of the Port of Hamburg Marketin
23-02-2024	BIS Meeting Notice: Tech-Committee : SSD 01 Sectional Committee	Mr Shankar Shinde Mr Sudip Dey	Virtual	BIS
26-02-2024	T&A Consulting On behalf of World Trade Center Miami (WTCM) Alice Ancona, SVP & COO, World Trade Center Miami. President & CEO, World Trade Center Miami	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Mr. Shankar Shinde Mr. Amit Kamat	FFFAI Secretariat	FFFAI - T&A
26-02-2024	AMTOI in association with ILG presents Knowledge Session on "Input Service Distributor"	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Mr. S Ramakrishna	FFFAI Secretariat	AMTOI
26-02-2024	IAPH Harbor Café (Kick-off Meeting 2024) on "Examining the Red Sea Scenario: Strategies Employed by Ports and Key Stakeholders to Foster Resilience in the Face of Persistent Disruptions".	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Mr. Shankar Shinde Mr. Amit Kamat Mr. Sudip Dey	Virtual	IAPH
27-02-2024	IAPH Harbor Café (Kick-off Meeting 2024) on "Examining the Red Sea Scenario: Strategies Employed by Ports and Key Stakeholders to Foster Resilience in the Face of Persistent Disruptions".	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Mr. Shankar Shinde Mr. Amit Kamat Mr. Sudip Dey	Virtual	IAPH
28-02-2024	Facilitation Frameworks: Analyzing the regulatory and legal frameworks governing MMTOs on both national and international levels Maritime Transport & Logistics Show 2024	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Mr. Sailesh Bhatia Mr. Shantanu Bhadkamkar	Bombay Exhibition Centre Mumbai	Oceantrade Media
28-02-2024	EC Meeting	Office Bearers EC Members	Bombay Exhibition Centre Mumbai	FFFAI
29-02-2024	Maritime Transport & Logistics Show 2024	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Mr. Shankar Shinde Mr. Amit Kamat	Bombay Exhibition Centre Mumbai	Oceantrade Media
28-02-2024	Case Studies: Showcasing successful MMTO implementations and their impact on global supply chains.	Mr. G.Sambasiva Rao Session Chairman	Bombay Exhibition Centre Mumbai	Oceantrade Media
29-02-2024	EC Meeting	ECM	Bombay Exhibition Centre Mumbai	FFFAI
01-03-2024	Meeting of India International Maritime Centre (IIMC)	Mr. Shankar Shinde Mr. Amit Kamat Mr. Sudip Dey	Virtual	IMC
01-03-2024	Maritime Transport & Logistics Show 2024	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Mr. Shankar Shinde Mr. Amit Kamat	Bombay Exhibition Centre Mumbai	Oceantrade Media
01-03-2024	Meeting with Consulate General of the Republic of Türkiye	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Mr. Shankar Shinde Mr. Amit Kamat Mr. Nirav Thakker	BCBA Office Nariman Point	Consulate General of the Republic of Türkiye
01-03-2024	The joint 'India-and-World' CCTT and FFFAI Business Forum	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Mr. Shankar Shinde Mr. Amit Kamat Mr. Sudip Dey Mr. Sudhir Agarwal	Virtual	FFFAI - CCTT
05-03-2024	First Meeting of Group 2 of Task Force for establishment of India International Maritime Arbitration Centre (IIMAC) (Group 2: Infrastructure and Operationalization Group)	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Mr. Shankar Shinde Mr. Amit Kamat Mr. Sudip Dey	Virtual	IMC
07-03-2024	Proposed meeting Mr. Parshotam Rupala, MoS, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries and Dairy	Mr. Sudip Dey Mr. Puneet Jain Mr. Mannu Chaudhary	Tughlak Road Residence cum office	FFFAI

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07-03-2024	Meeting with Mr. Anupam Prakash, JS Customs	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Mr. Amit Kamat Mr. Sudip Dey Mr. Puneet Jain Mr. Dinesh Gupta Mr. S Ramakrishna	North Block	FFFAI
07-03-2024	Meeting with Mr. Sujit Bhujabal, Member Customs	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Mr. Amit Kamat Mr. Sudip Dey Mr. Puneet Jain Mr. Dinesh Gupta Mr. S Ramakrishna	North Block	FFFAI
07-03-2024	Meeting with Mr. Anuj Gogia, Pr. DG	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Mr. Amit Kamat Mr. Sudip Dey Mr. Puneet Jain Mr. Dinesh Gupta Mr. S Ramakrishna	Samrat Hotel	FFFAI
07-03-2024	Meeting with Mr. G.N.Singh, JS Trade, Ministry of Animal Husbandry	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Mr. Amit Kamat Mr. Sudip Dey Mr. Puneet Jain Mr. Dinesh Gupta Mr. S Ramakrishna	Krishi Bhavan	FFFAI
08-03-2024	International Ocean Freight Forwarders & Logistics Association, Taiwan CEO & MD Jason Kuo (Board member)	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Mr. Shankar Shinde Mr. Amit Kamat Mr. Sudip Dey (Virtual)	FFFAI Secretariat	PANDA Group
08-03-2024	Women's Day event in association with BCBA	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Mr. Shankar Shinde Mr. Amit Kamat Mr. Sudip Dey (Virtual) Mr. Nirav Thakker Ms. Chaitaly Mehta Mrs. Philu Pereira Women Wing Members	FFFAI Secretariat	FFFAI - BCBA
12-03-2024	AMTOI External Board meeting	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Mr. Shankar Shinde Mr. Amit Kamat	Wodehouse Gymkhana, Maharshi Karve Rd, Nariman Point	AMTOI
13-03-2024	Centralised payment of system Demo of Escrow Account with HDFC Bank Presenter : Mr. Manikanandan	Mr. Shankar Shinde Mr. Sudip Dey Mr. Sudhir Agarwal Mr. Tej Contractor Mr. Manikanadan	Virtual	FFFAI
13-03-2024	Interactive meeting with FICCI Member Bodies	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Mr. Amit Kamat Mr. Sudip Dey	Hybrid	FICCI
14-03-2024	Round table discussion "UNCERTAIN TIMES – RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIAN SMEs" along with Centre for WTO Studies (CWS) as the knowledge partner cum facilitator	Mr S Ramakrishna as Panelist	India International Centre, New Delhi	DHL
15-03-2024	13th edition of BCC&I Annual Shipping and Logistics Conclave 2024	Mr. Sudip Dey as Panelist	W. M. Hall, The Bengal Chamber premises	Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I)
15-03-2024	Eighth Meeting of Supply Chain Management Sectional Committee, SSD 18	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Mr. Shankar Shinde Mr. Dinesh Gupta	Virtual	BIS
15-03-2024	ILG Meeting	Mr. Shankar Shinde Mr. Amit Kamat	Virtual	ILG
20-03-2024	Impact of Non-Major Ports on Shipping: Potential and Way Forward (Link on OB+Secretariat Group)	Mr. Shankar Shinde Mr Vinod Sharma Mr Sambasiva Rao	Virtual	Niti Aayog CFSAI
20-03-2024	Webinar on the topic "Customs Trade Facilitation Measures - An Overview"	Mr Dushyant Mulani	Virtual	O/o Pr. Addl. DG DGTS, MZU
21-03-2024	17th Customs Consultative Group meeting (CCG) will be held under the Chairmanship of Member (Customs)	Mr Dushyant Mulani Mr Shankar Shinde Mr Amit Kamat	NCH Ballard Estate, Mumbai	Member (Customs)

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21-03-2024	Event by ULIP on utilizations and adoption of Unified Logistics Interface Platform by industry	Mr T. Abhimanyu Mr Mesa Navin Kiran Mr Ahmed Shaik Mr Mohd. Irshad Ahmed Mr Vijay Kumar	Hyderabad	ULIP
22-03-2024	Marketing and Logistics - Supply Chain Management Conference Topic :Impact of Cloud, Big Data and AI on LSC	Dr. Pramod Sant	Pune	MIT-ADT University
22-03-2024	Meeting with FICCI and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Atal Bihari Vajpayee Sewri - Nhava Sheva Atal Setu - detailed study and impact assessment of the bridge on the economy of the region	Mr Amit Kamat Mr Tetsuya HARADA Ms. Annie Srivastava Mr Deepak Mukhi	FFFAI Secretariat	FICCI - FFFAI
22-03-2024	Meeting with Consul General of Sri Lanka Dr. Valsan Vethody	Mr Dushyant Mulani Dr Nirav Thakker Mr Samir Shah	BCBA Office	FFFAI - Sri Lanka Counel
22-03-2024	Hybrid webinar on Cargo Claims	Mr Dushyant Mulani Mr Amit Kamat Mr Shankar Shinde Mr Tej Contractor Speaker - Dr. Lina	HYBRID from FFFAI Secretariat	FFFAI - Recoupex
26-03-2024	Meeting Notice: Review of Action Taken by Group 1, 2 and 3 for establishment of IMC (FFFAI is in Group 1 of IMC and Group 2 of IIMAC)	Mr Dushyant Mulani Mr Shankar Shinde Mr Amit Kamat Mr Sailesh Bhatia Mr Sudip Dey	Virtual	IMC
26-03-2024	Meeting with DG Shipping	Mr Dushyant Mulani Mr Shankar Shinde Mr Amit Kamat Mr Sailesh Bhatia Mr Tej Contractor	DG Shipping office Kanjurmarg	Chairman
26-03-2024	5th Logix India - Inaugural Session	Mr. Dushyant Mulani	The Westin Garden City Mumbai	FIEO
27-03-2024	5th Logix India - Session Creating Global Logistics Linkages with India - Inbound	Mr Dushyant Mulani - Panelist Mr Shankar Shinde - Panelist Mr Sailesh Bhatia - Panelist Mr S Ramakrishna - Moderator	NESCO	FIEO
27-03-2024	5th Logix India - Session Creating Global Linkages with India – Outbound	Mr Tej Contractor - Speaker	NESCO	FIEO
27-03-2024	Making India a Global Hub - Challenges & Opportunities	Mr Tej Contractor - Moderator	NESCO	FIEO
28-03-2024	FIATA_Call for the concept proof of eFBL_CargoX	Mr Shankar Shinde Mr Amit Kamat Mr Tej Contractor Dr Pramod Sant	Virtual	FIATA - FFFAI
03-04-2024	Review of Action Taken by Group 1 and 2 for establishment of IIMAC Under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary, Sagarmala	Mr Dushyant Mulani Mr Shankar Shinde Mr Amit Kamat Mr Sudip Dey	Virtual	Deputy Secretary, Sagarmala Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways
03-04-2024	Meeting with Mr Umesh Wagh for CCTT Event	Mr Dushyant Mulani Mr Shankar Shinde	JNPT	FFFAI
05-04-2024	Working Group VI constituted by UNCITRAL for drafting NMTD	Mr Dushyant Mulani Mr Shankar Shinde Mr Amit Kamat Mr Sudip Dey OB and Shipping Committee	Virtual	MoSPW
08-04-2024	Meeting Notice: Review of Action Taken by Group 1, 2 and 3 for establishment of IMC on 08.04.2024 at 11:00 AM	Mr Dushyant Mulani Mr Shankar Shinde Mr Amit Kamat Mr Sudip Dey Mr Sailesh Bhati	Virtual	Deputy Secretary, Sagarmala Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways
09-04-2024	Opening Ceremony of Continental AFS	Mr Dushyant Mulani Mr Sudip Dey	New Delhi	Continental Carriers
09-04-2024	Meeting with JS Customs	Mr Dushyant Mulani Mr Sudip Dey Mr S Ramakrishna	New Delhi	FFFAI

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09-04-2024	Meeting with Member Customs	Mr Dushyant Mulani Mr Sudip Dey Mr S Ramakrishna	New Delhi	FFFAI
12-04-2024	Meeting notice regarding Working Group VI constituted by UNCITRAL for drafting NMTD	Mr Dushyant Mulani Mr Shankar Shinde Mr Amit Kamat Mr Sudip Dey OB and Shipping Committee	Virtual	MoSPW
15-04-2024	Study Invitation: Indian Logistics & Global Supply Chain Study	Mr Dushyant Mulani Mr Sudip Dey	Virtual	Rashika
15-04-2024	Meeting with LDF HITEX Hyderabad	Office Bearers	Virtual	FFFAI
15-04-2024	Making an Impact Together": Invitation to World Cold Chain Expo 2024 Event on 24-25 Sep 2024	Office Bearers	Virtual	FFFAI
19-04-2024	Round Table Discussion with GIZ For Study Focusing on "Enabling Women's Participation in Logistics Sector	Women's Wing	FFFAI Secretariat	FFFAI
19-04-2024	ILG Meeting	Mr Dushyant Mulani Mr Shankar Shinde Mr Amit Kamat	Virtual	ILG
19-04-2024	FFFAI Knowledge Series Webinar on E-Learning	Office Bearers	Virtual	FFFAI - 21CC
19-04-2024	Maritime Single Window Implementation, Challenges and Progress review.	Mr Dushyant Mulani Mr Shankar Shinde Mr Sailesh Bhatia	Virtual	DG Shipping
22-04-2024	IPA Chairman Shri Rajiv Jalota along with his team to visit BCBA office	Mr Dushyant Mulani Mr Amit Kamat (TBC) Mr Shankar Shinde Mr Sailesh Bhatia	BCBA Office	IPA
23-04-2024	FIATA HQ Meeting	Mr Amit Kamat Mr Debashish Dutta Mr Tej Contractor	Geneva, Switzerland	Mark Bromley, MTI Chair FIATA
24-04-2024	International Coordination Council on Trans-Eurasian Transportation (CCTT)	Office Bearers	Hotel Trident Nariman Point	CCTT-FFFAI
24-04-2024	Meeting Notice on Iran Israel conflict and its impact chaired by Shri Anant Swarup, Additional Secretary	Mr Sailesh Bhatia Mr. Paresh Thakker Mr. Kuldeep Thakur Mr. Vaneet Aggarwal Mr. Mohamed Amzad GMR Mr. Pradeep Kale Mr. C. B. Bujangaram Mr. Balu Govindrajan Mr. Prithwis Biwas	Hybrid	Under Secretary (Logistics Division)
25-04-2024	International Coordination Council on Trans-Eurasian Transportation (CCTT)	Office Bearers	Hotel Trident Nariman Point	CCTT-FFFAI
02-05-2024	2nd Meeting of High Level Task Force of Indian Maritime Centre (IMC) under Maritime India Vision (MIV) 2030 -reg	Mr Dushyant Mulani Mr Amit Kamat Mr Shankar Shinde Mr Sudip Dey Mr Sailesh Bhatia	Virtual	MoSPW
02-05-2024	Director (Shipping) to hold third virtual meeting - Working Group VI constituted by UNCITRAL for drafting NMTD	Mr Dushyant Mulani Mr Amit Kamat Mr Shankar Shinde Mr Sudip Dey Mr Sailesh Bhatia	Virtual	MoSPW
03-05-2024	2nd Meeting of High Level Task Forces of India International Maritime Arbitration Centre (IIMAC) under Maritime India Vision (MIV) 2030	Mr Dushyant Mulani Mr Amit Kamat Mr Shankar Shinde Mr Sudip Dey Mr Sailesh Bhatia	Virtual	MoSPW
04-05-2024	Axis My India Ltd - Survey on behalf of NSDC	Mr Dushyant Mulani Mr Sudip Dey	Virtual	Axis My India Ltd
04-05-2024	Meeting to discuss suggestions for CBLR Amendment / Changes	Office Bearers CBLR Committee Board of Advisors	Virtual	FFFAI

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07-05-2024	Interview appointment - Logistics sector in India Its current status, recent improvements and future challenges Mr. Peter Goodman / The New York Times world economy correspondent Mr. Hari Kumar, Correspondent, The New York Times, New Delhi Bureau	Mr Dushyant Mulani Dr Pramod Sant	Hotel ITC, Andheri	The New York Times
08-05-2024	Interactive Session/ Open House on Faceless Assessments at New Custom House on Wednesday dated 08.05.2024	Mr Dushyant Mulani Mr Shankar Shinde	Daya Shankar Auditorium, Ground Floor, New Customs House, Ballard Estate, Mumbai 400 001	Mumbai Customs, Zone I
09-05-2024	Meeting with IIFF Faculty	Mr Sudip Dey Mr Tej Contractor Dr Nirav Thakker Dr Pramod Sant	Hybrid from FFFAI Secretariat	IIFF
10-05-2024	Meeting with CBIC Chairman at JNPT	Mr Dushyant Mulani Mr Shankar Shinde Mr Dinesh Gupta Mr Sudip Dey Mr S Nataraja Mr S Ramakrishna	JNPT	CBIC
11-05-2024	5th EC Meeting	EC Members	Virtual	FFFAI
15-05-2024	CCTT 'Cold Chain' Project Expert Meeting	Mr Shankar Shinde	Hybrid	CCTT
16-05-2024	India Skill Competition	Mr Puneet Jain as Jury	New Delhi	LSC
20-05-2024	Invitation for Workshop on ULIP	Mr. Kuldeep Thakur Mr. Amit Atree Mr. Bharat Malik	Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi	NICDC Logistics Data Services Limited (NLDS)
20-05-2024	Meeting with Shiperone	Mr Dushyant Mulani Mr Sudip Dey Dr Pramod Sant	Virtual	FFFAI
21-05-2024	Open House on Establishment of India Maritime Centre	Office Bearers	Virtual	Joint Secretary (Sagarmala) MoPSW
22-05-2024	Meeting with Glue Up Glue Up is an All-In-One solution that combines Events and Membership management, CRM, Email Marketing, Finance and Invoice, Mobile Apps and Website development	Mr Sudip Dey	Virtual	FFFAI - Glue Up
23-05-2024	ULIP Introductory Session	Mr Dushyant Mulani Mr Amit Kamat Mr Sudip Dey	Virtual	ULIP
27-05-2024	12th Meeting of Transport Services Sectional Committee, SSD 01	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Mr Shankar Shinde	Hybrid Meeting Chintan-Bronze Room, BIS, New Delhi, Delhi, India	BIS
28-05-2024	SKILLS Bridge Masterclass: Revolutionizing Skill Development	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Mr Amit Kamat Mr Shankar Shinde Mr Sudip Dey Mr Sudhir Agarwal Mr Tej Contractor Dr Nirav Thakker Dr Pramod Sant	Virtual	NSDC
28-05-2024	Meeting with InstaPe to understand their products and services before arranging webinar for all members	Mr Sudip Dey Mr Tej Contractor	Virtual	FFFAI - Instape
28-05-2024	Pan-India webinar on How to reply to an SCN issued by the GST Department	All Members	Virtual	DGTS CBIC
29-05-2024	Delegation briefing meeting before attending the 1st plenary meetings of ISO/TC 344 - Innovative Logistics	Mr Shankar Shinde Mr Kiran Nagare	Virtual	BIS
29-05-2024	Interactive session on Faceless Assessment	Mr Sudip Dey	Kolkata	Kolkata Customs FFFAI

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29-05-2024	10th Meeting of Services Improvement Group (SIG)	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Mr Amit Kamat Mr Shankar Shinde Mr Puneet Jain (at venue) Mr S Ramakrishna (at venue)	Hybrid	Sh Rajeev Singh Thakur Additional Secretary DPIIT
29-05-2024	Invitation to Port Day Celebration	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Mr Amit Kamat Mr Shankar Shinde Mr Sailesh Bhatia	Crystal Banquet Hall, Hotel Taj Mahal Palace, Mumbai	JNPT
30-05-2024	First plenary meeting of ISO/TC 344 Innovative Logistics Two days International ISO meeting	Mr Shankar Shinde	Virtual	BIS
31-05-2024	First plenary meeting of ISO/TC 344 Innovative Logistics Two days International ISO meeting	Mr Shankar Shinde	Virtual	BIS
31-05-2024	GIFT City Gujarat Maritime Cluster	Office Bearers EC Members Nominee of Associate Members Special Invitees	Ahmedabad	FFFAI
31-05-2024	Airport Cargo Process Mapping Study at IGI Airport, Delhi Under Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of Civil Aviation	Mr Vaneet Agarwal	Conference Room, 2nd Floor, B- Block, Rajiv Gandhi Bhavan, New Delhi	Indu Bhutani Under Secretary
03-06-2024	IFCBA Meeting	Mr Shankar Shinde Mr Sailesh Bhatia	Brussles	IFCBA
05-06-2024	FFFAI Knowledge Series Webinar - Indian Customs Broking	Office Bearers Dr Nirav Thakker Dr Pramod Sant	Virtual	FFFAI
06-06-2024	Improvement of Technical Means of Car Safety Considering Rolling Stock Commercial Inspection Technology Digital	Mr Shankar Shinde	Virtual	CCTT
06-06-2024	CII International Trade Subcommittee (Eastern Region) is organising an interactive session with Mr Madan Mohan Singh, Chief Commissioner of Customs, Kolkata	Mr Sudip Dey	The Park, Kolkata	Confederation of Indian Industry
11-06-2024	Trade Facilitation Meeting (TFC) meeting by Port Commissioner, Kolkata Custom	Mr Sudip Dey	Board Room, Kolkata Customs	AG Unit (Port) Custom House, Kolkata
11-06-2024	Port Process Mapping study - Asian Development Bank (ADB) with the support of DPIIT	Mr Sudip Dey	Kolkata Port Trust Guest House.	SMP Kolkata
12-06-2024	JNPT Port Customers' Meeting	Mr Shankar Shinde Mr Sailesh Bhatia	JNPA Administration Building	General Manager (Traffic) JNPT
12-06-2024	SCMTR 2.0 meeting	Mr S Ramakrishna (At Venue) Mr S Manikanandan	Hybrid	DG Systems
12-06-2024	Seminar on East India's Multimodal Transformation : Collaboration for Logistics Success	Mr Sudip Dey	Tolly Club Kolkata	AMTOI
13-06-2024	14th Annual CPHI's Pharma Supply Chain Conference	Mr Shankar Shinde as speaker	Sahara Star Mumbai	Informa Markets
14-06-2024	14th Annual CPHI's Pharma Supply Chain Conference	Mr Shankar Shinde as speaker	Sahara Star Mumbai	Informa Markets
17-06-2024	Proposed meeting with interested DCBA Members for IIFF Course promotion	Mr Puneet Jain Mr Sudip Dey Dr Pramod Sant DCBA Members	Virtual	FFFAI - DCBA
17-06-2024	Proposed meeting Association Presidents to promote IIFF Course	Mr Sudip Dey Dr Pramod Sant Asso. Presidents	Virtual	FFFAI
18-06-2024	SCMTR review meeting	Mr Sudip Dey Mr S Ramakrishna Mr Manikanandan	Hybrid from NCH Mumbai	JS(Customs) Pr. ADG(ICES)
21-06-2024	ILG Meeting	Mr Dushyant Mulani Mr Amit Kamat Mr Shankar Shinde Mr Sailesh Bhatia	Virtual	ILG

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21-06-2024	12th meeting of the Executive Committee for Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) 4.0	Mr Sudip Dey Dr Nirav Thakker Dr Pramod Sant	Hybrid Conference Hall No. 1, Ground Floor, Kaushal Bhawan New Delhi	NSDC
21-06-2024	AERA Stakeholder Consultation Meeting	Mr Vipin Vohra	AERA office Rajiv Gandhi Bhavan New Delhi	AERA
27-06-2024	BCBA Conclave	Office Bearers	Mumbai	BCBA
27-06-2024	Celerity Supply Chain Tribe Conference & Awards 2024 Topic : Elevating India's Future through Integrated Infrastructure Development in Road, Rail, Air, Seaways, and Waterways	Regret	Hotel Novotel International Airport Mumbai	Celerity Supply Chain Tribe
28-06-2024	11th Meeting of the Services Improvement Group (SIG)	Mr Dushyant Mulani Mr Amit Kamat Mr Shankar Shinde Mr Sudip Dey Mr S Ramakrishna (At Venue)	Room No 29, Vanijya Bhawan	Sagar Kadu Director (Logistics), DPIIT
28-06-2024	2024 FIATA Statutory General Meeting	Mr Amit Kamat Mr Debashish Dutta	Virtual	FIATA
28-06-2024	8th Edition of India Maritime Awards	Mr Dushyant Mulani Mr Shankar Shinde	Sahara Star Mumbai	Daily Shipping Times
01-07-2024	Meeting with the stakeholders of maritime sector on the budget related issues [Policy and Tax (Direct & Indirect) Recommendations for Upcoming Union Budget 2024] of Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways	Mr Puneet Jain Mr S Ramakrishna	Hotel Imperial Hotel, Janpath Lane, Connaught Place, New Delhi	Catherine Singson SO (Coord.I) MoPSW
02-07-2024	Meeting with organizers of LogiMAT India 2025	Mr Dushyant Mulani Mr Sudip Dey	Virtual	FFFAI - LogiMAT
02-07-2024	Meeting with Kale Logistics for eKYC	Office Bearers Mr S Ramakrishna Mr Tej Contractor Dr Nirav Thakker Dr Pramod Sant	Virtual	FFFAI
03-07-2024	Seminar/ Talk on Liquid Bulk Imports at Custom Stations	Mr Dinesh Gupta Mr Sudip Dey	Hybrid	Mundra Commissionerate
03-07-2024	2nd Meeting of the FICCI Transport Infrastructure Committee	Mr Shankar Shinde	Virtual	FICCI
03-07-2024	15th edition of South East CEO Conclave & Awards 2024	Mr. Dushyant Mulani Special Address	Chennai	EXIM India
03-07-2024	Convenor of NAC - Metal has decided to hold a virtual meeting with the Nodal Pr Commissioners / Commissioners along with the President & GS of IICA	Mr Sudip Dey	Virtual	Shri Deep Shekhar ji, Chief Comm of Customs (Head Faceless assmt group/NAC-4,4A)
06-07-2024	Nepal's Trade and Tourism Promotion Programme	Mr Sudip Dey	Portico Plus Hall, Hotel Taj Bengal, Kolkata	Consulate General of Nepal, Kolkata
08-07-2024	World Bank's B-READY project	Mr Dushyant Mulani Mr Shankar Shinde Mr Sudip Dey Mr S Ramakrishna (At Venue)	Hybrid	Shri Santosh Sarangi AS&DG, DGFT
09-07-2024	Orientation call- new target allocated under PMKVY 4.0	Mr Sudip Dey Mr Tej Contractor Dr Nirav Thakker	Virtual	NSDC
12-07-2024	6th EC Meeting	Office Bearers EC Members	Vizag	FFFAI
16-07-2024	Discussion on improvement of MMTG Act, 1993 and COGSA, 1925 and Bills of Lading Act, 1856	Mr Dushyant Mulani Mr Shankar Shinde Mr Dinesh Gupta Mr Sailesh Bhatia Mr Sudip Dey Mr Rajesh Verma Mr Vinod Sharma Mr Kuldeep Thakur	Virtual	MTO Branch DGS Mumbai

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16-07-2024	World Bank B_READY - A workshop is being organised with select stakeholder on Internal Trade (mainly trade facilitation) in Mumbai	Mr Dushyant Mulani Mr Amit Kamat Mr Shankar Shinde Mr Sailesh Bhatia	MAITRI Conference room, First Floor . Krupanidhi Building, W H Marg, Ballard Estate	CII - World Bank
16-07-2024	Review meeting under the chairmanship of Secretary, MoPSW of India Maritime Centre (IMC) under Maritime India Vision (MIV) 2030 -reg	Mr Shankar Shinde Mr Dinesh Gupta Mr Sudip Dey	Virtual	Secretary MoPSW
17-07-2024	Secured Document Exchange - Introduction SDEX, is a structured, secured and transparent digital document management & exchange platform over a blockchain	Mr Shankar Shinde Mr Sudip Dey	Virtual	FFFAI
18-07-2024	Meeting with IIFT for inputs on faceless assessment.	Office Bearers Association Presidents EC Members Dr Pramod Sant	Virtual	FFFAI
18-07-2024	AMTOI 3rd EB Meeting	Mr Dushyant Mulani Mr Amit Kamat Mr Shankar Shinde	IMARA , The Royal Western India Turf Club, Mahalaxmi, Mumbai	AMTOI
19-07-2024	The Gujarat SemiConnect Conference	Mr Dinesh Gupta	Mahatma Mandir, Gandhinagar, Gujarat	Gujarat Maritime Board
19-07-2024	Trade meet and an interactive session with Sh. Sanjay Swarup (Invitation card received on WA to Sudip sir)	Mr Girish N	Bangalore	Concor
19-07-2024	Knowledge Series Webinar - Exports. Part 1	Office Bearers Dr Pramod Sant	Virtual	FFFAI
24-07-2024	India - Russia webinar	Mr Dushyant Mulani Mr Amit Kamat Mr Shankar Shinde Mr Sudip Dey	Virtual	FFFAI - CCTT
26-07-2024	PAHAL	Office Bearers	Virtual	DG Systems
29-07-2024	One-Day Workshop-cum-Brainstorming Session for Technical Committee Members	Mr Shankar Shinde	BIS New Delhi	BIS
31-07-2024	Finalization of CBLR suggestions	Mr Dushyant Mulani Mr Shankar Shinde Mr Sudip Dey Mr Kiran Rambhia Mr Kartik Pancholi Mr Samir Shah	Virtual	FFFAI
02-08-2024	Meeting Notice on the surge in Ocean freight rate by Shipping lines	Mr Sailesh Bhatia	Virtual	Logistics Division Dept. of Commerce
03-08-2024	Post Budget Interaction of Trade and Industry with Revenue Secretary	Mr Sudip Dey	Kolkata	Kolkata Customs
05-08-2024	Meeting with CBIC Chairman	Mr Dushyant Mulani Mr Amit Kamat Mr Shankar Shinde Mr Sudip Dey	New Delhi	FFFAI
05-08-2024	Meeting with Member Customs	Mr Dushyant Mulani Mr Amit Kamat Mr Shankar Shinde Mr Sudip Dey	New Delhi	FFFAI
05-08-2024	Meeting with CONCOR	Mr Dushyant Mulani Mr Amit Kamat Mr Shankar Shinde Mr Sudip Dey	New Delhi	FFFAI
06-08-2024	Meeting with FSSAI Director (Import)	Mr Amit Kamat Mr Shankar Shinde Mr Sudip Dey Mr Puneet Jain Mr Mannu Choudhary Mr S Ramakrishna	New Delhi	FFFAI
06-08-2024	1st Meeting of Cold Chain Logistics Sectional Committee, SSD 23	Mr Kiran Nagare	Virtual	BIS

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06-08-2024	Meeting of the Working Group on Time Release Study The meeting will be headed jointly by Joint Secretary (Customs), CBIC and Joint Secretary (Ports), MoPSW	Mr Shankar Shinde Mr Amit Kamat Mr Sudip Dey Mr Puneet Jain	Saptrishi, Room no 72, North Block, New Delhi	NCTF Secretariat, CBIC
07-08-2024	To review the action taken status on the 6th Meeting of the EGoS under PM GatiShakti NMP and the meeting will focus on the issues of popularizing on ULIP, data layers of SEZs on PMGS portal, installation of RFID Readers, Action plan for LPI etc.. Commerce Secretary will chair a meeting	Mr Dushyant Mulani Mr Sudip Dey Mr A V Vijaykumar	Hybrid	Under Secretary (Logistics Division) Dept. of Commerce
07-08-2024	AMTOI 11th Managing Committee Meeting for the Term 2023-2024	Mr Dushyant Mulani Mr Amit Kamat Mr Shankar Shinde Mr Sudip Dey	Hybrid	AMTOI
07-08-2024	BIS Webinar Invitation: On the Road to Excellence	Mr Amit Kamat Mr Shankar Shinde Mr Rajesh Verma Mr Sudip Dey Mr Kiran Nagare	Virtual	BIS
08-08-2024	Virtual meeting with Additional Secretary Rajeev Singh Thakur, DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce & Industry	Mr Dushyant Mulani Mr Amit Kamat Mr Shankar Shinde Mr Sudip Dey Mr A V Vijayakumar Mr S Ramakrishna	Virtual	DPIIT
08-08-2024	Review meeting under the chairmanship of Secretary, MoPSW for establishment of India International Maritime Dispute Resolution Centre under	Mr Shankar Shinde Mr Samir Shah	Virtual	SagarmalaTeam Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways
08-08-2024	Export Webinar Series. Part 2 : RoDTEP Scheme Origin, Requirements and Benefits	Office Bearers Mr Tej Contractor Dr Nirav Thakker Dr Pramod Sant Ms Chaitaly Mehta	Virtual	FFFAI
09-08-2024	1st Task Force meeting under Chairpersonship of Additional Secretary, Logistics Division, DPIIT for developing a framework for calculating logistics cost on a periodic basis.	Mr S Ramakrishna	Room no. 30, Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi	DPIIT
09-08-2024	Meeting with RBI officials	Mr Dushyant Mulani Mr Amit Kamat Mr Shankar Shinde	Department of Regulation, Central Office, Reserve Bank of India	FFFAI - RBI
10-08-2024	Discussion on improvement of MMTG Act, 1993 and COGSA, 1925 and Bills of Lading Act, 1856	FFFAI OB AMTOI BCBA	Hybrid from FFFAI Secretariat	FFFAI AMTOI BCBA
12-08-2024	India Cargo Awards - Cargo Talk	Mr Dushyant Mulani Mr Amit Kamat Mr Shankar Shinde	Sofitel, BKC	Cargo Talk
20-08-2024	Convenor, NAC Chemicals (Pr. Chief Commissioner of Customs, JNCH) has desired to undertake an interaction with all stakeholders related to importation of goods falling under chapter 28 to 49	Mr Dushyant Mulani Mr Amit Kamat Mr Shankar Shinde Mr Sudip Dey	Hybrid	Convenor, NAC Chemicals (Pr. Chief Commissioner of Customs, JNCH)
20-08-2024	179th report of parliamentary committee on the cost of export freight and dependency on foreign shipping lines.	Mr Dushyant Mulani Mr Amit Kamat Mr Shankar Shinde Mr Sudip Dey Mr Sailesh Bhatia Mr Paresh Thakker	Virtual	DGS
20-08-2024	Meeting between FFFAI and CMEC (RIS)	Mr Dushyant Mulani Mr Amit Kamat Mr Shankar Shinde Mr Sudip Dey	Virtual	FFFAI - CMEC (RIS)
21-08-2024	14th MALA Awards	Mr Dushyant Mulani	JW Marriot, Mumbai	EXIM India
23-08-2024	Launching of various projects and initiatives of Mumbai Port by Hon'ble Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal	Mr Dushyant Mulani Mr Amit Kamat	Daya Shankar Auditorium, New Customs House, Ballard Estate, Mumbai	Mumbai Port Authority

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27-08-2024	LogiMat First Advisory Committee Meeting - Discuss the roadmap for the next edition, outline the next steps, and go over planned marketing and promotional activities for exhibitors, visitors, and delegates	Mr Dushyant Mulani Mr Sudip Dey	Virtual	Messe Stuttgart India Pvt. Ltd
27-08-2024	Industry interaction by the National Assessment Centre	Office Bearers EC Members	Virtual	NAC
28-08-2024	18th edition of Anuga FoodTec India 2024	Mr Shankar Shinde	Bombay Exhibition Centre	Koelnmesse Pvt Ltd
28-08-2024	Meeting with Hon'ble CM of Goa	Mr Amit Kamat	Goa	FFFAI
29-08-2024	18th edition of Anuga FoodTec India 2024 + India Food Supply Chain Summit 2024	Mr Dushyant Mulani Mr Shankar Shinde	Bombay Exhibition Centre	Koelnmesse Pvt Ltd
29-08-2024	Meeting with trade experts chaired by Shri Santosh Sarangi AS&DG, DGFT regarding World Bank's B-READY project	Mr Dushyant Mulani Mr Shankar Shinde Mr Amit Kamat Mr Sudip Dey Mr S Ramakrishna	Hybrid	Department of Commerce
29-08-2024	Carriage of Cargo and Containers (CCC) 10th Session 16Sep 2024 to 20 Sep 2024 IMO Shadow committee meeting	Mr Dushyant Mulani Mr Shankar Shinde Mr Amit Kamat Mr Sudip Dey Mr Sailesh Bhatia Mr Parsesh Thakker	Hybrid	DG Shipping
29-08-2024	Interaction with Trade and Industry on Faceless Assessment by National Assessment Centres (NACs) for the Electrical Machinery Group (Gr 5A, 5C and 5M)	Mr Dushyant Mulani Mr Shankar Shinde Mr Amit Kamat Mr Sudip Dey	Virtual	Bengaluru Airport and Air Cargo Commissionerate
29-08-2024	IFCBA Virtual Meeting Board of Directors and AGM	Mr Shankar Shinde Mr Dushyant Mulani	Virtual	IFCBA
30-08-2024	18th edition of Anuga FoodTec India 2024	Mr Shankar Shinde	Bombay Exhibition Centre	Koelnmesse Pvt Ltd
30-08-2024	13th Meeting of Transport Services Sectional Committee, SSD 01	Mr Dushyant Mulani Mr Amit Kamat Mr Shankar Shinde Mr Sudip Dey Mr Rajesh Verma	Hybrid	BIS



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CBIC (CENTRAL BOARD OF INDIRECT TAXES & CUSTOMS)

Sr. No	Letter/ Reference no	Date	Topic	Addressed to
1	FFFAI/REP/378/2023	September 30, 2023	Formulation of National Trade Facilitation Action Plan (NTFAP) 2023-2026	Shri Vivek Kumar, Deputy Commissioner, NCTF Secretariat, Customs Policy Wing, CBIC
2	FFFAI/REP/381/2023	October 5, 2023	Virtual meeting of Trade with CBIC to enhance Trade Facilitation Measures	Shri Sanjay Kumar Agarwal, IRS, Chairman CBIC, New Delhi.
3	FFFAI/REP/ 384 /2023	October 9,2023	Life time validity of Self-sealing permission for exports.	Shri Surjit Bhujabal, IRS Member - Customs CBIC
4	FFFAI/REP/ 385/2023	October 9,2023	Difficulties faced by member in testing of import and export samples	Shri Surjit Bhujabal, IRS Member - Customs CBIC
5	FFFAI/REP/ 386/2023	October 9,2023	Incorporating SCOMET list in ICEGATE/ ICES System to provide error seeking SCOMET authorisation	Shri Surjit Bhujabal, IRS Member - Customs CBIC
6	FFFAI/REP/ 390 /2023	October 10,2023	Delay in assessment of Bills of Entry under Faceless Assessment	Shri Surjit Bhujabal, IRS Member - Customs CBIC
7	FFFAI/REP/399 /2023	October 16,2023	Frequent downtime and slow working of Customs EDI/ ICEGATE System	Shri Surjit Bhujabal, IRS Member - Customs CBIC
8	FFFAI/REP/ 420 /2023	Novemebr 09,2023	Clarification regarding applicability of BIS certification to import steel product covered under Steel and Steel Products (Quality Control) Order 2018 read with Ministry of Steel circular vide file no. S-20011/14/2021-TECH dated 26th October, 2023 regarding applicability of BIS certification norms for steel items imported in India	Shri Surjit Bhujabal, IRS Member - Customs CBIC

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9	FFFAI/REP/435 /2023	November 30, 2023	Processing of air export shipments are held up due to EDI message exchange breakdown between Custodian and Customs	Shri Surjit Bhujabal, IRS
10	FFFAI/MISC/ 443/2023	December 7, 2023	Points to be discussed during the meeting on 7th December, 2023	Shri Surjit Bhujabal, IRS
11	FFFAI/LETTER/462/ 2023	December 30, 2023	Holding of G category examination on annual basis at all locations.	Shri Surjit Bhujabal, IRS
12	FFFAI/REP/032/2024	February 16, 2024	Voluntary Payment of Custom Duty	Shri Anupam Prakash Joint Secretary (Customs)
13	FFFAI/REP/033/2024	February 16, 2024	Permission for Part delivery of container from single BE having multiple containers after payment Custom duty by the importers.	
14	FFFAI/REP/034/2024	February 16, 2024	Post Arrival amendment should not result in re-assessment of Bills of Entry	
15	FFFAI/REP/035/2024	February 17, 2024	Carrying out of amendments in Export Shipping Bill in Customs EDI System	
16	FFFAI/REP/036/2024	February 17, 2024	Digital online working environment required with all PGAs	
17	FFFAI/REP/071/2024	March 21, 2024	Containers being picked up for scanning under line number causes difficulty to the members at Kolkata	Shri Anupam Prakash; Joint Secretary (Customs)
18	FFFAI/REP/074/2024	April 01, 2024	Pendency of the verification for the provisional assessment carried out by field formations under CAROTAR Rules, 2020	Shri Anupam Prakash; Joint Secretary (Customs)

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19	FFFAI/REP/075/2024	April 01, 2024	Delay in testing of samples by laboratory / PGAs	Shri Surjit Bhujabal, IRS Member - Customs
20	FFFAI/REP/076/2024	April 01, 2024	Export trade highly inconvenienced for transit of cargo at various check-posts in State of Bihar.	Special Secretary (Logistics) Ministry of Commerce & Industry Government of India
21	FFFAI/REP/ 084/2024	April 04, 2024	KYC and e-KYC Procedure	Shri Tribhuwan Yadav OSD, Cus VI
22	FFFAI/REP/090 /2024	April 08, 2024	Custom Brokers not to be implicated in case of interpretative disputes	Shri Surjit Bhujabal, IRS Member - Customs Shri Anupam Prakash Joint Secretary (Customs)
23	FFFAI/REP/091 /2024	April 08, 2024	Wrong examination order being prescribed by the Officers	Shri Surjit Bhujabal, IRS Member - Customs
24	FFFAI/REP/124	April 24, 2024	Delay in clearance due to increase in percentage of scanning of containers	Shri Anupam Prakash Joint Secretary (Customs) Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs
25	FFFAI/REP/133/2024	May 08 ,2024	Non-functioning of EPRA (Central Pollution Control Board) website	Shri R. Ananth Director (Customs)
26	FFFAI/REP/137/2024	May 14, 2024	Difficulty in clearing the goods covered under E-Waste Management Rule 2022.	Shri Anupam Prakash Joint Secretary (Customs)
27	FFFAI/REP/145/2024	1-Jun-2024	Carrying out of amendments in Export Shipping Bill in Customs EDI System	Shri Anupam Prakash Joint Secretary (Customs) CBIC
28	FFFAI/REP/147/2024	1-Jun-2024	Auto regularization of EGM for export of cargo through ICDs	Shri Surjit Bhujabal, IRS Member - Customs
29	FFFAI/REP/150 /2024	3-Jun-2024	Non transfer of NOC documents online	Shri Anupam Prakash Joint Secretary (Customs)

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30	FFFAI/REP/170/2024	July 2, 2024	Non-functioning of Drug Control office on certain Saturdays.	Shri Anupam Prakash, Joint Secretary (Customs)
31	FFFAI/REP/183/2024	20-Jul-2024	Invitation to address the members on post-budget implication	Shri Surjit Bhujabal, IRS Member - Customs
32	FFFAI/REP/188/2024	24.07.2024	Waiver of late filing charged due to Union Budget	Shri Anupam Prakash Joint Secretary (Customs)
33	FFFAI/REP/195/2024	29.07.2024	Launch of Steel Import Monitoring System (SIMS) 2.0	Shri Anupam Prakash Joint Secretary (Customs)
34	FFFAI/REP/201/2024	1-Aug-2024	Testing facility for Kandla/ Mundra Port	Shri Surjit Bhujabal, IRS Member - Customs Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs
35	FFFAI/REP/202/2024	1-Aug-2024	Testing facility for Kandla/ Mundra Port	Shri Sanjay Kumar Agarwal Chairman-CBIC
36	FFFAI/REP/203/2024	1-Aug-2024	Testing facility for Kandla/ Mundra Port	Shri Manish Kumar Director (Revenue Laboratories) (Addl. Charge)
37	FFFAI/REP/217/2024	9-Aug-2024	Delay in clearance due to RMS module and ICEGATE not functioning properly	Shri Surjit Bhujabal, IRS Member - Customs
38	FFFAI/REP/226/2024	22-Aug-2024	Record Note of discussion of the Meeting of the Working Group on Time Release Study held on 06.08.2024	NCTF Secretariat CBIC

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DIRECTOR GENERAL (SYSTEMS)

Sr. No	Letter/ Reference no	Date	Topic	Addressed to
1	FFFAI/REP/377/2023	4-Oct-2023	Erratic and slow working of ICEGATE System	Shri Yogendra Garg, Director General (Systems), New Delhi.
2	FFFAI/REP/380/2023	5-Oct-2023	Request for an urgent appointment to meet and discuss regarding ICEGATE/EDI issues	
3	FFFAI/REP/400 /2023	16-Oct-2023	Frequent downtime and slow working of Customs EDI/ ICEGATE System	
4	FFFAI/REP/ 403/2023	18-Oct-2023	Non-submission of Bills of Entry due to qualifier.	Shri Anuj Gogia ,Principal Addl. Director General (Systems) Customs & Central Excise
5	FFFAI/REP/ 422/2023	Novemebr 10,2023	Export SB not numbering due to revised drawback Sl no: 630299b (HS Code 63024090) - Not updated in ICEGATE	Shri Abhinav Gupta Additional Director General (ICEGATE)
6	FFFAI/REP/ 456 /2023	26-Dec-2023	Error Code 835_MAIN	Shri Yogendra Garg Director General (Systems)
7	FFFAI/REP/ 457 /2023	26-Dec-2023	Error Code 835_MAIN	Shri Abhinav Gupta Additional Director General (Systems)
8	FFFAI/REP/ 457 /2023	26-Dec-2023	Error Code 835_MAIN	Shri Anuj Gogia Principal Additional Director General (Systems)
9	FFFAI/REP/ 458 /2023	28-Dec-2023	Disruption of work in Tuticorin from 17th to 27th Dec due to Cyclone Sambhavam	Capt Deepak Tewari ,Chairman, Container Shipping Lines Association
10	FFFAI/REP/015 /2024	23-Jan-2024	Monthly meeting with DG System and ICEGATE team	Shri Yogendra GargDirector General (Systems)Directorate General of Systems & Data Management Customs & Central Excise
11	FFFAI/REP/020 /2024	2-Feb-2024	Monthly meeting with DG System and ICEGATE team	
12	FFFAI/REP/018/2024	2-Feb-2024	IGCR bond and bank guarantee not getting debited.	Shri Abhinav GuptaAdditional Director General (ICEGATE)Directorate General of Systems & Data Management

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DIRECTOR GENERAL (SYSTEMS)

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13	FFFAI/REP/022 /2024	5-Feb-2024	Difficulties faced under ICEGATE/ EDI System	Shri Yogendra GargDirector General (Systems)Directorate General of Systems & Data Management
14	FFFAI/REP/026 /2024	7-Feb-2024	Monthly meeting with DG System and ICEGATE team	
15	FFFAI/REP/028 /2024	13-Feb-2024	Delay in message exchange after Out of Charge across the country	
16	FFFAI/REP/030 /2024	14-Feb-2024	Marks and Nos provided in checklist not reflecting on the Shipping Bill Prints	"Shri Abhinav Gupta Additional Director General (ICEGATE)"
17	FFFAI/REP/ 044 /2024	1-Mar-2024	Monthly meeting with DG System and ICEGATE team	Shri Yogendra GargDirector General (Systems)
18	FFFAI/REP/ 080/2024	2-Apr-2024	Difficulties faced by trade while filing the documents in EDI System	Shri Abhinav GuptaAdditional Director General (ICEGATE)
19	FFFAI/ECL/095	10-Apr-2024	One ECL issue pending since April 2023. BOE No. 5375752 / 05.04.2023 - Importer : EUROAQUA PLUMTEK	Shri Abhinav Gupta Additional Director General (ICEGATE)
20	FFFAI/REP/128/2024	29-Apr-2024	Online amendment of IGM details in Bills of Entry	Shri Yogendra Garg Director General (Systems)
21	FFFAI/REP/146 /2024	1-Jun-2024	Digital signature tool not working on ICEGATE System	Shri Yogendra Garg Director General (Systems)
22	FFFAI/REP/151/2024	3-Jun-2024	Non transfer of NOC documents online	Shri Yogendra Garg Director General (Systems)
23	FFFAI/REP/158/2024	10-Jun-2024	Increase in numbers of Bills of Entry marked to FSSAI	Shri Yogendra Garg Director General (Systems)
24	FFFAI/REP/162/2024	19-Jun-2024	Non-functioning of AEM	Shri Abhinav Gupta Additional Director General (Systems)
25	FFFAI/REP/175/2024	10-Jul-2024	Import Online goods registrations and query reply not available for several users	Shri Yogendra Garg Director General (Systems)
26	FFFAI/REP/176	10-Jul-2024	Non Transmission of Bill of Entry and Shipping Bills under IDPMS and EDPMS	Shri Yogendra Garg Director General (Systems)

REPRESENTATIONS MADE BY FFFAI

DIRECTOR GENERAL (SYSTEMS)

Sr. No	Letter/ Reference no	Date	Topic	Addressed to
27	FFFAI/REP/175/2024	10-Jul-2024	Import Online goods registrations and query reply not available for several users	Shri Yogendra Garg Director General (Systems)
28	FFFAI/REP/176	10-Jul-2024	Non Transmission of Bill of Entry and Shipping Bills under IDPMS and EDPMS	Shri Yogendra Garg Director General (Systems)
29	FFFAI/REP/187/2024	24.07.2024	Filing of Bills of Entry in ICEGATE/ EDI System	Shri Abhinav Gupta Additional Director General (Systems)

MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

Sr. No	Letter/ Reference no	Date	Topic	Addressed to
1	FFFAI/REP/407/2023	20-Oct-2023	Stoppage of Cargo operations at DCSC Cargo Terminal of IGI Airport	Shri Piyush Srivastava, IAS,Senior Economic Advisor,Ministry of Civil Aviation
2	FFFAI/REP/450/2023	15-Dec-2023	Meeting of Civil Aviation Advisory Group on Cargo scheduled to be held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of Civil Aviation	ER Section Ministry of Civil Aviation
3	FFFAI/REP/455/2023	26-Dec-2023	Representation regarding increase in tariff by air cargo terminal operators without Ministry of civil Avialtion Approval	Shri. Jyotiraditya Scindia, Hon'ble Union Minsiter of Civil Aviation , New Delhi
4	FFFAI/REP/001/2023	1-Jan-2024	Requirement of Aircargo to be brought under AERA approval	ER Section Ministry of Civil Aviation
5	FFFAI/REP/144/2024	31-May-2024	Representation with reference to unilateral and unjustified increase in Cargo handling tariff by Cargo Terminal operators at the Airports --- requirement of transparent policy based on performance required from Government of India.	Ms. Indu Butani Under Secretary Ministry of Civil Aviation
6	FFFAI/REP/021 /2024	2-Feb-2024	Celebi Comparision Rates	ER Section Ministry of Civil Aviation Government of India

REPRESENTATIONS MADE BY FFFAI

DGFT

Sr. No	Letter/ Reference no	Date	Topic	Addressed to
1	FFFAI/REP/ 388/2023	9-Oct-2023	Online clarification for importer/ exporter to be provided regarding SCOMET	Shri Santosh Kumar Sarangi,Director General of Foreign Trade
2	FFFAI/REP/177	10-Jul-2024	Difficulty in filing Bill of Entry under SEZ / FTWZ under the new software developed under ICEGATE	Shri L Satya Srinivas, Additional Secretary, DoC
3	FFFAI/REP/177	10-Jul-2024	Difficulty in filing Bill of Entry under SEZ / FTWZ under the new software developed under ICEGATE	Shri L Satya Srinivas, Additional Secretary, DoC

DPIIT

Sr. No	Letter/ Reference no	Date	Topic	Addressed to
1	FFFAI/CONF/ 441/2023	5-Dec-2023	Meeting notice for Special Services Improvement Group (SIG) with Customs	Shri Rajesh Kumar Verma
2	FFFAI/ SCOPE-SHPG/037/2024	20-Feb-2024	Points for including in the agenda of 52nd Session of SCOPE-Shipping Meeting	Shri Ramesh Kumar Verma Deputy Secretary,DPIIT
3	FFFAI/REP/189/2024	24-July-2024	Duplication of process to be carried for import and export clearances.	Ms. Riya Roy DPIIT

REPRESENTATIONS MADE BY FFFAI

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

Sr. No	Letter/ Reference no	Date	Topic	Addressed to
1	FFFAI/REP/408 /2023	20-Oct-2023	Stoppage of Cargo operations at DCSC Cargo Terminal of IGI Airport.	Ms. Sumita Dawra,Special Secretary (Logistics) ,Ministry of Commerce & Industry
2	FFFAI/REP/040/2024	24-Feb-2024	Red Sea issues	Shri Sunil Barthwal, Commerce Secretary
3	FFFAI/REP/140	27-May-2024	Brief note on import of Steel, Paper, Other metals etc.	Shri Sagar Kadu Director (Logistics) Department of Commerce
4	FFFAI/REP/143/2024	30-May-2024	Functionality of DPD/DPE Scheme at Noida Customs (Agenda Point No.17 of 17th CCG Meeting) -Reg.	Assistant Commissioner (Tech) Office of the Principal Commissioner of Customs Noida Customs Commissionerate
5	FFFAI/REP/186/2024	22-Jul-2024	Difficulty in filing Bill of Entry under SEZ / FTWZ under the new software developed under ICEGATE	Shri Sunil Barthwal Secretary Department of Commerce

MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

Sr. No	Letter/ Reference no	Date	Topic	Addressed to
1	FFFAI/REP/ 459 /2023	28-Dec-2023	Request to declare Force Majeure due to cyclonic storm Sambhavan at Tuticorin	Shri Sarbananda Sonowal Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways & Ministry of Ayush

REPRESENTATIONS MADE BY FFFAI

MINISTRY OF RAILWAY

Sr. No	Letter/ Reference no	Date	Topic	Addressed to
1	FFFAI/REP/ 387/2023	9-Oct-2023	Dynamic Pricing Policy – Levy of Busy Season Charge	Shri Anshu Pandey,Director Traffic Commerce (Rate)

MSME

Sr. No	Letter/ Reference no	Date	Topic	Addressed to
1	FFFAI/REP/ 389 /2023	10-Oct-2023	Seeking Suggestions related to the amendment in MSMED Act, 2006	Policy Division;Office of Development Commissioner (MSME)
2	FFFAI/REP/376/2023	13-Oct-2023	Seeking comments on proposed amendment related to reverse job work in the SEZ Act, 2005	Amit Kumar Tamaria,Joint Director (Policy) Office of Development Commissioner (MSME)

MINISTRY OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & DAIRYING

Sr. No	Letter/ Reference no	Date	Topic	Addressed to
1	FFFAI/REP/005/2023	6-Jan-2024	Introductory Mail	Shri G.N.Singh Joint secretary Trade Ministry of Animal Husbandry & Dairying
2	FFFAI/REP/006/2023	6-Jan-2024	Introductory Mail	Mr Ashish Shrivastava Joint Secretary Ministry of Agriculture & Farmer welfare Plant Quarantine certification services
3	FFFAI/REP/152 /2024	3-Jun-2024	Non transfer of NOC documents online	Shri G.N.Singh Joint secretary Trade Ministry of Animal Husbandry & Dairying

REPRESENTATIONS MADE BY FFFAI

AERA

Sr. No	Letter/ Reference no	Date	Topic	Addressed to
1	FFFAI/REP/418/2023	Novemebr 07,2023	Comments /Observations on Consultation Paper No. 15/2023-24 dated 18-10-2023 in the matter of Determination of Tariff for the Cargo handling Services in respect of Kerala State Industrial Enterprises Ltd (KSIEL) at Thiruvananthapuram International Airport for the third control Period (FY 2021-22 to 2025 -26) –regarding	Director (P&S, Tariff) Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India (AERA),

DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING

Sr. No	Letter/ Reference no	Date	Topic	Addressed to
1	FFFAI/REP/038	20-Feb-2024	Note by the Federation of Freight Forwarders Association of India (FFFAI) inrespect of the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFF) on Vessel SharingAgreement presentation in the director general of Shipping office	Shri Shyam Jagannathan, IAS Director , DG Shipping

AUTOMATION OF ALL PROCESSES IN SEA CUSTOMS & ICDS

Sr. No	Letter/ Reference no	Date	Topic	Addressed to
1	FFFAI/REP/ 041/2024	27-Feb-2024	Automation of all processes in Sea Customs & ICDs- reg.	Shri Rajesh Pandey Chief Commissioner of Customs, JNCH

REPRESENTATIONS MADE BY FFFAI

CENTRAL REVENUES CONTROL LABORATORY

Sr. No	Letter/ Reference no	Date	Topic	Addressed to
1	FFFAI/REP/203/2024	1-Aug-2024	Testing facility for Kandla/ Mundra Port	Shri Manish Kumar Director (Revenue Laboratories) (Addl. Charge)

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

Sr. No	Letter/ Reference no	Date	Topic	Addressed to
1	FFFAI/REP/222/2024	20-Aug-2024	Tolerance Limit in case of pesticides for which MRLs have not been fixed	The Chief Executive Officer Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
2	FFFAI/REP/223/2024	20-Aug-2024	Clarity on importation of Products for dual use	Shri Manvesh Kumar, IRS Director Food Safety and Standard Authority of India

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

Sr. No	Letter/ Reference no	Date	Topic	Addressed to
1	FFFAI/REP/182/2024	20-Jul-2024	Filing of Bills of Entry and Shipping Bill on behalf of SEZ/ FTWZ units by Custom Brokers	Shri Sanjay Malhotra Secretary (Revenue)
2	FFFAI/REP/225/2024	20-Aug-2024	Regulations relating to Amendment of Documents under Section 149 of the Customs Act, 196	Shri Dhananjay Singh Under Secretary to the Government of IndiaMinistry of Finance

REPRESENTATIONS MADE BY FFFAI

BIS

Sr. No	Letter/ Reference no	Date	Topic	Addressed to
1	FFFAI/BIS/096/2024	11-Apr-2024	Feedback for BIS Research Project on Supply Chain of Temperature Sensitive Goods - Food and Pharma	Shri Shivam Soni Manak Bhavan

CCO, MUMBAI CUSTOMS ZONE – II

Sr. No	Letter/ Reference no	Date	Topic	Addressed to
1	FFFAI/REP/132 /2024	6-May-2024	Agenda points for discussion	Shri Venugopal S. Aiyer ; Assistant Commissioner of Customs
2	FFFAI/REP/132 /2024	6-May-2024	Agenda points for discussion	Shri Venugopal S. Aiyer ; Assistant Commissioner of Customs
3	FFFAI/REP/135/2024	9-May-2024	Additional agenda points for discussion	Shri Venugopal S. Aiyer ; Assistant Commissioner of Customs

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & FARMER WELFARE

Sr. No	Letter/ Reference no	Date	Topic	Addressed to
1	FFFAI/REP/153/2024	3-Jun-2024	Non transfer of NOC documents online	Mr Ashish Shrivastava Joint Secretary Ministry of Agriculture & Farmer welfare
2	FFFAI/REP/154/2024	3-Jun-2024	Non transfer of NOC documents online	Shri Apurva Chandra, IAS Chairperson Food Safety and Standards Authority of India

DIRECTOR GENERAL OF EXPORT PROMOTION

Sr. No	Letter/ Reference no	Date	Topic	Addressed to
1	FFFAI/CCG/159/2024	15-Jun-2024	Point for 18th Customs Consultative Group Meeting	Mr. Anoop Chandra Srivastava, Assistant Director

COMMITTEE AND COUNCILS REPORTS

EDI COUNCIL



Mr. Puneet Jain
OB-incharge

Dear Members,

We would like to place the report of EDI Council for the term 2023-2024 and thanked the Executive Committee Members, President of Member Association for providing their feedback/ suggestion on the EDI issues faced by them at their locations.

Highlights – EDI Council 2023-25

- Regular EDI Council meet to discuss and collate points from Members/Trade.
- Meeting with DG System to address System related issues
- Close coordination with all Local Association and compiling Data on technical error.
- Representation to CBIC on various occasions to address and suggestion for improvisation
- Tread bar discussions with local EDI/ NIC for the rectifying Technical Hitches.
- Alert to member on system changes and new developments

Flagged Matters with DG system & Partially Implemented

- Rectification of Goods registration and examination order by Mail - Receiving by Mail now



Mr. S. Nataraja
Convener

- Advisory from ICEGATE during ICES/ICEGATE/E-SANCHIT downtime – Not received at all times.
- IGCR online facility & Rectification of technical issues – Rectified.
- ONLINE AD code PAN India successfully implemented with lot of suggestion from FFFAI
- Improvisation of duty integration in ICEGATE – Partially rectified.
- Online process for carrying out all kind of Amendment issues
- Technical snag in getting OOC and gate copy. It has been rectified and now receiving both.

Pending issues and to be Flagged with DG system

- GSTN integration with IEC delays
- Frequent down of tracking system and unable to view that status of bill of entry and IGM
- RoDTEP – if the ledger downloaded and using for BOE , it is not accepted for the same day filing
- Korean FTA error still continued
- Partial migration of icegate 2.0. still depending old version of uploading documents under e sanchit
- Sl no not showing for multiple dongle registered.
- IDPMS transmission delays, suggestion to have manual access to each location

- Tracking system down frequently - unable to track BOE and IGM
- Multiple IGM prior bill of entries are not getting regularised automatically
- Validation error of flat file even in the case all data is in order.
- AD code address selection for updating at online is not available.
- PFMS error even after update the data.
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Flagged Matters with DG system , But not resolved

- Export online Goods registration
- KYC integration of all stake holders at ICEGATE
- Partial shipment clearance option
- EGM Error Rectification Auto mechanism
- Currently no option for change of port code in case of change vessel port of berthing. Chennai /Kattuappalli/Ennore port
- On boarding of all nationalised banks for payment through ECL. Currently only 19 banks

The feedback and support given by the members to EDI council had helped us to represent the issue with appropriate authorities. We hope to receive the similar support from the members in next term also.

We would like to place on record our sincere thanks to our Chairman – Mr. Dushyant Mulani for his constant guidance and support.

S. Nataraja
Convener – EDI Council

PGA COUNCIL



Mr. Puneet Jain
OB-incharge

We would like to place the report of PGA Council for the term 2023-2024 and thanked the Executive Committee Members, President of Member Association for providing their feedback/ suggestion on the PGA issues faced by them at their locations. During the meeting it was decide to create zone and council would coordinate with respective zonal association and gather the information from the respective local Association.



Mr. Mannu Choudhary
Convener

S.no	Name of Members	Association
1	Dr. Darshan Mashroo	Ahmedamad, Jamnagar, Kandla, Mundra, Pipavav, Rajasthan
2	Mr. Ganpat Korde & Mr. Hiren Ruparel	Aurangabad, Brihanmumbai, Goa, Indore, Nagpur, Nashik, Pune
3	Mr. Mannu Choudhary	Calcutta, Kakinada, Odisha, Visakhapatnam, West Bengal
4	Mr. Mohit Sharma	Amritsar, Delhi, Kanpur, Ludhina, Noida
5	Mr. T.Abhimanyu	Thiruvananthapuram, Bangalore, Chennai, Cochin, Coimbatore, Hyderabad, Mangalore, Tuticorin

During the term we had meeting with following officials.

- Meeting with Honorable Minister Shri Purshottam Rupala Ji
- Meeting with Joint Secretary Shri G N Singh & Officials of AQCS

The following points were discussed based on the inputs received from the members across the location.

- Matter updated to official for delay in Issuance
- Member has to visit of NOC from AQCS office
- AQCS Swift link is not link with Icegate System
- SOP of AQCS has been discussed

The outcome of the meeting was AQCS Officials has recognized FFFAI for further trade meet.

The following suggested were submitted.

- Avoid submission of all manual documents and avoid human interference to facilitate the Trade.
- iNeed to increase the infrastructure at AQ office for the trade who visit the location.
- Time limit to be introduced for NOC from AQCS.* Communication facilities to be increased and improved.
- AQCS software needs to be integrated with ICEGATE.



Meeting was held on 6/8/25 at FSSAI headquarters with Shri Manvesh Kumar IRS, Director FSSAI (İnternational trade) along with Lokendra Kumar Joint Director FSSAI also we met JDA , AK Mishra Admin HR policy FSSAI in FDA MMU Bhawan. The meeting was attended by Shri Shankar Shinde Immediate Past Chairman, Chairman-Elect Shri Amit Kamat, Honorary Secretary Shri Sudip Dey, Advisor Shri Ramakrishna ji, Vice Chairman - Puneet Jain and Mr. Mannu Choudhary and following points were discussed.

- Delay In NOC issue was addressed by OB
- Delay in lab reports issue
- System related issues was addressed wherein Rejected is shown in portal for out of scope HSN code to Customs authority
- Non availability of FSSAI Lab in some ports

All the above issues were well noted by authorities and assured FFFAI that it will be sorted out soon with regard to non-availability of FSSAI lab at Indore ICD. It was discussed that custodian should also raise the issue and flag the same issues

The feedback and support given by the members to PGA council had helped us to represent the issue with appropriate authorities. We hope to receive the similar support from the members in next term also.

We would like to place on record our sincere thanks to our Chairman – Mr. Dushyant Mulani for his constant guidance and support.

Mannu Choudhary
Convener – PGA Council

ICD COUNCIL



Mr. Anurag Vijayvargiya
OB-incharge

Dear Members,

We would like to place the report of ICD Council for the term 2023-2024 and thanked the Executive Committee Members, President of Member Association for providing their feedback/ suggestion on the ICD issues faced by them at their locations. ICD Council had meeting and following issues were taken up by members from different ICD locations.

ISSUES REGARDING CFS AMBAD NASHIK

- Basic Infrastructure – Forklift Crane Not Available
- Vehicles for local Movement not Available.
- CMC Person Not Available
- SCMTR Registration Not Yet Done.
- H&T Contractor Tariff is Very High. Not allowing to hire Vehicles from Local Market. – Problem has been solved.

ISSUES AT ICD JANORI

- Flight Operation Not yet started Since August 2020
- Scanners not working properly resulting in Examination of goods – Resulting higher costs.



Mr. Vinod Sharma
Convener

Kanpur ICD

- Absence of Food testing Laboratory
- ADC and Wild Life Authorities office not present
- Testing laboratory of PGAs not present

PUNE ICD EGM

- After filing local EGM at ICD, again EGM is to be filed at gateway port / airport which results many errors and mismatch of EGM. The system should pick up data automatically. Since in the entire country the ICEGATE System is on.

Ludhiana ICD

- Imports Goods Registration is Restricted till 1.00 pm
- Examinations starts only after 3.30 – 4. 00 pm
- Resulting containers miss the vessel cut off.
- Most of the containers takes 5 to 7 days to complete the export stuffing cycle
- PFMS ERROS WHILE RELEASE DBK / IGST REFUNDS – NO SOLUTION
- DELAY IN Examination of goods.
- Excessive number of BOEs is being referred to SIIB.
- Examinations are being conducted under DC / SIIB Supervision

- There is no free choice in appointment of Chartered Engineer is not as per Circular no. 07/2020 dtd. 05.02.202 and the same is being chosen by the department.

CONCOR ICD

- CONCOR not providing labour. Appointed separate contractor. Contractor not working as per guidelines. Many times matter taken in PTFC and various meetings but no Result.
- Movement of containers from gateway port to ICD should be as per BL lots to facilitate timely clearance and to save detention charges. All containers imports and exports of BL should be railed out in a single rack.
- Export containers when moved from ICD to gateway port should be moved as per the Bill of Lading. In case the lot is broken up part containers are "left behind" which results in documentary complications and demurrage charges.
- In case of import when the containers arrive in different trains and since part delivery is not allowed it results in delay in clearance and demurrage charges.

We would like to place on record our sincere thanks to our Chairman – Mr. Dushyant Mulani for his constant guidance and support.

Vinod Sharma
Convener – ICD Council

LAND CUSTOMS COUNCIL



Mr. Rajesh Verma
OB-incharge

Dear Members,
This report encapsulates the highlights of operations at the border. Members of our association have toiled relentlessly to set even higher standards at enhancing EXIM trade efficiency. Issues pertaining to detention of trucks, high loading charges and other technical issues have been raised and resolved in meetings held consistently over a period of time since the submission of the last report.



Mr. Farid Jamal
Convener

On December 2023, the 5th EC Meeting was convened under my chairmanship at Mukhya Bhawan, ICP Petrapole. With the participation of Land Ports Authority Off. Mr. Saini (Mgr.) and DC Cus. Petrapole Mr. Singh, brilliant ideas were exchanged for the future course of action and further improvement of trade.

Furthermore, the meeting held on 14.05.2024 was characterized by resolutions discussed with respect

to several issues related to border operations. I, along with senior officials, attended this meeting which turned out to be a lively discussion with several insightful minds.





Farid Jamal
Convenor – Land Customs Council

SOCIAL MEDIA COUNCIL



Mr. Sudip Dey
OB-incharge

In the Social Media Insight report from OCT 2023 to JULY 2024, the Social Media Committee of FFFAI is formed with the aim of keeping members updated in real-time about the Federation's activities. The committee has effectively covered a variety of initiatives , including convocations, export webinars,



Dr. Nirav Thakker
Convener

logistics and shipping skill courses, workshops, the Global Sustainability Supply Chain Student Competition 2024, and key events like the Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH) webinar. Their participation in government events, including meetings with Shri Sanjay Kumar Agarwal, CBIC

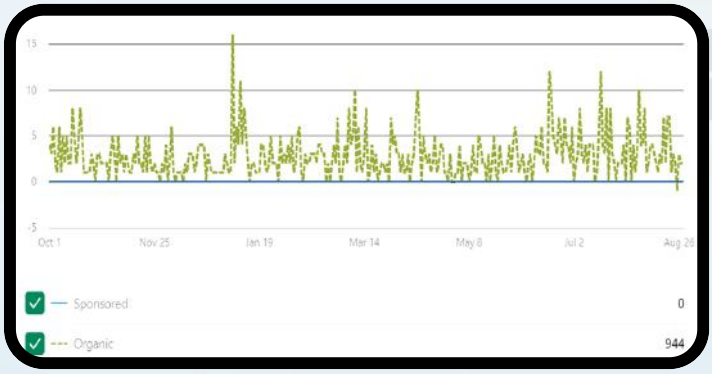
chairman, has also been highlighted.

It is encouraging to see that the information shared by FFFAI on social media platforms has been well received earning appreciation from followers and recognition from government organizations. These efforts have led to a rise in both membership and digital engagement, reflected in increased followers, likes, and interactions.

Under the guidance of Office Bearer in Charge, Mr. Amit Kamat, and Convenor Mr. Nirav Thakker, the committee has achieved substantial visibility. Moving forward, the committee aims to further enhance the quality and reach of its posts for greater visibility and recognition. We extend our gratitude to all our office bearers, executive committee members and member associations for their support, assistance, and guidance

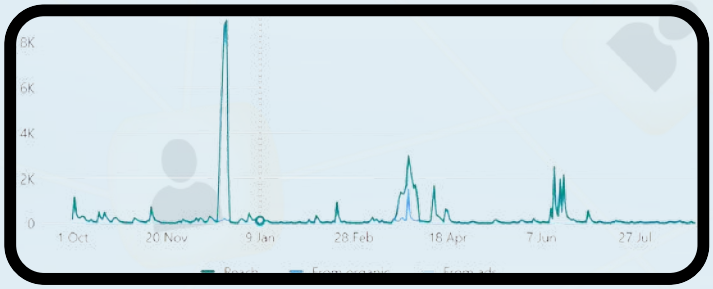
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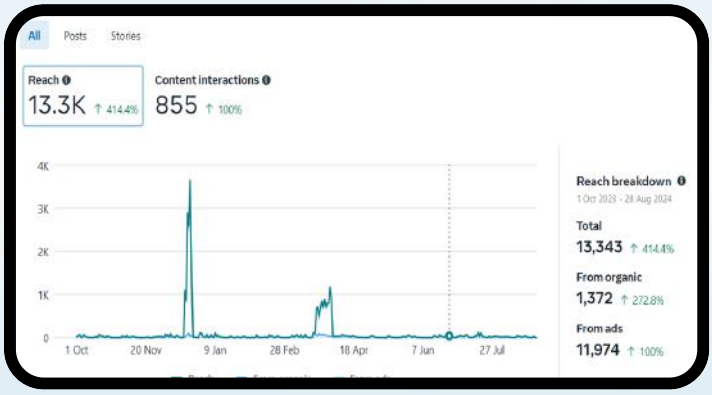
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NEWSLETTER AND BULLETIN COUNCIL



Mr. Mr. Amit Kamat
OB-incharge



Mr. Devendra Bhadoria
Convener



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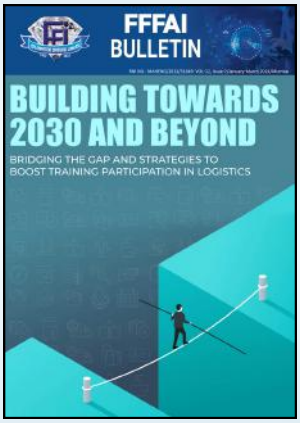
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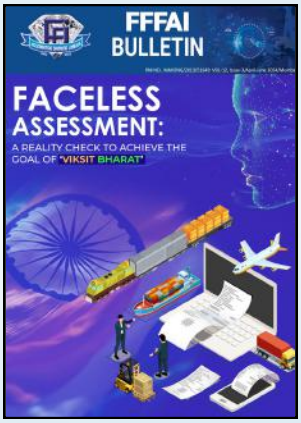
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CUSTOMS COUNCIL



Mr. Dinesh Gupta
OB-incharge



Mr. Kartik Pancholi
Convener (Import)



Mr. Vinayak Aparaj
Convenor (Export)

Dear Members,

We would like to place the report of Customs Council for the term 2023-2024 and thanked the Executive Committee Members, President of Member Association for providing their feedback/ suggestion on the Customs issues faced by them at their locations.

During the term the council members had interaction with Chairman – Central Board of indirect Taxes and Customs, Member (Customs), Joint Secretary (Customs), Director (Customs), DG (Systems), DG Shipping and various other Government Officials across the country.

The prime focus of the Committee has been to ensure that the issues faced by the members are addressed in structured manner with authorities and obtain solution for deriving Ease of Doing Business in Custom Clearance. The feedback given by the members' has helped substantially for making effective representation to CBIC, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, and DG System etc.

The council had also organized various training and skill development program for its members which helped members to enhance their knowledge in various aspects of Customs clearance.

The council was represented for various policy and procedural level improvement on behalf of members in Customs Consultative Group (CCG), NCTF held under leadership of Cabinet Secretary, Special Improvement Group under Ministry of Commerce headed by Special Secretary Commerce. The council had also represented to NTFAP i.e. the National Trade Felicitation Action Plan which was very structured, exhaustive and comprehensive, encompassing Faceless issues, challenges of ICEGATE and EDI System, Post Clearance Audit related issues, PGA related issues and Export Facilitation and other issues related with export. Amendment of documents issues being faced pre/post clearance was also addressed

Thefollowing important facet of Customs Clearance have been represented by FFFAI.

1.Points submitted to NTFAP i.e. the National Trade Felicitation Action Plan

- Creation of trust based working environment.
- Developing a mind-set for achieving higher growth.
- Revamping the existing format of Faceless Assessment
- Providing specific timelines for clearance, i.e., 12 hours for Air and 24 hours for Sea

- Mandatory training of department and industry by experts to inculcate perspective for national growth and development.
- Immediate improvement in working of EDI system and ICEGATE.
- Parallel manual processes with PGA's to be discontinued and a robust mechanism need to be created for seamless working.
- Exports require majors thrust with facilitation measures which we have enlisted in the subsequent pages.

2.Submitted the points for Union Budget 2024

- Section 64: Owner's right to deal with warehoused goods.
- Section 149 – Amendment of documents
- Section 154 – Correction of clerical error.
- Section 28 (1) (b): Recovery of Duty not levied or not paid or short-levied or short-paid or erroneously refunded
- Section 46 (3): Entry of Goods on importation.
- Section 143AA - We suggest proper Centralized cell be setup to address these grievances.

3.Points sponsored during Customs Consultative Group (CCG) Meeting

- At present all such licences of Gold Dorebars are issued on manual basis.
- Utilization of Duty Script in CEPA-TRQ etc., scheme.
- SEZ both "Z" and "T" type B.E are not available on public domain to verify status.
- There are many occasion where the needs to file the provisional B.E. At present there is no provisional available in EDI system to file the provisional basis except for SVB Bills of Entry.
- Licence Register is not available on Public Domain of ICEGATE
- Delay in testing of samples by DYCC, CRCL, PGA Labs
- Higher number of samples being sent for testing by Custom to Textile Committee, FSSAI and other PGAs.
- Faceless Assessment – thrust require to mitigate delay for improving dwell time in clearance.
- Wrong / harsh Examination Order being given.
- Speaking order not being issued even when Customs Act provides this to be issued within 15 days
- Shipping Container for Export cargo to be considered as Unit of Package for examination
- ·Amendment procedure
- Parallel working and duplication of process with PGAs
- Non-reflection of IDPMS/ EDPMS
- SCOMET
- Voluntary payment of differential Customs Duty and Interest.
- For carrying out G card exams pan India.

4.Simplification of Self-Sealing Process of containerized cargo

- Lifetime Time Validity
- Introduction of an Online Portal
- Self- sealing approval for Merchant Exporters

5. Delay in testing of samples by laboratory/ PGAs

6. Test reports should be available online on ICEGATE which can be viewed by the Department Officer, Exporter, Importer and Custom Brokers. At present these are not available to Importer/ Exporter and Custom Brokers.

7.Proper comprehensive testing facilities should be available with the approved laboratories, at present considerable test labs do not have facility for testing which is one of major delay in generating the test reports.

8.Incorporating SCOMET list in ICEGATE/ ICES System to provide error seeking SCOMET authorisation

9. Frequent downtime and slow working of Customs EDI/ ICEGATE System

- Delay in generation of BE and SB on regular basis.

- Frequent downtime in Public Enquiry Module
- Non receipt / Delay in receiving of Incident Numbers from ICEGATE.
- Customs Examination Order for BoE is not getting generated after Version 2.0 was introduced.
- Carrying out of amendments is delayed in EDI System in the second half. It takes minimum 4-6 hours for amendment to appear on Officers screen after application. All amendments should be done digital/online to avoid present parallel manual processes.
- Export processing is delayed since uploading of Shipping Bill Number in E-seal/ RFID seal portal which is very essential for factory sealed containers for exports.

10. Clarification regarding applicability of BIS certification to import steel product covered under Steel and Steel Products (Quality Control) Order 2018 read with Ministry of Steel circular no. vide file no. S-20011/14/2021-TECH dated 26th October, 2023 regarding applicability of BIS certification norms for steel items imported in India.

11. Processing of air export shipments are held up due to EDI message exchange breakdown between Custodian and Customs

12. Holding of G category examination on annual basis at all locations.

- It is suggested that G category examination to be held annually in line with F category examination.
- Exam to be conducted by CBLMS platform, as per the experience it provides full transparency and speed.
- G & F category pass holder who has passed the examination should be permitted to work at all locations across the country for the company in which He/ She is employed, where the Custom Broker license is operative.

13. Voluntary Payment of Customs Duty

- As a measure of trust based environment and to implement the provision of Customs Act, 1962, necessary instructions may be issued to customs field formations for recovery of differential duty along with interest but without levy of fine and penalty.
- It is also requested that voluntary payment under Section 28 (i) & (ii) e-payment module need to be created wherein Importer/ Custom Brokers can make custom duty online with Customs as per the provision cited above.

14. Suggestion for carrying our pilot run and prior intimation to trade before implementing any changes in the software for conducting Pilot Run before implementing of any software

- Electronic Cash Ledger
- Adding of freight amount at item level in shipping bills
- New Warehousing Code of Bond for Bills of Entry
- Changes in the Custodian to Custom Message Exchange Format for Exports
- Country of Origin (COO) certificate issue for South Korea

15. Custom Brokers not to be implicated in case of interpretative disputes

16. Interactive Session/ Open house for our members on Faceless Assessment

17. Auto regularization of EGM for export of cargo through ICDs

18. Permission for part delivery of containers from Single BE having multiple containers after payment of Custom Duty by the importers.

19. Post Arrival amendment should not result in re-assessment of Bills of Entry

20.Carrying out of amendments in Export Shipping Bill in Customs EDI System

21. Digital online working environment required for all PGAs.

22. Containers being picked up for scanning under line number causes difficulty to the members at

23. Pendency of the verification for the provisional assessment carried out by field formations under CAROTAR Rules, 2020

- Completion of verification process as per the time limit given in Non-Tariff Notification no.81/2020 dt. 21st August, 2020 under CAROTAR Rules, 2020
- Information regarding status of verification to be made available to the trade.
- A Nodal Officer at each Customs location to provide information to trade regarding pendency of verification regarding COO certificates.
- Timely final assessment of the provisional assessment once the verification is received.
- Common email ID to be created for feedback regarding verification request.

24. Delay in clearance due to increase in percentage of scanning of containers
25. Difficulty in clearing the goods covered under E-Waste Management Rule 2022.
26. Non transfer of NOC documents online
27. Increase in numbers of Bills of Entry marked to FSSAI
28. Non-functioning of Drug Control office on certain Saturdays
29. Launch of Steel Import Monitoring System (SIMS) 2.0
30. Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) "NOC" is required for obtaining Out of charge of Bill of entry in the EDI system for clearance of Brown/White Fused Alumina classifiable under CTH 28182090
31. Non-functioning of EPRA (Central Pollution Control Board) website
32. Automation of all processes in Sea Customs & ICDs.
33. Tolerance Limit in case of pesticides for which MRLs have not been fixed
34. Clarity on importation of Products for dual use
35. Difficulty in filing Bill of Entry under SEZ / FTWZ under the new software developed under ICEGATE
36. Regulations relating to Amendment of Documents under Section 149 of the Customs Act, 1962

The G20 Summit held in India this year had tag line Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" or ***"One Earth · One Family · One Future"*** which also applies to FFFAI as Unity in diversity of our members coming across the location.

The feedback and support given by the members to Customs council had helped us to represent the issue with appropriate authorities. We hope to receive the similar support from the members in next term also.

We would like to place on record our sincere thanks to our Chairman – Mr. Dushyant Mulani for his constant guidance and support.

Kartik Pancholi
Convener – Customs Council (Imports)

Vinayak Aparaj
Convener – Customs Council (Exports)



AIR FREIGHT COUNCIL



Mr. Puneet Jain
OB-incharge

We would like to place the report of Airports/ Airlines related issue Council for the term 2023-2024 and thanked the Executive Committee Members, President of Member Association for providing their feedback/ suggestion on the Airports/ Airlines related issues faced by them at their locations. During the term the following issues were addressed.

1. Bringing cargo under the ambit of AERA w.r.t. the correlation with international market.
2. No comparison of Cargo Handling charges by CTOs in other countries
3. Proposal for AERA involvement
   - The suggestion is to make it mandatory for all CTOs in India to get their cargo handling tariffs approved by AERA.
   - AERA's involvement is seen as a means to ensure fair and transparent determination of charges by consulting with Cargo Trade forums, Airlines, and other stakeholders.
   - This approach aims to prevent CTOs from imposing exorbitant tariffs without considering the input of relevant industry participants.
   - The above proposal suggests that involving AERA in the approval of cargo handling tariffs by CTOs in India would address issues of limited choice, potential monopolistic practices, and high tariffs.



Mr. Vipin Vohra
Convener

4. FFFAI made representation to Honourable Union Minister of Civil Aviation requesting to ensure that Cargo Terminal Operators to involve the stakeholders in determination of the Cargo Tariff for Air Cargo handling activities at their respective Air Cargo Terminals by creating a 'Consultative group' consisting of Trade associations like FFFAI, ACAAI, DACAAI, VAFA, BAR (India) etc., along with the representatives of Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) OR regulatory body, as may be formed by the Govt of India before finalization of the Cargo Handling Tariff.

5. Stakeholders meeting Consultation Meeting for Shirdi International Airport was held on 05.07.2024 at AERA Office, New Delhi.
Reference : Consultation Paper 02/2024-25 dated 18-06-2024 for determination of Aeronautical charges for Shirdi International Airport for the period 01-04-2022 to 31-03-2027
   - The subject consultation paper did not include the cargo handling tariff proposed for handling of cargo at Shirdi International Airport.
   - Hence no comments were submitted.
   - Presently no international Cargo movement from the Airport.
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6. Air Freight Station issues

7. **Rationalisation of additional charges by the Terminal Operators**
   - Multiple charges are charged by the terminal operators which leads to higher operational cost affecting our export competitiveness at the global level.

8. **Freight Charges of Airline to be controlled**
   - Non-transparency in the airline rates and charges for export/import. The increase in the variable charges levied by the airlines i.e., security surcharge, fuel surcharge etc., leads to higher logistics cost.

9. **Demurrage Charges on goods arriving in part shipments**
   - Presently neither airlines nor terminal operators take any responsibility of absorbing the demurrage charges for the part landed shipments

10. **Delays or Lost shipments by Airlines**
Due to mishandling by airlines, shipments either get delayed by as long as 20-25 days or sometimes they never show u p at the destination.

The feedback and support given by the members has helped us to represent the issue with appropriate authorities. We hope to receive the similar support for the next term from the members.

We would like to place on record our sincere thanks to our Chairman Mr. Dushyant Mulani for his constant guidance and support.

Vipin Vohra
Convener – Airports/ Airlines related issue Council



SHIPPING LINE/ NVOCCS/ MTOS COUNCIL



Mr. Sailesh Bhatia
OB-incharge

We would like to place the report of Shipping Line/ NVOCCs/ MTOs Council for the term 2023-2024 and thanked the Executive Committee Members, President of Member Association for providing their feedback/ suggestion. During the term the following issues were addressed.

1. FFFAI made representation to Director General of Shipping on Vessel Sharing Agreement presented by Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) to Director General during the meeting.

2. FFFAI made representation to Commerce Secretary, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Govt. of India regarding Rea Sea Issue.

- Escalating freight rates.
- Demand of additional freight after sailing of vessel and release of Bills of Lading.

3. Attended Meeting with stakeholder to discuss about UNCITRAL's negotiable Transport document organised by Working Group VI constituted by UNCITRAL for drafting Negotiable Multimodal Transport Document (NMTD)

4. FFFAI convened a meeting with various stakeholders to give inputs on the proposed amendment of the Bills of Lading Act, 1856 and the Carriage of Goods Act, 1925 to the Government of India.



Mr. Paresh Thakkar
Convener

5. The council also took up the issue of depositing of blank cheques with shipping lines as security for delivery of import containers. CFSAI agreed to the proposal and inform their members.

6. FFFAI was also called upon for a consultative meeting by Shri Anant Swarup – Additional Secretary, Ministry of Commerce & Industry to study the surge in ocean freight by shipping lines. FFFAI highlighted the areas which led to the surge and how freight charges were increased after acceptance and sailing of cargo.

7. FFFAI has also made representation to Honourable Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways regarding India having its own Containerized National Shipping Company to serve our nation.

The feedback and support given by the members to Shipping Line/ NVOCCs/ MTOs council had helped us to represent the issue with appropriate authorities. We hope to receive the similar support from the members in next term also. We would like to place on record our sincere thanks to our Chairman – Mr. Dushyant Mulani for his constant guidance and support.

Paresh Thakker
Convener – Shipping Line/ NVOCCs/MTOs

CBLR COUNCIL



Mr. Amit Kamat
OB-incharge

Name	Role	Location
Mr. Amit Kamat	OB Incharge	Goa
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Mr. Rajdeepak Bhargava	Member	Pune
Mr. S. Balasubramanian	Member	Bangalore
Mr. Sreeram Bhagawathi	Member	Kakinada
Mr. R.N. Sekar	Member	Chennai
Mr. R.K. Mehrotra	Member	Noida
Mr. J.A. D'Souza	Member	Goa

Message from the Council

Dear Members,

It gives me immense pleasure to submit the Report of the FFFAI CBLR Committee for the term 2023–2025. Under the leadership of Mr. Dushyant Mulani, Chairman, and Mr. Amit Kamat, Chairman-Elect and OB Incharge of the CBLR Committee, the team has worked diligently to support FFFAI members to start, sustain, and grow within the customs broking industry.

Initiatives by the CBLR Council

The CBLR Committee has undertaken several key initiatives to address the challenges faced by members in the customs broking field. The committee has focused on providing solutions for



Mr. Kiran Rambhia
Convener

the suspension and revocation of customs broker (CB) licenses, enhancing awareness of legal provisions, and addressing issues related to delayed payments and compliance.Key initiatives include:

1. **Show Cause Notices Analysis:**
   - The committee analyzed several sample show-cause notices received by customs brokers.
   - Observations and recommendations were compiled to assist members in responding effectively and mitigating risks

2. **Inputs on CBLR Regulations:**
   - The committee gathered valuable feedback from FFFAI members regarding the CBLR regulations.
   - Suggestions and points were collated and structured according to each regulation, ensuring that members are well-informed and equipped to navigate regulatory challenges.

These initiatives have not only resolved many ongoing issues but also contributed to the overall growth and sustainability of FFFAI members in the customs broking industry.

Kiran Rambhia
Convenor – CBLR Council

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1	FFFAI/CIR/326	10-Jun-2023	Advisory for Trade regarding Check introduced for the Shipping Bill in reference to Nature of Contract	All Members
2	FFFAI/CIR/327	10-Jun-2023	Implementation of CAVR Order 01/2023 for Linear Alkyl Benzene -reg	All Members
3	FFFAI/CIR/328	10-Jun-2023	Mandatory additional qualifiers in export declaration in respects of certain products w.e.f. 01.10.2023– reg	All Members
4	FFFAI/CIR/329	10-Jun-2023	Check introduced for the Shipping Bill in reference to Nature of Contract -reg.	All Members
5	FFFAI/CIR/330	10-Sep-2023	IIFF-Batch 5	All Members
6	FFFAI/CIR/331	10-Sep-2023	2nd Executive Committee Meeting for the term 2023-2025 to be held on 24th and 25th November 2023 at Gandhidham	All Members
7	FFFAI/CIR/332	10-Oct-2023	Delay In Assesment	ECM
8	FFFAI/CIR/ 333 /2023	10-Nov-2023	FFFAI representation with regard to delay in clearance of import consignment	ECM
9	FFFAI/CIR/ 334 /2023	10-Nov-2023	Google Form (EDI Issue Feedback)	ECM
10	FFFAI/CIR/335	10-Dec-2023	Global Freight Summit 2023, Dubai	All Members
11	FFFAI/CIR/336	10-Dec-2023	UPDATE ON FFFAI ACTIVITIES	ECM
12	FFFAI/CIR/337	10-Dec-2023	Pan-India webinar on ‘Recommendations of 50th, 51st and 52nd GST Council Meeting’ on 13.10.2023 (Friday) at 1500 hrs organized by DGTS CBIC	ALL Members
13	FFFAI/CIR/338	10-Dec-2023	FFFAI Corporate Video	All Members
14	FFFAI/CIR/339/2023	10-Dec-2023	Regulation of all Class C & D Medical Devices under Licensing Regime, w.e.f.01.10.2023	All Members
15	FFFAI/CIR/340	10-Dec-2023	Multilingual Videos to explain the Advisory No: 21/2023 issued on 6th Oct 2023	All members

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16	FFFAI/CIR/341	10-Dec-2023	Advisory for new registration functionality is already on the ICEGATE Portal	All members
17	FFFAI/CIR/342	13-10-2023	FFFAI is being represented at Global Maritime India Summit 2023	All members
18	FFFAI/CIR/343/2023	11-Aug-2023	IIFF-FIATA Online diploma programme Batch-5 commencing on 16th October 2023	All members
19	FFFAI/CIR/344	16-10-2023	Representation made to Member (Customs) towards delays in ICEGATE	All members
20	FFFAI/CIR/345	17-10-2023	Webinar on New Registration on ICEGATE System on 17-18th Oct. 2023	All members
21	FFFAI/CIR/346	18-10-2023	Member profile update	All members
22	FFFAI/CIR/347	20-10-2023	2nd EC room booking confirmation required before 6 p.m. of Monday, 30th October 2023	ECM
23	FFFAI/CIR/349	27-10-2023	The Annual Return and the Quarterly Returns for the First and Second Quarter must be submitted immediately as per the requirement of the rules on the EPR Portal for Waste Tyre	All members
24	FFFAI/CIR/350	27-10-2023	Amendment to the Lauric Acid (Quality Control) Order, 2022	All members
25	FFFAI/CIR/351	30-10-2023	ECL issue Form	All members
26	FFFAI/CIR/352/2023	11-Apr-2023	Model contract for Custom Brokers	ECM
27	FFFAI/CIR/353	11-Apr-2023	Action arising letter :-Philip CC	-
28	FFFAI/CIR/354	11-Apr-2023	Action arising letter :-Amit Kamat	-
29	FFFAI/CIR/355	11-Apr-2023	Action arising letter :-L. Cecil	-
30	FFFAI/CIR/356	11-Apr-2023	Action arising letter :- A.S .Ramaswamy	-
31	FFFAI/CIR/357	11-Apr-2023	Action arising letter :-Vinayak Aparaj	-
32	FFFAI/CIR/358	11-Apr-2023	Action arising letter :-Darshan Mashroo	-
33	FFFAI/CIR/359	11-Apr-2023	Feedback regarding NCTC alerts being received.	ECM

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34	FFFAI/CIR/360	11-Apr-2023	SEPC - Indian Business Delegation for Buyer Seller Meet / Roadshow in CIS Region covering, Russia, Tajikistan & Uzbekistan from 10th December to 22nd December 2023	All members
35	FFFAI/CIR/361	11-Jul-2023	Grievance redressal with Shipping Lines, NVOCC, ICD / Custodian	ECM
36	FFFAI/CIR/363	11-Aug-2023	GSTIN Amendment in the Bill of Entry After OOC-reg.	All members
37	FFFAI/CIR/366/2023	11-Aug-2023	Representation made to Member (Customs) regarding applicable of BIS certification	ECM
38	FFFAI/CIR/367/2023	11-Aug-2023	Schedule - Agenda for 2nd EC Meeting - Minutes of 16th EC Meeting and 1st EC Meeting	ECM
39	FFFAI/CIR/368/2023	11-Sep-2023	Clarification of Ministry of Steel on applicability of circular dt.20.10.23	All members
40	FFFAI/CIR/371/2023	11-Nov-2023	HAPPY DIWALI	All members
41	FFFAI/CIR/372	11-Nov-2023	Issues faced with Maersk Shipping Line due to implementation of new finance platform	ECM
42	FFFAI/CIR/373	14-11-2023	Streamlining verification of Preferential Certificates of Origin in terms of CAROTAR, 2020 and Board`s instructions and Circulars issued by CBIC	ECM
43	FFFAI/CIR/374 /2023	16-11-2023	Office order no.02/2023-Customs dt. 15.11.2023	All members
44	FFFAI/CIR/375	16-11-2023	Sensitisation on certain aspects with respect to (Bureau of Indian Standards) BIS	ECM
45	FFFAI/CIR/376	16-11-2023	Sensitisation on certain aspects with respect to DGFT	ECM
46	FFFAI/CIR/377	18-11-2023	Grievance redressal with Shipping Lines, NVOCC, ICD / Custodian	ECM

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47	FFFAI/378/2023	18-11-2023	Feedback regarding NCTC alerts being received	ECM
48	FFFAI/379/2023	18-11-2023	EDI Issue Feedback Form	ECM
49	FFFAI/ATR/380/2023	18-11-2023	Model contract for Custom Brokers	ECM
50	FFFAI/CIR/ 381 /2023	20-11-2023	Feedback required from member regarding difficulties faced under Faceless Assessment	All members
51	FFFAI/CIR/382 /2023	20-11-2023	Feedback regarding working of PGA	All members
52	FFFAI/CIR/383/2023	20-11-2023	Specific points to be discussed w.r.t the agenda of the 2nd EC Meeting	ECM
53	FFFAI/CIR/384 /2023	20-11-2023	World trade review	All members
54	FFFAI/CIR/385/2023	21-11-2023	Issues faced with Airlines and Air Cargo Custodians	ECM
55	FFFAI/CIR/386 /2023	12-Nov-2023	2024 TT Club /FIATA Young Logistics Professional Award (YLP Award)	All members
56	FFFAI/CIR/387	27-11-2023	Photographs of 2nd EC conducted on 24th and 25th November 2023 was at Gandhidham hosted by Kandla and Mundra Custom Brokers Association	ECM
57	FFFAI/CIR/388/2023	29-11-2023	Goods cannot be transported by different vehicle without generating E-Way Bill - High Court -Kolkata	All members
58	FFFAI/CIR/ 389/2023	29-11-2023	Webinar on the topic Faceless Assessment in Customs-latest changes on 29th November, 2023 at 3 PM	All members
59	FFFAI/CIR/390/2023	30-11-2023	IIFF-FIATA Online diploma programme Batch-5 commencing 2nd December 2023	All members
60	FFFAI/CIR/391	30-11-2023	The India International Cargo & Logistics Show - IICS Exhibition & Conference 2023 is scheduled for 13th - 14th -15th December 2023 at Mumbai	All members

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61	FFFAI/MISC/392/2023	30-11-2023	FFFAI Foundation Day to be celebrated on 2nd December, 2023	ECM
62	FFFAI/MISC/393 /2023	12-Jan-2023	FFFAI Foundation Day to be celebrated on 2nd December, 2023	ECM
63	FFFAI/CIR/394	12-Apr-2023	Maritime Transport & Logistics Show 2024.	All members
64	FFFAI/CIR/395	12-Apr-2023	Faceless Assessment Presentation by DGTS	All members
65	FFFAI/CIR/396	12-Jul-2023	Maritime Transport & Logistics Show 2024.	All members
66	FFFAI/CIR/397	12-Aug-2023	List of Councils	ECM
67	FFFAI/CIR/398	12-Aug-2023	The India International Cargo & Logistics Show -IICS Exhibition & Conference 2023 is scheduled for 13th - 14th -15th December 2023 at Mumbai	All Members
68	FFFAI/399/2023	12-Nov-2023	India Skills Olympiad 2023-2024	All Members
69	FFFAI/ATR/400/2023	12-Nov-2023	List of Councils	ECM
70	FFFAI/ATR/ 400/2023	12-Dec-2023	Fresh e-way bill when goods are transported in different vehicle due to breakdown of original vehicle	ECM
71	FFFAI/CIR/ 401/2023	12-Dec-2023	Feedback on pending Bank Guarantee with regard to Carotar	All Members
72	FFFAI/CIR/ 402/2023	12-Dec-2023	Minutes of the Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC) Meeting of Mumbai Customs, Zone-I	All Members
73	FFFAI/CIR/ 403/2023	14-12-2023	Release of Logistics Ease Across Different States (LEADS) 2023 report	All Members
74	FFFAI/CIR/404	15-12-2023	FFFAI October 2023 Newsletter	All Members
75	FFFAI/CIR/405	18-12-2023	Awareness Programme on ERP & Plastic waste management hosted by NCH on 18th December 2023 at 3:00 PM (Virtual)	All Members

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76	FFFAI/CIR/406	18-12-2023	Webinar on 'Assessment and Audit under GST' on December 19, 2023 at 1500 hrs	All Members
77	FFFAI/ATR/407/2023	20-12-2023	Model contract for Custom Brokers	ECM
78	FFFAI/ATR/ 408 /2023	20-12-2023	Minutes of the CCTT meeting held on 17-18th October, 2023 at Moscow.	ECM
79	FFFAI/ATR/ 409 /2023	20-12-2023	Feedback/ suggestion on BIS Standard Norms	ECM
80	FFFAI/ATR/ 410/2023	20-12-2023	Representation made with regard to shipping lines /NVOCCs issues	Mr. Kuldeep Thakur
81	FFFAI/ATR/411/2023	20-12-2023	Representation made with regard to PGAs	Mr. Hiren Ruparel
82	FFFAI/ATR/412/2023	20-12-2023	Self-sealing permission for 5 years	ECM
83	FFFAI/ATR/413/2023	20-12-2023	Representation made to local Commissioner regarding 100% examination order being issued.	ECM
84	FFFAI/ATR/414 /2023	20-12-2023	Representation made regarding exorbitant charges being charged by shipping lines	Mr. Philip CC
85	FFFAI/ATR/ 415/2023	20-12-2023	Note along with cases that AEO clients are treated at par with regular importer and no benefit is being given.	Mr. L. Cecil Machado
86	FFFAI/399/2023	20-12-2023	India Skills Olympiad 2023-2024	All Members
87	FFFAI/ATR/416 /2023	20-12-2023	Note on open order given for 100% examination after RMS facilitation	Mr. A. S. Ramasamy
88	FFFAI/CIR/417/2023	21-12-2023	3rd Executive Committee Meeting to be held virtually	ECM
89	FFFAI/CIR/418	22-12-2023	Google form for providing PN issued for CB Life time License validity	ECM
90	FFFAI/CIR/419	23-12-2023	Christmas Greetings !	All Members
91	FFFAI/CIR/420/2023	23-12-2023	Advisory No. 05/2023 on CBLMS	All Members

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92	FFFAI/CIR/420/2023	23-12-2023	Proper Officers in relation to various relations of Customs Act 1962	All Members
93	421	23-12-2023	Non tariff Notification 40/2012 custom	All members
94	FFFAI/CIR/422	Z	FFFAI Quarterly Bulletin, Jul-Sep 2023	All members
95	FFFAI/IIFF/423	29-12-2023	Mail merge of IIFF letter for support	ECM and BoA
96	FFFAI/CIR/424	29-12-2023	Feedback required to arrange for knowledge session during 4th ECM at Mumbai	ECM
97	FFFAI/CIR/425	29-12-2023	India Skills Olympiad 2023-2024 (LSC)	All members
98	FFFAI/426	1-Jan-2024	New Year Greetings	All Members

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1	FFFAI/001/2024	1-Jan-2024	Inputs from your region for FFFAI Air Council Meeting	ECM/BoA/President
2	FFFAI/CIR/002	2-Jan-2024	Inputs for CAROTAR Webinar scheduled for Friday, 5th Jan 2024	ECM/BoA/President
3	FFFAI/CIR/003	3-Jan-2024	ECM Meeting	
4	FFFAI/CIR/004	3-Jan-2024	Knowledge Series Webinar on Carotar Rules 2020	All members
5	FFFAI/CIR/005	4-Jan-2024	Minutes of 2nd ECM	ECM
6	FFFAI/CIR/006 /2023	4-Jan-2024	Agenda for the 3rd EC Meeting and Minutes of the 2nd EC Meeting	ECM
7	FFFAI/CIR/007/2024	4-Jan-2024	Webinar on the topic - Manufacturing and other operations in Customs Bonded Warehouse on Wednesday, 10th January, 2024	All Members

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8	FFFAI/CIR/008/2024	5-Jan-2024	Polyethylene Material for Moulding and Extrusion -Quality Control- Amendment Order, 2024	All Members
9	FFFAI/NEWSLETTER/009	8-Jan-2024	FFFAI November 2023 Newsletter	All Members
10	FFFAI/CIR/010/2024	9-Jan-2024	Minutes of the PTFC meeting held on 20.12.2023 at Mumbai Customs	All Members
11	FFFAI/CIR/011/2024	11-Jan-2024	Executive Committee Meeting to be held virtually	BoA, OB , EC
12	FFFAI/CIR/012/2024	11-Jan-2024	India Skills Olympiad 2023-2024	All Members
13	FFFAI/CIR/013/2024	13-Jan-2024	Minutes of the CCFC meeting held on 12.12.2023 at Bangalore Customs House	All Members
14	FFFAI/CIR/014/2024	16-Jan-2024	4th Executive Committee Meeting to be held on 28th and 29th February, 2024 at Mumbai	BoA, OB , EC
15	FFFAI/CIR/015/2024	18-Jan-2024	The WCO Interim Report on the Exploratory Study of the Harmonized System	All Members
16	FFFAI/CIR/016/2024	20-Jan-2024	Feedback/ suggestion on Legal Metrology Act	All Members
17	FFFAI/KS/017/2024	20-Jan-2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (1)	All Members
18	FFFAI/CIR /018 /2024	24-Jan-2024	Feedback- suggestion on BIS Standard Norms	All Members
19	FFFAI/CIR/019/2024	25-Jan-2024	Cricket match of Women wing members of FFFAI	Womens Wing
20	FFFAI/NEWSLETTER/020	25-Jan-2024	FFFAI December 2023 Newsletter	All Members
21	FFFAI/CIR/ 021 /2024	25-Jan-2024	Webinar on Legal Metrology Act	All Members
22	FFFAI/CIR/ 022 /2024	29-Jan-2024	Hotel accommodation details and room tariff for Executive Committee Members attending 4th EC Meeting at Mumbai	All Members

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24	FFFAI/CIR/ 024 /2024	29-Jan-2024	IFCBA Launches International Customs Brokers Day	All Members
25	FFFAI/CIR/025 /2024	29-Jan-2024	Message from IFCBA Chairman	All Members
26	FFFAI/CIR/026/2024	29-Jan-2024	Message from WCO on International Customs Day	All Members
27	FFFAI/CIR/027/2024	29-Jan-2024	Ideas for Customs Broker Outreach and Communication on and following International Customs Brokers Day	All Members
28	FFFAI/CIR/028/2024	29-Jan-2024	Video of Dr. Kunio Mikuriya during IFCBA Conference in Singapore 2022	All Members
29	FFFAI/CIR/029	30-Jan-2024	Martime Transport & Logistics Summit 2024	All Members
30	FFFAI/CIR/030/2024	30-Jan-2024	Updation of changes vide Budget 2024-25 in Systems	All Members
31	FFFAI/CIR/031/2024	31-Jan-2024	Request for comments on Rules under Companies Act and LLP Act for submission to MCA	All Members
32	FFFAI/CIR/032/2024	1-Feb-2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (2)	All Members
33	FFFAI/CIR /033 /2024	2-Feb-2024	Issues faced under EDI / ICEGATE System while clearance of import and export consignment	All Members
34	FFFAI/KS/034/2024	3-Feb-2024	Knowledge Series (3) Articles on Carotar to supplement the FFFAI Knowledge Session Webinar on CAROTAR, dated 5th Jan 2024	All Members
35	FFFAI/MEM.ASSN/ 035 /2024	3-Feb-2024	Arbitrary increase in tariff by air cargo custodian	Presidents of All Association
36	FFFAI/CIR/036/2024	6-Feb-2024	Invite for participation in Webinar with Industry Associations on rolling Annual Action Plan 2024-25 for standardization	ECM
37	FFFAI/CIR/037/2024	6-Feb-2024	Points for including in the agenda of upcoming SCOPE - Shipping meeting	ECM

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38	FFFAI/CIR/038/2024	6-Feb-2024	Feedback/ suggestion on BIS Standard Norms	All Members
39	FFFAI/CIR/039/2024	6-Feb-2024	4th Executive Committee Meeting to be held on 28th and 29th February, 2024 at Mumbai	ECM
40	FFFAI/CIR/040	6-Feb-2024	FFFAI Quarterly Bulletin Oct-Dec 2023	All Members
41	FFFAI/CIR/041/2024	6-Feb-2024	Presentation made by Shri Ashutosh Agarwal – Deputy Director (Legal & Metrology)	All Members
42	FFFAI/CIR/042/2024	7-Feb-2024	Automation of all processes in Sea Customs & ICDs	All Members
43	FFFAI/ATR/ 043 /2024	8-Feb-2024	Minutes of the 12th and 13th CCG Meeting	ECM
44	FFFAI/ATR/044/2024	8-Feb-2024	CBIC circular no.18/2021 and CBIC instruction no.19/2022	All Members
45	FFFAI/ATR/045/2024	8-Feb-2024	Representation made regarding Add Notification no.46/2016	Mr. Vinod Sharma,EC
46	FFFAI/ATR/46/2024	8-Feb-2024	Copy of points taken up in PTFC meeting	Mr. V. S. Pradeep,EC
47	FFFAI/ATR/47/2024	8-Feb-2024	Representation made by Hyderabad Association regarding SEZ Bills of Entry not getting integrated with ICEGATE	Mr. T. Abhimanyu,EC
48	FFFAI/ATR/48/2024	8-Feb-2024	Model Contract for Customs Brokers	Dr. Pramod Sant,DG, FFFAI
49	FFFAI/ATR/49/2024	8-Feb-2024	Copy of Contract signed with corporates	Mr. Kartik Pancholi,EC
50	FFFAI/ATR/50/2024	8-Feb-2024	Note along with cases that AEO clients are treated at par with regular importer and no benefit is being given.	Mr. L. Cecil Machado,EC
51	FFFAI/ATR/51/2024	8-Feb-2024	Judgment given by Honourable Supreme Court in the case of Aspinwall & Co	ECM
52	FFFAI/ATR/ 52 /2024	8-Feb-2024	Introduction of ICEGATE Ticket Management System - Self Help Module	ALL MEMBERS

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53	FFFAI/CIR/053/2024	9-Feb-2024	ICEGATE Webinar on - E Cash Ledger 2.0	ALL MEMBERS
54	FFFAI/CIR/054/2024	10-Feb-2024	Minutes of the CCFC meeting held on 31.01.2024 at Mumbai Customs House	ALL MEMBERS
55	FFFAI/KS/055/2024	10-Feb-2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (4)	ALL MEMBERS
56	FFFAI/CIR/058/2024	13-Feb-2024	LOGIX INDIA 2024: Special Offer for FFFAI Members	ALL MEMBERS
57	FFFAI/CIR/059/2024	13-Feb-2024	Kindly follow FFFAI Whatsapp Channel	ECM
58	FFFAI/CIR/060/2024	13-Feb-2024	Automation of all processes in Sea Customs & ICDs	ECM
59	FFFAI/CIR/061/2024	13-Feb-2024	Representation made to DG System regarding Delay in message exchange after Out of Charge across the country	ECM
60	FFFAI/CIR/062/2024	14-Feb-2024	National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (NICDC)'s Logistics Data Bank (LDB) Annual Analytics Report of 2023	ALL MEMBERS
61	FFFAI/CIR/ 063/2024	14-Feb-2024	DGFT has announced a detailed Export Policy for Goods within ITC – HS Chapter 1-39.	ALL MEMBERS
62	FFFAI/CIR/064/2024	14-Feb-2024	Minutes of the PTFC meeting held on 29.01.2024 at Mumbai Customs House	ALL MEMBERS
63	FFFAI/CIR/065/2024	14-Feb-2024	Schedule and Agenda for the 4th EC meeting, Minutes of the 3rd EC Meeting	ECM
64	FFFAI/ATR/ 066 /2024	14-Feb-2024	Introduction of ICEGATE Ticket Management System - Self Help Module	ECM
65	FFFAI/ATR/ 067 /2024	8-Feb-2024	Note along with cases that AEO clients are treated at par with regular importer and no benefit is being given.	Mr. L. Cecil Machado, EC member
66	FFFAI/CIR/068 /2024	15-Feb-2024	Hotel accommodation details and room tariff for Executive Committee Members attending 4th EC Meeting at Mumbai	ALL MEMBERS

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67	FFFAI/CIR/ 069 /2024	16-Feb-2024	Webinar on Importance of Terms of Offer – Advisory issued by AMTOI on Terms of Offer.	ALL MEMBERS
68	FFFAI/CIR/070/2024	17-Feb-2024	Google form for inputs on challenges faced at ICD / CFS / Custodian	ECM
69	FFFAI/KS/071/2024	17-Feb-2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (5)	All Members
70	FFFAI/CIR/ 072 /2024	21-Feb-2024	Google form for inputs on challenges faced at ICD / CFS / Custodian	ECM
71	FFFAI/CIR/073/2024	22-Feb-2024	Webinar on Insurance for Logistics Service Providers	ALL MEMBERS
72	FFFAI/CIR/074/2024	22-Feb-2024	Logistics Sector Skill Council on behalf of MSSDS is inviting for Job fair at Highland Ground Dhokali, Majiwada, Thane	ALL MEMBERS
73	FFFAI/CIR/075/2024	23-Feb-2024	Logistics Skill Council's training centre at Teynampet, Chennai	ALL MEMBERS
74	FFFAI/CIR/076/2024	24-Feb-2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (6)	ALL MEMBERS
75	FFFAI/MEM.ASSN/077/2024	24-Feb-2024	Public notice no.13/2024 issued by Jawaharlal Nehru Custom House, Nhava-Sheva	All president
76	FFFAI/CIR/078/2024	24-Feb-2024	Agenda for 4th Executive Committee Meeting to be held on 28th and 29th February, 2024 at Mumbai	ECM
77	FFFAI/079/2024	24-Feb-2024	FFFAI January 2024 Newsletter	ALL MEMBERS
78	FFFAI/CIR/080/2024	26-Feb-2024	AMTOI in association with ILG organising Knowledge Session on Input Service Distributor on Monday, 26th February,2024.	ALL MEMBERS
79	FFFAI/CIR/080	28-Feb-2024	Representation made to JS Custom on Digital online working environment required with all PGAs .	ECM

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80	FFFAI/ATR/ 081 /2024	1-Mar-2024	ISD presentation	ALL MEMBERS
81	FFFAI/ATR/ 082/2024	1-Mar-2024	Note on CHA with judgment	ECM
82	FFFAI/ATR/083/2024	1-Mar-2024	Public notice no.13/2024 issued by Jawaharlal Nehru Custom House, Nhava-Sheva	ECM
83	FFFAI/KS/084/2024	2-Mar-2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (7)	ALL MEMBERS
84	FFFAI/CIR/085/2024	2-Mar-2024	Photographs of 4th EC conducted on 28th and 29th February 2024 was at Mumbai	ECM
85	FFFAI/CIR/ 086/2024	5-Mar-2024	Celebrating International Women Day 2024	ECM
86	FFFAI/CIR/087 /2024	8-Mar-2024	Celebrating International Women's Day 2024 on Hybrid Mode	
87	088/2024	8-Mar-2024	webinar on the topic Customs Trade Facilitation Measures - An Overview on Wednesday, 20th March, 2024 at 03.00 PM	ALL MEMBERS
88	FFFAI/KS/089/2024	9-Mar-2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (8)	ALL MEMBERS
89	FFFAI/CIR/090/2024	11-Mar-2024	LOGIX INDIA 2024 : 26-28 March 2024, MUMBAI	ALL MEMBERS
90	FFFAI/CIR/091	12-Mar-2024	FFFAI February 2024 Newsletter	ALL MEMBERS
91	FFFAI/CIR/ 092 /2024	13-Mar-2024	Review of Indian Bill of Lading Act, 1856 & Carriage of Goods by Sea Act, 1925 by National Shipping Board	ECM
92	FFFAI/KSW/93/2024	18-Mar-2024	Webinar on Cargo Claims	ALL MEMBERS
93	FFFAI/CIR/094/2024	15-Mar-2024	Minutes of the TFC meeting held on 13.03.2024 at Kolkata Customs House	ALL MEMBERS
94	FFFAI/CIR/095/2024	16-Mar-2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (9)	ALL MEMBERS

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95	FFFAI/CIR/096/2024	19-Mar-2024	Feedback/ suggestions required for discussing points sponsored by FFFAI during 17th CCG Meeting	ECM
96	FFFAI/CIR /097/2024	19-Mar-2024	Cyber security officials to attend FICCI-Interactive Session on Cyber-security Landscape 2024, Mumbai, 21 March 2024	ALL MEMBERS
97	FFFAI/CIR /098 /2024	19-Mar-2024	Doubling of women and SC-ST micro and small enterprises registered as seller and service providers under GEM Portal	ALL MEMBERS
98	FFFAI/CIR/099/2024	20-Mar-2024	AMTOI Presents Knowledge Session on The International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code on Friday,5th April,2024	ALL MEMBERS
99	FFFAI/KS/100/2024	23-Mar-2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (10)	ALL MEMBERS
100	FFFAI/CIR/101/2024	23-Mar-2024	Feedback/ suggestions required for Wrong examination order being issued	ECM
101	FFFAI/CIR/102/2024	23-Mar-2024	Bill of Entry (BoE)/Shipping Bill No. (Not Reflecting in IDPMS/EDPMS)	ECM
102	FFFAI/CIR/103	26-Mar-2024	Logistics Skill Council - Centre for Logistics Training & Excellence (COLTE)	ALL MEMBERS
103	FFFAI/CIR/104/ 2024	26-Mar-2024	Minutes of the PTFC meeting held on 02.02.2024 & 28.02.2024 at Bangalore Customs House	ALL MEMBERS
104	FFFAI/CIR 105/2024	27-Mar-2024	Feedback regarding improvement in the SVB process	ALL MEMBERS
105	FFFAI/KS/106/2024	30-Mar-2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (11)	ALL MEMBERS
106	FFFAI/CIR 107/2024	1-Apr-2024	Feedback/ suggestions required for representations	ALL MEMBERS
107	FFFAI/CIR /108 /2024	2-Apr-2024	Feedback regarding EDI related issues	ALL MEMBERS

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108	FFFAI/CIR/109/2024	2-Apr-2024	International green agenda	ALL MEMBERS
109	FFFAI/CIR/110/2024	2-Apr-2024	Feedback/ inputs on CBLR 2018	ALL MEMBERS
110	FFFAI/CIR/111/2024	6-Apr-2024	First FIATA Digital Lab session of 2024 on 11 April	ALL MEMBERS
111	FFFAI/CIR/111/2024	6-Apr-2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (12)	ALL MEMBERS
112	FFFAI/CIR/ 113/2024	8-Apr-2024	Registration of PAN on ICEGATE mandatory to get AEO LO Certificates	ALL MEMBERS
113	FFFAI/CIR/114/2024	10-Apr-2024	FFFAI and IIM Mumbai present a Webinar on "Unlocking Career prospects in Shipping, Logistics, and Supply Chain Management"	ALL MEMBERS
114	FFFAI/CCTT/115/2024	11-Apr-2024	Invitation to attend meeting with CCTT delegation on 24th April, 2024 at Mumbai	ECM/BoA/Womens wing /Sp.Invitee
115	FFFAI/CIR/116/2024	12-Apr-2024	Industry Inputs for the Fourth Session of the India-Ghana Joint Trade Committee (JTC) Meeting	ECM
116	FFFAI/CIR/117/2024	12-Apr-2024	Customs Council Meeting on Wednesday, 17 April 2024, at 3 p.m.	ECM/BoA/Womens wing /Sp.Invitee
117	FFFAI/CIR/118	12-Apr-2024	India - Canada trade sector	ALL MEMBERS
118	FFFAI/CCTT/119/2024	19-Apr-2024	Invitation to attend meeting with CCTT delegation on 24th April, 2024 at Mumbai.	ECM/BoA/Womens wing /Sp.Invitee
119	FFFAI/KS/120/2024	13-Apr-2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (13)	ALL MEMBERS
120	FFFAI/CIR/121/2024	18-Apr-2024	FFFAI Knowledge Series Webinar on Skilling for growth - building a strong freight forwarding industry	ALL MEMBERS
121	FFFAI/CIR/122/2024	16-Apr-2024	Participate in Survey on Gender Equality in the Indian Maritime Industry	ALL MEMBERS
122	FFFAI/CIR/123/2024	17-Apr-2024	Attention All Logistics Enthusiasts: Certificate Course in Shipping, Logistics & Supply Chain Management by FFFAI & IIM Mumbai!	ALL MEMBERS

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123	FFFAI/CIR /124/2024	17-Apr-2024	Short term courses for members conducted by IIFF	ALL MEMBERS
124	FFFAI/CIR/125/2024	18-Apr-2024	Minutes of the PTFC meeting held on 28.03.2024 at Mumbai Customs House	ALL MEMBERS
125	FFFAI/NEWS/126	20-Apr-2024	FFFAI March 2024 Newsletter	ALL MEMBERS
126	FFFAI/KS/127/2024	20-Apr-2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (14)	ALL MEMBERS
127	FFFAI/CIR/128/2024	23-Apr-2024	AILBIEA Presents Webinar on Impact of AEO MRA on T2 and T3 Operators in India	ALL MEMBERS
128	FFFAI/CIR /129 /2024	23-Apr-2024	Letter F. No. 450/53/2024 dated 22.04.2024 issued by CBIC	ALL MEMBERS
129	FFFAI/CIR/130/2024	26-Apr-2024	Feedback on Container Scanning	OB & Asso. President
130	FFFAI/KS/1312024	26-Apr-2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (15)	ALL MEMBERS
131	FFFAI/CIR/132/2024	29-Apr-2024	5th Executive Committee Meeting to be held virtually	ECM/BoA/Womens wing /Sp.Invitee
132	FFFAI/AGENDA/133/2024	29-Apr-2024	Agenda for 5th EC	ECM
133	FFFAI/CIR/134/2024	29-Apr-2024	Agenda for the 5th Executive Committee Meeting to be held on 11th May, 2024 virtually	ECM/BoA/Asso.President/Spc.Invitee
134	FFFAI/CIR/135/2024	1-May-2024	CBLR REGULATION FEEDBACK GOOGLE FORM 2023-2025	ECM/BoA/Asso.President
135	FFFAI/CIR/136/ 2024	4-May-2024	Minutes of the PTFC meeting held on 25.04.2024 at Mumbai Customs House	ALL MEMBERS
136	FFFAI/KS/137/2024	4-May-2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (16)	ALL MEMBERS
137	FFFAI/CCG/138/2024	7-May-2024	Points for including in the agenda of the 18th Customs Consultative Group Meeting	ECM/BoA/Asso.President/Spc.Invitee
138	FFFAI/CIR/139/2024	8-May-2024	Invitation on behalf of the MoPSW to participate in the formation of an apex maritime body the 'India Maritime Centre	ALL MEMBERS

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139	FFFAI/MINUTES/140/2024	8-May-2024	Minutes of 4th ECM	ECM/BoA/Asso.President/Spc.Invitee
140	FFFAI/BULLETIN/141	9-May-2024	FFFAI Jan-March 2024 Quarterly Bulletin	ALL MEMBERS
141	FFFAI/CIR/142/2024	10-May-2024	NEW Zoom Meeting Link for 5th Executive Committee Meeting to be held at 10:30 am	ECM/BoA/Asso.President/Spc.Invitee
142	FFFAI/COUNCIL/143	11-May-2024	ICD/CFS/Custodian Council Meeting	ICD Council
143	FFFAI/KS/144/2024	11-May-2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (17)	ALL MEMBERS
144	FFFAI/CIR/145/2024	15-May-2024	Handbook on India's strategic trade control system prepared by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT)	ALL MEMBERS
145	FFFAI/IIFF/146/2024	16-May-2024	Online Diploma in Logistics -Shipping and freight forwarding	ALL MEMBERS
146	FFFAI/CIR/147/2024	16-May-2024	Visit to Gift City Gandhinagar(Ahmedabad) on 31st May, 2024	ECM/BoA/Asso.President/Spc.Invitee
147	FFFAI/CIR/149/2024	18-May-2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (18)	ALL MEMBERS
148	FFFAI/CIR/150/2024	18-May-2024	Visit to Gift City on 31st May, 2024	All ILG Members
149	FFFAI/CIR/151/2024	21-May-2024	AMTOI in association with ILG presents Webinar on "GST & RCM - Advisory issued by AMTOI on GST." on Thursday,23rd May,2024.	ALL MEMBERS
150	FFFAI/NEWSLETTER/152	23-May-2024	FFFAI April 2024 Newsletter	All Members
151	FFFAI/CIR/153/2024	23-May-2024	MahaMSMErashtra Empowerment Summit & Awards 2024 -MSME Award nominations	All Members
152	FFFAI/KSW/154	24-May-2024	Knowledge Series Webinar on INDIAN CUSTOMS BROKING: past experience, learning, current Situation, and Prospects	All Members
153	FFFAI/CCG/155/2024	24-May-2024	Points for including in the agenda of the 18th Customs Consultative Group Meeting	ECM/BoA/Asso.President/Spc.Invitee

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154	FFFAI/ATR/156/2024	24-May-2024	Points sponsored by FFFAI for including in the agenda of 17th CCG Meeting	ECM/BoA/Asso.President/Spc.Invitee
155	FFFAI/CIR/157/2024	24-May-2024	Pan-India webinar on How to reply to an SCN issued by the GST Department	ALL MEMBERS
156	FFFAI/CIR/158 /2024	25-May-2024	Open House / Interactive Session on Faceless Assessments with JN Customs organized at IMC, Churchgate on Tuesday 28.05.2024	ECM/BoA/Asso.President/Spc.Invitee
157	FFFAI/KS/159/2024	25-May-2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (19)	All members
158	FFFAI/CIR/160/2024	28-May-2024	Minutes of the PTFC meeting held on 30.04.2024 at Bangalore Customs House	All members
159	FFFAI/CIR/161/2024	31-May-2024	Minutes of the PTFC meeting held on 15.05.2024 at Mumbai Customs House	All members
160	FFFAI/CCG/162/2024	31-May-2024	Points for including in the agenda of the 18th Customs Consultative Group Meeting	ECM/BoA/Asso.President/Spc.Invitee
161	FFFAI/CIR/163/2024	1-Jun-2024	Centre for Logistics Training & Excellence (COLTE)	All members
162	FFFAI/KS/164/2024	1-Jun-2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (20)	All members
163	FFFAI/CIR/165/2024	1-Jun-2024	Erratic functioning of ICEGATE System	All members
164	FFFAI/CIR/166/2024	5-Jun-2024	Participation form for Final Placement Drive organized by Logistics Sector Skill Council	All members
165	FFFAI/CCG/167/2024	5-Jun-2024	Points for including in the agenda of the 18th Customs Consultative Group Meeting	ECM/BoA/Asso.President/Spc.Invitee
166	FFFAI/CIR/168/2024	6-Jun-2024	Public Notice issued by Mangalore Customs - CB should become member of Association	ECM/BoA/Asso.President
167	FFFAI/CIR/169/2024	6-Jun-2024	Points for including in the agenda of the 18th Customs Consultative Group Meeting	OB-Incharge, Customs Council Convenor, Customs Council

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168	FFFAI/CIR/170/2024	7-Jun-2024	Request for comments on ballot ISO/TC 315 - ISO/CD 31513 -Temperature validation methods of temperature-controlled storages and road vehicles	ECM/BoA/Asso.President/Spc.Invitee
169	FFFAI/CIR/171/2024	7-Jun-2024	Webinar recording of Indian Customs Broking	All members
170	FFFAI/CIR/172/2024	8-Jun-2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (21)	All members
171	FFFAI/1732024	10-Jun-2024	SPAM email in circulation under false identity of Chairman	ECM/BoA/Asso.President/Spc.Invitee
172	FFFAI/CIR/174/ 2024	11-Jun-2024	Suggestion on draft Central Excise Bill, 2024	All members
173	FFFAI/CIR/175/2024	11-Jun-2024	Pan-India webinar on how to handle Scrutiny and Departmental Audit under GST	All members
174	FFFAI/CIR/176/2024	11-Jun-2024	Logistics Conclave 2024 organised by BCBA on 27th June, 2024	ECM/BoA/Asso.President/Spc.Invitee
175	FFFAI/CIR/177/2024	12-Jun-2024	RBI circular	All members
176	FFFAI/CIR/178/2024	12-Jun-2024	Bill of Entry (BoE)/Shipping Bill No. (Not Reflecting in IDPMS/EDPMS)	ECM/BoA/Asso.President/Spc.Invitee
177	FFFAI/CIR/179/2024	12-Jun-2024	Feedback regarding working of PGAs	ECM/BoA/Asso.President/Spc.Invitee
178	FFFAI/CIR/180/2024	12-Jun-2024	Just 10 days left for the launch of 6th Batch of Globally recognized FIATA Online Diploma in Freight Forwarding course	All members
179	FFFAI/CIR/181/2024	14-Jun-2024	6th Executive Committee Meeting to be held at Visakhapatnam	ECM/BoA/Asso.President/Spc.Invitee
180	FFFAI/KS/182/2024	15-Jun-2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (22)	All members
181	FFFAI/CIR/183/2024	15-Jun-2024	Knowledge session on prospects in Freight Forwarding / Logistics and IIFF Online Diploma Course	All members

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182	FFFAI/CIR/184/2024	19-Jun-2024	6th Executive Committee Meeting to be held at Visakhapatnam - Venue details and Room Tariff	ECM/BoA/Asso.President/Spc.Invitee
183	FFFAI/CIR/185/2024	22-Jun-2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (23)	All members
184	FFFAI/CIR/186/2024	22-Jun-2024	Important changes in coordination of IIFF	All Members
185	FFFAI/CIR/187/2024	22-Jun-2024	May Newsletter	All Members
186	FFFAI/CIR/188/2024	24-Jun-2024	6th Executive Committee Meeting to be held at Visakhapatnam - Venue details and Room Tariff	ECM/BoA/Asso.President/Spc.Invitee
187	FFFAI/CIR/189/2024	25-Jun-2024	LSC	ECM
188	FFFAI/CIR/190.2024	25-Jun-2024	Miinutes of TFC Meeting	ECM
189	FFFAI/CIR/191/2024	27-Jun-2024	Thailand International Logistics - Bangkok	All Members
190	FFFAI/CIR/192/2024	28-Jun-2024	Minutes of CCFC/PTFC	All Members
191	FFFAI/CIR/193/2024	29-Jun-2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (24)	All Members
192	FFFAI/CIR/194/2024	2-Jul-2024	Webinar on POSH	All Members
193	FFFAI/MINUTES/195/2024	3-Jul-2024	Minutes of the 5th EC Meeting	ECM
194	FFFAI/MINUTES/196/2024	3-Jul-2024	Agenda for the 6th EC Meeting	ECM
195	FFFAI/CIR197/2024	3-Jul-2024	PTFC Meeting Minutes	ECM
196	FFFAI/CIR/198/2024	4-Jul-2024	Webinar on POSH	All Members
197	FFFAI/CIR/199/2024	4-Jul-2024	Covering letter - Agenda - Minutes	ECM
198	FFFAI/ATR/200/2024	4-Jul-2024	ATR representation to CONCOR	Bangalore
199	FFFAI/ATR/201/2024	4-Jul-2024	Testing fee of the Textile Laboratories	Kuldeep
200	FFFAI/ATR/202/2024	4-Jul-2024	100% Examination Order	Ramasamy
201	FFFAI/CIR/198/2024	4-Jul-2024	Webinar on POSH	All Members
202	FFFAI/CIR/203/2024	5-Jul-2024	CCFC Meeting minute - Mumbai	All Members

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203	FFFAI/CIR/204/2024	5-Jul-2024	Information about NSWS Portal	All Members
204	FFFAI/CIR/205/2024	8-Jul-2024	NCTF Survey	ECM
205	FFFAI/CIR/206/2024	8-Jul-2024	Anuga Foodtec	All Members
206	207/2024	10-Jul-2024	Contact details of Vizag Association	ECM
207	FFFAI/CIR/208	11-Jul-2024	DTA Procurement	ECM
208	FFFAI/KS/209/2024	15/07/2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (25)	All ECM
209	FFFAI/KSW/210	18/07/2024	Monthly Webinar Series on Exports! (Part 1 on 19th July 2024)	All ECM
210	FFFAI/CIR/211	18/07/2024	Meeting with IIFT study group to give inputs on Faceless challenges	ECM/BoA/Asso.President
211	FFFAI/CIR/212/2024	16/07/2024	Photographs of 6th EC conducted on 12th and 13th July 2024 was at Visakhapatnam.	ECM/BoA/Asso.President
212	FFFAI/CIR/213/2024	16/07/2024	CBLR REGULATION FEEDBACK GOOGLE FORM 2023-2025	ECM/BoA/Asso.President
213	FFFAI/CIR/214	18/07/2024	Knowledge Session on – Post Grant Accreditation (AEO) Do's and Don'ts	All Members
214	FFFAI/CIR/215/2024	17/07/2024	Bill of Entry (BoE) - Shipping Bill No. (Not Reflecting in IDPMS/EDPMS)	ECM/BoA/Asso.President
215	FFFAI/CIR/216/2024	17/07/2024	Draft model contract for Custom Brokers	ECM/BoA/Asso.President
216	FFFAI/CIR/217/2024	18/07/2024	Procedure to be followed in case of selection of ICD rail bound container for scanning at DTCS-01 near PUB	All Members
217	FFFAI/CIR/218/ 2024	18/07/2024	Minutes of the PTFC meeting held on 28.06.2024 at Mumbai Customs House	All Members
218	FFFAI/CIR/219/2024	19/07/2024	Pan-India webinar on ITC Reversal-Precautions to be Taken on 22.07.2024 (Monday) at 3:00 PM.	All Members
219	FFFAI/CIR/220/2024	19/07/2024	IFCBA World Conference at Japan	ECM/BoA/Asso.President

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220	FFFAI/KS/221/2024	20/07/2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (26)	All Members
221	FFFAI/CIR/222/2024	22/07/2024	Updation of changes vide Budget 2024-25 in System	All Members
222	FFFAI/CIR/223/2024	22/07/2024	Unlock growth in Africa, Business Opportunities in Nigeria, LFZ roadshow 2024 on 24th July, 2024	All Members
223	FFFAI/CIR/224/2024	24/07/2024	Representation made to DG Systems towards Non-functioning of AEM	All Members
224	FFFAI/CIR/225/2024	24/07/2024	Arbitrary increase in tariff by air cargo custodian	ECM/BoA/Asso.President
225	FFFAI/CIR/226 /2024	24/07/2024	Presentation made by Dr. Pramod Sant during Export webinar on 19th July, 2024	All Members
226	FFFAI/CIR/227/2024	24/07/2024	Constitution of Consultative Group on Faceless Assessment (CGFA)	ECM/BoA/Asso.President
227	FFFAI/CIR/228/2024	25/07/2024	Member feedback required on Dipstick study - Questionnaire by DPIIT	All Members
228	FFFAI/NEWSLETTER/229	25/07/2024	FFFAI June 2024 Newsletter	All Members
229	FFFAI/CIR/230	26/07/2024	POSTPONED - Brief address by Member Customs - Shri Surjit Bhujabal, IRS	ECM/BoA/Asso.President
230	FFFAI/CIR/231/2024	26/07/2024	GLOBAL SUSTAINABILITY SUPPLY CHAIN STUDENT COMPETITION 2024	All Members
231	FFFAI/KS/232/2024	27/07/2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (27)	All Members
232	FFFAI/KSW/233	27/07/2024	Export Webinar Series - Part 2 : RoDTEP Scheme Origin, Requirements and Benefits	All Members
233	FFFAI/KSW/234	29/07/2024	Export Webinar Series - Part 2 : RoDTEP Scheme Origin, Requirements and Benefits	All Members
234	FFFAI/CIR/235/2024	30/07/2024	Judgment of High Court on Terminal Handling Charges (THC)	All Members
235	FFFAI/CIR/236/2024	31/07/2024	June Statistics from NLDS - Part 1	All Members

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236	FFFAI/CIR/237/2024	01/08/2024	June Statistics from NLDS - Part 2	All Members
237	FFFAI/CIR/238/2024	02/08/2024	e-Flash- FIATA Advances Digital Transformation, Multimodal Transport, and Euro-Asian Rail at Key Conferences in Central Asia	All Members
238	FFFAI/CIR/239/2024	02/08/2024	WEBINAR/ Outreach Programme on the Topic “RECENT BUDGETARY CHANGES IN GST and CUSTOMS - An Overview”	All Members
239	FFFAI/CIR/240/2024	02/08/2024	Feedback regarding difficulties faced while undertaking clearance with Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)	ECM/BoA/Asso.President
240	FFFAI/CIR/241/2024	02/08/2024	June Statistics from NLDS - Part 3	All Members
241	FFFAI/CIR/242/2024	03/08/2024	June Statistics from NLDS - Part 4	All Members
242	FFFAI/CIR/243/2024	03/08/2024	National Time Release Study 2024	All Members
243	FFFAI/KS/244/2024	03/08/2024	Sub: Knowledge Series and Case Law (28)	All Members
245	FFFAI/CIR/245/2024	03/08/2024	Survey conducted by ASSOCHAM	All Members
246	FFFAI/CIR/246/2024	05/08/2024	June Statistics from NLDS - Part 5	All Members
247	FFFAI/CIR/247/2024	06/08/2024	June Statistics from NLDS - Part 6	All Members
248	FFFAI/CIR/248/2024	07/08/2024	June Statistics from NLDS - Part 7	All members
249	FFFAI/CIR/249/2024	08/08/2024	June Statistics from NLDS - Part 8	All members
250	FFFAI/CIR/250/2024	08/08/2024	June Statistics from NLDS - Part 9	All members
251	FFFAI/CIR/251/ 2024	08/08/2024	Minutes of the PTFC meeting held on 25.07.2024 at Jawaharlal Nehru Customs House	All members
252	FFFAI/CIR/252/2024	08/08/2024	3rd Edition of RAW MAT INDIA 2024 is scheduled to be held from 10th to 12th September 2024 at our CODISSIA Trade Fair Complex, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, India.	All members

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253	FFFAI/CIR/ 253 /2024	09/08/2024	Representation made to Member - Customs regarding break down of RMS module in ICEGATE System	All members
254	FFFAI/CIR/254/2024	09/08/2024	E Flash- FIATA	All members
255	FFFAI/CIR/255/2024	10/08/2024	Points discussed during the meeting on Time Release Study on 6th August, 2024	ECM/BoA/Asso.President
256	FFFAI/CIR/256/2024	10/08/2024	June Statistics from NLDS - Part 10	All members
257	FFFAI/KS/257/2024	10/08/2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (28)	All members
258	FFFAI/CIR/258/2024	13/08/2024	June Statistics from NLDS - Part 11	All members
259	FFFAI/CIR/259/2024	14/08/2024	June Statistics from NLDS - Part 12	All members
260	FFFAI/CIR/260/2024	14/08/2024	Industry Interaction by the National Assessment Centre (Chemicals)	ECM/BoA/Asso.President
261	FFFAI/CIR/261/2024	14/08/2024	Investment opportunities in New Brunswick, Canada	All members
262	FFFAI/CIR/262/2024	15/08/2024	ICEGATE system	All members
263	FFFAI/CIR/263 /2024	16/08/2024	Conference on tackling the challenge of sanctions evasion through AIS manipulation	All members
264	FFFAI/CIR/264/2024	16/08/2024	June Statistics from NLDS - Part 14	All members
265	FFFAI/CIR/265/2024	17/08/2024	June Statistics from NLDS - Part 14	All members
266	FFFAI/NEWSLETTER/266	17/08/2024	FFFAI April-June 2024 Bulletin	All members
267	FFFAI/KS/267/2024	19/08/2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (30)	All members

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268	FFFAI/268/2024	19/08/2024	June Statistics from NLDS - Part 15	All members
269	FFFAI/CIR/269/2024	20/08/2024	June Statistics from NLDS - Part 16	All members
270	FFFAI/CIR/270/2024	21/08/2024	June Statistics from NLDS - Part 17	All members
270	FFFAI/CIR /271/2024	23/08/2024	Industry interaction by the National Assessment Centres	ECM/BoA/Asso.President
272	FFFAI/CIR/272	23/08/2024	NLDSL's Logistics Data Bank (LDB) Monthly Analytics Report for the month of July 2024	All members
273	FFFAI/CIR /273/2024	24/08/2024	Participate in the survey	ECM/BoA/Asso.President
274	FFFAI/CIR/ 274 /2024	26/08/2024	7th Executive Committee Meeting and 61st Annual General Meeting on 30th September, 2024 at New Delhi	ECM/BoA/Asso.President
275	FFFAI/CIR /275 /2024	26/08/2024	Industry interaction by the National Assessment Centres	ECM/BoA/Asso.President
276	FFFAI/NEWSLETTER/276	27/08/2024	FFFAI July 2024 Newsletter	All members
277	FFFAI/CIR /277/2024	27/08/2024	Meeting link of Industry interaction by the National Assessment Centres	ECM/BoA/Asso.President
278	FFFAI/CIR /278/2024	27/08/2024	Meeting link of Industry interaction by the National Assessment Centres – NAC 5	ECM/BoA/Asso.President
279	FFFAI/CIR/279/2024	27/08/2024	Meeting link of Industry interaction by the National Assessment Centres	ECM/BoA/Asso.President
280	FFFAI/280/2024	29/08/2024	Important Alert: Beware of Fraudulent Emails from our chairman Mr. Dushyant Mulani	All members
281	FFFAI/KS/267/2024	19/08/2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (30)	All members
282	FFFAI/CIR/281/2024	30/08/2024	Hotel Ashok room tariff at meeting venue of 7th Executive Committee Meeting and 61st Annual General Meeting on 30th September, 2024 at New Delhi	ECM/BoA/Asso.President/Spc.Invitee

KNOWLEDGE SERIES & CASE LAW

Sr. No	Letter/ Reference no	Date	Topic
1	FFFAI/KS/017/2024	20-Jan-2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (1)
2	FFFAI/CIR/032/2024	1-Feb-2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (2)
3	FFFAI/KS/034/2024	2-Feb-2024	Knowledge Series (3) Articles on Carotar to supplement the FFFAI Knowledge Session Webinar on CAROTAR, dated 5th Jan 2024
4	FFFAI/KS/055/2024	10-Feb-2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (4)
5	FFFAI/KS/071/2024	17-Feb-2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (5)
6	FFFAI/KS/076/2024	24-Feb-2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (6)
7	FFFAI/KS/084/2024	2-Mar-2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (7)
8	FFFAI/KS/089/2024	9-Mar-2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (8)
9	FFFAI/KS/095/2024	16-Mar-2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (9)
10	FFFAI/KS/100/2024	23-Mar-2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (10)
11	FFFAI/KS/106/2024	30-Mar-2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (11)
12	FFFAI/KS/111/2024	6-Apr-2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (12)
13	FFFAI/KS/120/2024	13-Apr-2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (13)
14	FFFAI/KS/127/2024	20-Apr-2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (14)
15	FFFAI/KS/1312024	26-Apr-2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (15)

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Sr. No	Letter/ Reference no	Date	Topic
16	FFFAI/KS/137/2024	4-May-2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (16)
17	FFFAI/KS/144/2024	11-May-2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (17)
18	FFFAI/KS/149/2024	18-May-2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (18)
19	FFFAI/KS/159/2024	25-May-2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (19)
20	FFFAI/KS/164/2024	1-June-2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (20)
21	FFFAI/KS/172/2024	8-June-2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (21)
22	FFFAI/KS/182/2024	15-June-2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (22)
23	FFFAI/CIR/185/2024	22-June-2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (23)
24	FFFAI/CIR/193/2024	29-June-2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (24)
25	FFFAI/KS/209/2024	13-July-2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (25)
26	FFFAI/KS/221/2024	20-July-2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (26)
27	FFFAI/KS/232/2024	27-July-2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (27)
28	FFFAI/KS/244/2024	03-August-2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (28)
29	FFFAI/KS/257/2024	10-August-2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (29)
30	FFFAI/KS/267/2024	19-August-2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (30)
31	FFFAI/KS/283/2024	31-August-2024	Knowledge Series and Case Law (31)

Congratulations



Mr. Shankar Shinde (IPC, FFFAI)

FFFAI Immediate Past Chairman Mr. Shankar Shinde Appointed as Vice Chairman of CCTT (International Coordinating Council on Trans-Eurasian Transportation)

Mr. Debashis Dutta (Advisor, FFFAI) has been elected as the Vice Chairman of CII West Bengal State Council for the year 2024-2025



Mr. Debashis Dutta (Advisor, FFFAI)

GUJARAT MARITIME SUMMIT: 6th OCT 2023.



Congratulations

GUJARAT STAR AWARDS : 2024





INDIA CARGO AWARDS 2024



Congratulations

14th ALL INDIA MALA 2024

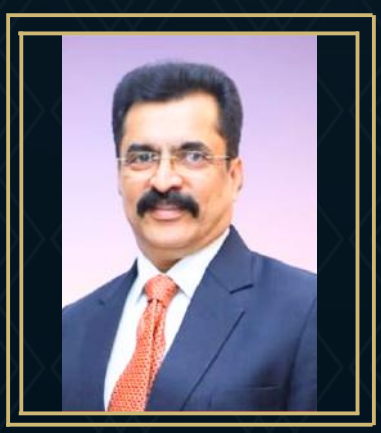


(LtoR) Mr. Adarsh Hegde, MD, All Cargo Logistics Limited; Chairman FFFAI Mr Dushyant Mulani; Mr. Sanjay Kushwah, Managing Director – India, Sri Lanka & Bangladesh, Hapag-Lloyd India Pvt. Ltd.

Chairman FFFAI Mr Dushyant Mulani was conferred Leader and Mentor in Forwarding & CHA Award at 14th Edition of All India, "Maritime And Logistics Awards 2024 (MALA)" held on Wednesday – 21st August 2024 at Hotel JW Marriott Mumbai Sahar, Grand Ballroom, Mumbai.



Mr. Shankar Shinde (IPC, FFFAI)



Mr. Karunakar Shetty (Former EC, FFFAI)

Mr Shankar Shinde (IPC, FFFAI) and Mr. Karunakar Shetty (Former EC, FFFAI) have been elected as the Vice Presidents of The Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce Industries and Agriculture (MAACIA) for the term 2024-2026

Congratulations



Mr. Rohit Kancharla

Mr. Rohit Kancharla, Secretary of Visakhapatnam Customs Brokers Association has taken over as the President of Vizagpatam Chamber of Commerce and Industry Youth wing.

IIFF Hon. Secretary Dr. Nirav Thakker was conferred with the award for the most promising youth in EXIM TRADE.



Congratulations

Mr. Sambasiva Rao, Vice President FFFAI conferred with Award from VCCI

Every two years, the Vizagapatam Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VCCI), established in 1931, recognizes outstanding performers in various fields with prestigious awards. This year, 11 awards were presented across different sectors, including the CFS Logistics Sector. Among the 14 CFS applications received, Mr. Sambasiva Rao's company, M/s Sravan Shipping Services Pvt. Ltd, was selected as the best by a distinguished panel of jurors comprising three Vice Chancellors.



Mr. Sambasiva Rao



Mr. Tej Contractor

IIFF President Mr. Tej Contractor was bestowed with the prestigious title of "DDP Game Changer of the Year" at the Grand India Cargo Awards held on 12th August 2024 in Mumbai.

Association of Custom House Agents Thiruvanthapuram had their Annual General Body Meeting and new set of Office Bearers were elected. FFFAI congratulated Mr. Suresh Kumar K for getting elected as President of Association and other members getting elected as Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Name	Designation
SURESH KUMAR. K	PRESIDENT
SIVAPRASAD.G	VICE-PRESIDENT
RAKESH CHANDRAN	SECRETARY
ANIL KUMAR	JOINT SECRETARY
DILEEP SURENDRAN	TREASURER

Congratulations

Name	Designation
PANKAJ LODAYA	PRESIDENT
KETAN GANATRA	VICE-PRESIDENT
MITESH DESAI	SECRETARY
ALPESH PATEL	TREASURER

Pipavav Custom Brokers Association had their Annual General Body Meeting on 1st Feb 2024 and following members were elected as the Office Bearers of the Associations. FFFAI congratulated Mr. Pankaj Lodaya for getting elected as President of the Associations along with other members getting elected as Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Visakhapatnam Stevedores Association elected a new executive committee for the forthcoming term, and the team members are as follows .

Name	Designation
DR G SAMBASIVA RAO	PRESIDENT
SHRI K SATYANARAYANA REDDY	VICE PRESIDENT
SHRI G. RAJESH	VICE PRESIDENT
SHRI J K NAYAK	SECRETARY
SHRI N V J KIRAN	JOINT SECRETARY
CH VENKATA RAO	JOINT SECRETARY

Congratulations

Name	Designation
MR. RAJU GOSWAMI	PRESIDENT
MR. FARID ZAMAL	VICE-PRESIDENT
MR. DEBASHIS MITRA	SECRETARY
MR. PRADIP DEB	TREASURER

West Bengal Customs House Agents' Society had their Annual General Body Meeting and new set of Office Bearers were elected. FFFAI congratulated Mr. Raju Goswami for getting elected as President of the Association along with other members getting elected as Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Delhi Customs Brokers Association (DCBA) has elected the new Managing Committee in its 40th Annual General Meeting. FFFAI congratulated Mr. Devendra Singh Bhadoria for getting elected as President of the Association along with other members getting elected as Sr. Vice President, Vice President, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Jt. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer.

Name	Designation
MR. DEVENDRA SINGH BHADORIA	PRESIDENT
MR. JOGESH SETHI	SR. VICE PRESIDENT
MR. RAM NARESH YADAV	VICE PRESIDENT
MR. KULDEEP SAHROHA	HONY. SECRETARY
MR. RAJESH KUMAR SHARMA	HONY. JT. SECRETARY
MR. MAHENDRA SINGH	HONY. TREASURER

Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs)

NEW MoUs

Sr.No	Party-1	Party -2
1	FFFAI	ATEIA-OLTRA Barcelona Freight Forwarders Association of Barcelona
2	FFFAI	Escola Europea de Short Sea Shipping, AEIE (EEIT)
3	FFFAI	Amplitude Technology
4	IIFF	Rajdhani Business school
5	IIFF	VIMS Aviation Academy & Training Institute

MoUs Renewed

Sr.No	Party-1	Party -2
1	FFFAI	Logistic Sector Skill Council (LSC)
2	IIFF	Mithra Institute



ACTIVITIES OF ORDINARY MEMBERS

AHMEDABAD CUSTOMS BROKERS' ASSOCIATION

FFFAI OFFICE BEARERS VISIT AHMEDABAD CUSTOMS BROKERS ASSOCIATION, AHMEDABAD TO HAVE INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH THEIR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND LOCAL MEMBERS

Mr. Kartik Pancholi, Chairman, Ahmedabad Customs Brokers Association (ACBA), welcomed the office bearers of the Federation of Freight Forwarders' Associations in India (FFFAI). He pledged all support from ACBA and also offered services of their members in the different Councils of the Federation.

Chairman FFFAI Mr Dushyant Mulani, in his opening remarks said that the Federation will make contact with all local Associations physically throughout the term. He said that he desires to set up Zonal Task Forces. He also highlighted, that the voice of our Federation is being heard by the Government. An example being the latest instruction from the Board on suspension of Customs Brokers' licenses. (CBIC Instruction24/2023.

Chairman FFFAI observed that Chairman Elect Mr. Amit Kamat has been Hony. Secretary for four terms and is also passionate about training. He also mentioned that FFFAI has mobilized the Ladies Wing. He also requested ACBA to bring in more youths and ladies into the trade. Mr Kartik Pancholi, Chairman ACBA, mentioned that ACBA will issue a circular to get the status of the pending cases, be it SCN or GST related. Here, Mr. Devang Joshi, Past President, ACBA pointed out that it has been a long time that we have





have had a seminar onGST matters. Chairman said that we are discussing with DG GST, Mumbai and such a Webinar will be arranged. The next point being procuring a certificate from DG Systems on interest on delayed payment of duty due to ECL issues. The third notification issued by the Department specifies that a certificate to this effect is to be procured from the DG Systems in order to sanction the refund. Chairman explained that it is the EDI department of each Commissionerate that gets it certified from DG System. Such has been the case in Mumbai. He suggested them to try out this manner.

Later in the afternoon, Mr. Amit Kamat - Chairman Elect along with Mr. Sudip Dey - Honorary Secretary, Mr. Kartik Pancholi - Chairman ACBA and members of ACBA made a courtesy visit to Mr. Deep Shekhar - Chief Commissioner of Customs - Gujarat Zone. Mr. Amit Kamat briefed the Chief Commissioner about the legacy and activities of FFFAI and the great work ACBA was doing in the region. He presented the Chief Commissioner, the Coffee Table Book of FFFAI along with the Diamond Jubilee Souvenir and the Term Report for 2021-23

In the evening, the members attend the Gujarat Maritime Summit organised by Daily Shipping Times, where Chairman - Mr. Dushyant Mulani, Immediate Past Chairman - Mr. Shankar Shinde and Honorary Secretary (ACBA) - Dr. Darshan Mashroo we're panelists in a business session.

ASSOCIATION OF CUSTOM HOUSE AGENTS THIRUVANTHAPURAM

NEW OFFICE BEARERS OF ASSOCIATION OF CUSTOMS HOUSE AGENTS, TRIVANDRUM ELECTED.

On December 22, 2023 the Association of Customs House Agents, Trivandrum elected its New Office Bearers for the ensuing term. The elected Office Bearers are: Mr. Suresh Kumar. K (Classic Cargo)-President. Mr. Sivaprasad. G (Akbar Express Cargo pvt Ltd)-Vice President. Mr. Rakesh Chandran (Bon freight)-Secretary. Mr. Anil kumar (Air Travel Enterprises India Ltd)-Joint Secretary. Mr. Surendran (Nava Barath)-Treasurer. MC Members are Mr. Umesh Kumar (Concord), Mr. Parvathy Uthaman (Sea Sand Cargo), Mr. Vijayan (Trade Vint), Mr. Radhakrishnan Nair (Perfecto Logistics). Patron: Mr. O G Hari Raj.



BANGALORE CUSTOM HOUSE AGENTS ASSOCIATION LTD

BANGALORE CB ASSOCIATION ORGANISED INTERACTIVE SESSION

The interactive -cum- Knowledge session was conducted on 16th December 2023 at Vistara Hotel, Airport Road and was attended by 156 participants, with majority being Women participants who had registered for the programme. Mr. Samir Sir touched right from the basic definitions in Customs Act to the complex topics of Adjudication& Appeals, in a span of marathon Three and half hours. In his presentation, he also touched upon facilitation, compliance, CCR, PCA, RMS, 4 locks of Indian customs (Customs, FTP, RBI & PGA), self assessment, HSN code, Difference between Allied Acts & PGA, Import & Exports cycle, Proper officer, What is imported goods / exported goods. AEO, MOOR, etc.



BANGALORE CUSTOMS HOUSE AGENTS ASSOCIATION (BCHAAL) FEATURED ON BENGALURU CUSTOMS ZONE WEBSITE: A MILESTONE IN TRADE FACILITATION

The Bangalore Customs House Agents Association Limited (BCHAAL) has recently been incorporated into the newly launched BENGALURU CUSTOMS ZONE WEBSITE as of January 28, 2024. Comprehensive information about the association, including its Office Bearers and Executive Committee Members, is now prominently showcased on the Bengaluru Customs Zonal webpage. This inclusion stands as a significant acknowledgment of the local Customs Brokers Association's role in collaborating with Customs authorities to enhance trade facilitation for the exim community.



BANGALORE CUSTOM HOUSE AGENTS ASSOCIATION LTD.

A customs house agent (CHA) is licensed to act as an agent for transaction of any business relating to the entry or departure of conveyances or the import or export of goods at a customs station. CHAs maintain detailed, itemized and up-to-date accounts. A CHA license may be temporary or permanent.

Modernization of the Customs Commissionerates around the state of Karnataka and across India, Association of Customs House Agents Karnataka Limited (ACAHAK) evolved to Bangalore Custom House Agents Association Limited (BCHAAL) on 10.01.2000.

BCHAAL - https://bchaal.com/

The Present Managing Committee Members of BCHAAL are

OFFICE BEARERS

PRESIDENT: MR. BELLI GOWDA

VICE PRESIDENT I: MR. KIRAN KUMAR. M

VICE PRESIDENT II: MR. ROOPESH KUMAR NARAYANAN

HON. SECRETARY: MR. GIRISH NARAYAN

HON. TREASURER: MR. BALASUBRAMANIAN . S

EC MEMBERS

MR. CHANDRA. R

MR. HARI RAO R

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BCHAAL IS CONDUCTED ANNUAL CRICKET TOURNAMENT 2024 ON 15TH JUNE, 22ND AND 23RD JUNE. TOTAL OF 40 TEAMS ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE TOURNAMENT ON KNOCK OUT BASIS.





BRIHNAMUMBAI CUSTOMS BROKERS' ASSOCIATION

BRIHANMUMBAI CUSTOM BROKERS ASSOCIATION ORGANISES INTERACTIVE SESSION TO COMMEMORATE ITS 87TH FOUNDERS' DAY

Brihanmumbai Custom Brokers Association (BCBA) celebrated its 87th Founders' Day on 19th December, 2023. On this occasion an Interactive Session to Commemorate the 87th Founders' Day was organised by the association on the same day at Indian Merchants Chamber Building in Mumbai. The event was attended by a large number of BCBA members as well as FFFAI leaders. The event was addressed by Mr. Dushyant Mulani, President BCBA and Chairman FFFAI and several other dignitaries.



Mr. Pramod Kumar Agarwal, Principal Chief Commissioner of Customs – Mumbai Zone was the Chief Guest at the event.

BCBA PARTICIPATES IN CAPACITY BUILDING INITIATIVES

Brihanmumbai Custom Brokers Association (BCBA) had the honor of participating in a capacity building initiative as part of a three-day workshop conducted by the National Academy of Customs, Indirect Taxes and Narcotics (NACIN). This workshop was specifically designed for officers of the Embarkation (HQ) Mumbai, and we were privileged to be a part of this enriching experience. The primary objective of this workshop was to enhance the skills and knowledge base of the officers. BCBA's involvement in this program was to share insights from our extensive experience in the field thereby providing a practical perspective on various aspects of customs brokerage. We would like to express our sincere gratitude towards Shri Jyoti Agrawal, Additional Director NACIN, and Shri Manish Ji for inviting us to be a part of this significant initiative. Their leadership and guidance were invaluable in making this workshop a fruitful endeavor. Representing BCBA at this event were Nirav Thakker (Ph.D), Secretary BCBA, Ketan Desai, Joint Secretary BCBA, and Tej Contractor , Chairman Training Committee BCBA.

This experience further reinforces our commitment towards capacity building within our industry. We believe that such initiatives not only contribute towards individual growth but also significantly enhance the overall efficiency and effectiveness of our sector.

We look forward to participating in more such initiatives in the future and continuing our journey towards professional excellence. Once again, we extend our heartfelt thanks to NACIN for providing us with this opportunity.



BCBA REPRESENTATIVES PARTICIPATE IN CUSTOMS TRAINING PROGRAMME ON ESG ESSENTIALS

World Customs Organisation (WCO) has declared the theme for 2024 as "Customs Engaging Traditional and New Partners with Purpose". In line with this theme, currently Customs is organising training programmes and interactions at various customs locations in India.



Recently Mumbai Customs Zone -3 Air Cargo also organised a similar programme on "ESG Essentials: Integrating Environmental, Social, and Governance Factors". It was attended by Pr. Commissioner of Customs (Export Commissionerate) Mr. Ranjit Kumar Commissioner (Import Commissionerate) Mr. G Shiril Saroj; and Commissioner (General Commissionerate) Mr. Nilank Kumar, several other customs officers as well as custodians, airlines representatives and BCBA - (Brihanmumbai Customs Brokers Association) officials including Mr. Sanjiv Harale, Sr.Vice President; Mr. Ketan Desai, Jt Secretary; Paresh Sangani, Chairman PGA Committee; Mr. Kaushal Thakker, Chairman Export ACC and Mr. Mihir Bhadkamkar, Chairman EDI committee.



The discussions highlighted the following points.

• How ESG originated from the growing recognition that companies have responsibilities beyond just financial performance

• Three key factors in ESG's growth into the mainstream – Materiality, Transparency, and Regulation

• How ESG has a significant positive impact on fundamental business issues relevant to the long-term success of any company across industries.

• Deep dive into environmental issues such as - Climate change, Natural resource scarcity and pollution, and waste

• What is GHG? What are scope 1,2 and 3, what is Net Zero, and India's commitment to becoming net zero by 2070

• Why Social issues like human capital Management product service safety, and Human rights are most important.



• Why collaboration with communities is becoming more critical.

• In Governance factors – The quality of the board, Employee welfare, reporting, transparency, and business ethics play a vital role

According to BCBA representatives, Custom's decision to delve into ESG topics is commendable, marking a significant stride towards Green Customs.

NACIN TRAINING

Dear Nirav, Tej, Ketan bhai, on behalf of the entire MCM we convey our sincere thanks for the passion which you've developed for skill development and training. Getting an invitation to teach at top most departmental institute NACIN is a very huge achievement for the entire CB fraternity and FFFAI, IIFF. The Customs Department has entrusted us with a task to train Naval embarkation HQ personnel which really indicates an in-depth approach towards training developed by all of you. Keep it up.



BCBA SIGNED MOU WITH JAWAHARLAL NEHRU PORT OF AUTHORITY (JNPA)



BCBA SIGNED MOU WITH STATE BANK OF INDIA (SBI)



CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION RECEIVED FROM CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS, MUMBAI ZONE II



CALCUTTA CUSTOM HOUSE AGENTS ASSOCIATION

FFFAI AND CCHAA WELCOME NEW COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS (ADMIN AND AIRPORT), KOLKATA



Honorary Secretary of the Federation of Freight Forwarders' Associations in India (FFFAI) Mr. Sudip Dey and FFFAI Executive Committee Member Mr. Mannu Choudhary recently met with Mr. S. Dange (IRS) , the newly joined Commissioner of Customs (Admin & Airport), Kolkata to welcome him on behalf of FFFAI and Calcutta Customs House Agents Association (CCHAA).

REVAMPING PROJECT OF KIDDERPORE DOCK, SHYAMPRASAD MUKERJEE PORT VIRTUALLY UNVEILED BY THE PRIME MINISTER.



FFFAI Honorary Secretary Mr. Sudip Dey attended the inauguration of revamping project of Kidderpore Dock, Shyamprasad Mukerjee Port under the PPP Model, unveiled virtually by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

1ST COMMITTEE MEETING OF WOMEN, YOUTH AND EDUCATION EMPOWERMENT CONDUCTED CALCUTTA CUSTOMS HOUSE AGENTS' ASSOCIATION

The 1st committee meeting of Women, Youth and Education empowerment was held on 6th December2023 under the chairmanship of President, Mr. Farid Zamal along with the Rosen e of Honorary Secretary, Mr. Ali Haider and Sub-committee chairman (Women, youth and education empowerment) Dr. Subhra Koley, Calcutta Custom House Agents Association (CCHAA) at the association office in Kolkata.





"It was a unique and wonderful experience for all ofus and we are overwhelmed with the active response from such a large number of Industry people and especially from Women. The entire team is very excited to shortly have a new field experience" said CCHAA President Mr. Farid Zamal. It has been decided that a general meeting will be conducted every month to discuss various agendas with a visit to different sectors (e.g. Port, Customs, CFS, etc.) to understand the work procedure for the betterment of the industry.

CALCUTTA CUSTOMS HOUSE AGENTS' ASSOCIATION HOLDS TALK WITH LAND PORTS AUTHORITY DURING ITS 5TH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AT PETRAPOLE BORDER

On the side lines of its 5th EC Meeting, Calcutta Customs House Agents Association (CCHAA) had a meeting with the Land Ports Authority Official, Mr Kamlesh Saini (Manager) and Deputy Commissioner of Customs - Petrapole, Mr Singh.





Discussion and suggestions were exchanged, and a future course of action was laid down for the improvement of bilateral trade. The Port is a crucial crossing point between India and Bangladesh. Observing the border's bustling activities and understanding the significance of this trade route offered a first-hand perspective on the economic ties between the two nations. Witnessing the efficient customs procedures and the flow of goods was both educational and enlightening. The visit to the Petrapole border underscored the importance of international border trade in shaping regional economic landscapes.

CALCUTTA CUSTOMS HOUSE AGENTS ASSOCIATION CPL-2024 CRICKET TOURNAMENT WRAPS UP IN KOLKATA

To foster better understanding, social activities/ relationships within the Customs Brokers fraternity & other logistics industry stakeholders and to remove stress from the hectic business schedule, Calcutta Customs House Agents Association (CCHAA) organized a cricket tournament -'CCHAA CPL 2024' on 20th January 2024 at Golden Tulip, Salt Lake, Kolkata. This was the second-of- its-kind sporting event, organised by CCHAA.









In the 'CCHAA CPL 2024' tournament several organizations took part including Kolkata Port, Kolkata Customs, Four Square Logistics, NACFS, Air Cargo Club, Shipping Association ASIC, and two sub-groups of CCHAA . There was huge excitement witnessed among the logistics stakeholders for this much-awaited event.

CCHAA LEADS ITS WOMEN, YOUTH AND EDUCATION TEAM'S 1ST VISIT TO AIRPORT TO DISCUSS TRADE FACILITATION

On 18.07.2024 the Women, Youth, and Education team headed by the Subcommittee Chairman of the Calcutta Customs House Agents Association had a meeting with the GM (CARGO) of the Airports Authority of India, the Deputy Commissioner of Customs, and the Assistant Commissioner of Customs on to discuss various aspects & issues regarding trade facilitation measures. The meetings were highly productive.



CALCUTTA CUSTOMS HOUSE AGENTS' ASSOCIATION ORGANIZES SESSION ON FACELESS ASSESSMENT

An interactive session on Faceless Assessments was also organised by CCHAA in Kolkata on 29.05.2024. The meet was addressed by the Principal Commissioner of Custom Ataur Rehman, Additional Commissioner of Customs Brijesh Singh & Mayank Sharma along with FFFAI Board Advisor Shri Debasis Dutta. The program was coordinated by Hon. Secretary FFFAI Mr. Sudip Dey. According to Mr. Sudip Dey, more such Open House meetings are to follow suit. Both the Open Houses were participated by a significant number of FFFAI Members and trade people enthusiastically. According to Mr. Sudip Dey, more such Open House meetings are to follow suit.



SEMINAR ON MENTAL WELLNESS HOSTED BY CCHAA'S WOMEN'S, YOUTH, AND EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

The Women's, Youth, and Education Department of the Customs House Agent Association organized a seminar on July 19, 2024, at the association's office in Kolkata, focusing on Mental Wellness. The session, led by Ms. Anuradha Chatterjee, saw active participation from a significant number of CCHAA members, who engaged in discussions on the crucial importance of mental wellness, particularly in the high-pressure logistics sector.



CCHAA ORGANISES SPECIAL EVENT ON GENDER EQUALITY TO COMMEMORATE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

The Calcutta Custom House Agents Association (CCHAA) recently organized a noteworthy event commemorating International Women's Day, demonstrating their dedication to gender equality and women's empowerment. Held at the association office in Kolkata, the event convened professionals, activists, and community leaders to celebrate women's achievements and deliberate on strategies to tackle the challenges they encounter across different aspects of life. The festivities commenced with an inspiring opening address by the President of CCHAA, Mr. Farid Zamal highlighting the significance of International Women's Day and the pivotal role women play in driving economic growth and social progress. Attendees were benefitted by thought-provoking panel discussions featuring distinguished speakers from diverse backgrounds, including customs brokers, Shipping lines, CFs, and others.



The inventive event served as a platform for women entrepreneurs to exhibit their products and services, fostering networking opportunities and economic empowerment. Ranging from artisanal crafts to tech start-ups, the diverse array of businesses showcased highlighted the remarkable talent and potential of women entrepreneurs in fostering innovation and establishing sustainable livelihoods. Beyond simply celebrating achievements, the event spurred action, with participants pledging their dedication to promoting gender equality within their spheres of influence.



CHENNAI
CUSTOM HOUSE AGENTS ASSOCIATION

CCBA WOMEN WING HOSTS TERMINAL VISITS TO STUDY GOOD PRACTICES OF GENDER EQUALISATION CONDUCTED BY GIZ REPRESENTATIVES

The Chennai Customs Brokers Association (CCBA) Women Wing on 23.4.24 organised a CFS Visit (Sattva CFS in Chennai) which was participated by a large number of women logistics practitioners. Prime objective of this visit was to support the Study on best practices of gender equalisation, which is being conducted by Germany based Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, through Nikore Associates in India.



GIZ is a service provider in the field of international cooperation for sustainable development and international education work. The organisation has over 50 years of experience in a wide variety of areas, including economic development and employment promotion, energy and the environment, and peace and security. It works with businesses, civil society actors and research institutions, fostering successful interaction between development policy and other policy fields and areas of activity.



Sharing details regarding the activities of CCBA Women Wing Ms. Valarmathi, member CCBA, informed that the association is committed for empowerment of women in the logistics industry. Visits to the CFS was one of such objectives to witness the ground reality and best practices implemented by the CFS operators/custodians of cargo terminals in terms of encouraging women staff/workers. She also informed that many more promotional activities to attract women in the thriving logistics industry will be organised by CCBA and its Women Wing in the days to come.



From left to right- Mr. Ravi Thittai CCBA, Mrs. Catherine, Sattva CFS, Mrs. Kalpana Sattva CFS, Mrs. Sabitha Devi Sattva CFS, Ms. Abigail Albert, Ms. Vandhana Ramesh, Ms.Mitali Nilkore, Mrs. Valarmathi CCBA, Mrs. Chandrakala CCBA, Mr. Padmanabhan Sattva CFS.



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATED BY CHENNAI CUSTOM BROKERS ASSOCIATION (CCBA)





CCBA ORGANIZES INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH CHENNAI CUSTOMS COMMISSIONER TO ADDRESS CLEARANCE CHALLENGES

The Chennai Customs Brokers' Association (CCBA) organised an Interactive Session (OPEN HOUSE) exclusively for their Custom Brokers with Commissioners of Customs Chennai Customs on 15th March 2024 at Club Hall, Sea Customs. The Interactive Session was addressed by the Principal Commissioner of Customs (General) Shri R. Srinivasa Naik IRS; Commissioner of Customs (Import), Shri K.S.V.V Prasad, IRS; Additional Commissioner of Customs Shri B. Lokanath Reddy, IRS; Dr A. Mohan Senior Director (Technical) NIC and other Senior Customs officials.



Principal Commissioner of Customs (General) Shri R. Srinivasa Naik IRS being nfelicitated by CCBA President Mr. R N Sekar



Shri R.N. Sekar highlighted some critical points like the challenges faced by the Customs Brokers in faceless assessment and frequent downtime of ICEGATE System. Shri Sekar also urged the department to resolve the prevailing problems faced by Customs Brokers and trade owing to the slow System, which sometimes remains down for 5 to 6 hrs in a day. Both commissioners elaborated on the current system implementation and pledged to address the concerns raised by the Association and its members with the DG System and CBIC. A large number of CCBA members participated in the session and engaged in discussions with the officers.

CCBA ORGANISES SECOND OPEN HOUSE WITH CUSTOMS TO DISCUSS PAIN POINTS

The Chennai Customs Brokers' Association (CCBA) organised the second Interactive Session (OPEN HOUSE) exclusively for their Custom Brokers with Commissioners of Customs (Exports) Chennai Customs on 30th May 2024 at Club Hall, Sea Customs. Shri A. Manimaran, IRS, Commissioner of Customs (Exports), Smt. D. Sangeetha IRS, Addl Commissioner of Customs (Export), Shri R. Sri Balaji, IRS Addl. Commissioner of Customs (Exports), present on the occasion to interact with CBs. In this Open House meet CCBA President Shri R.N. Sekar and Secretary Shri S. Nataraja briefed about the recent trade facilitations and appreciated for extensive support given by Chennai Customs to the Trade.Paperless transactions, automated process in the customs clearance in single window System were the key milestone changes done under the ease of doing business.



Vote of thanks was proposed by Shri M.A. Zahir Hussan, Vice President CCBA, he thanked Customs Officers and Trade for participating in the session and make this event a grand success.

Shri R.N. Sekar President CCBA pointed out the some of the challenges faced by the members in tracking the business due to various issues on export and CFS operation related matters. The Commissioner has appreciated the role of CCBA, and representations done through various forum like PTFC and CCFC very effectively. The Commissioner has explained in detail and clarified to all the grievances raised by CCBA and thereafter interactions with members.





FFFAI VICE CHAIRMAN MR. SAMBASIVA RAO VISITS CCBA OFFICE FOR STRATEGIC MEETING WITH CONSOLIDATORS ASSOCIATION IN INDIA (CAI) TEAM

On June 10 2024, FFFAI VC Mr. Sambasiva Rao visited Chennai Customs Brokers Association (CCBA) office and had a short meeting with Consolidators Association in India (CAI). The CAI President Mr. Naveen Prakash along with his OBs and Chennai Customs Brokers Association OBs Mr. Divakaran, Mr. Zahir Hussain, Mr. Kumar and Mr. Natarajan were participated in the meeting. The CCBA President welcomed Mr. Sambasiva Rao & CAI OBs.



CCBA ORGANIZES FREE MEDICAL CAMP IN ASSOCIATION WITH APOLLO HOSPITAL IN CHENNAI

The Chennai Customs Brokers' Association (CCBA) organized a Mega Free Medical Camp jointly with Apollo Hospitals on 5th July at Chennai Sea Customs

Chief Commissioner of Customs, Chennai Zone Dr Ram Niwas, IRS Inaugurated the camp in the presence of Dr Srividya, PAN India Medical Director, Apollo Hospital and Shri R. Srinivasa Naik, IRS, Principal Commissioner of Customs (General), Shri K.S.V.V. Prasad, IRS, Commissioner of Customs (Imports), Shri A. Manimaran, IRS, Commissioner of Customs (Exports), Shri K. Veerbhadra Reddy, IRS, Commissioner of Customs (Audit) and Shri Rajesh Fattesing Dhabre, IRS, Commissioner of Customs (Appeals).



The event was organized to provide an opportunity for health checkups for all Customs Broker members, their employees, and customs officials.



CCBA President Shri R.N. Sekar extended a warm welcome to all officials and Customs Brokers, expressing gratitude to the Chief Commissioner of Customs for promptly approving and inaugurating the Mega Free Medical Camp at the Customs premises. Over 450 participants took advantage of the health checkup, which was conducted on July 5, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Chief Commissioner highlighted the importance of regular health checkups and commended the CCBA for organizing this camp to promote the well-being of their employees. Shri S. Nataraja, Secretary of CCBA, expressed his gratitude to the Customs Officers and the trade community for their participation, which contributed to the event's success.

CCBA HOSTS STUDENTS EDUCATIONAL AWARD FUNCTION IN CHENNAI

The Students Educational Awards for the children of Customs Brokers and their employees for 2024 were recently held in Chennai. The Chief Guest, Shri A. Manimaran, IRS, Commissioner of Customs, presented award certificates, medals, and cash rewards to all 78 students. The event brought great joy to both the parents and children, who were delighted to receive their awards from the Commissioner.





"We at CCBA feel very proud to organize such an event, our Educational Committee tirelessly worked hard to have the event very special. We convey our sincere thanks to the Guest of Honor Shri. Narasimhan-Vice Chairman, Sattva Groups and motivated speaker Smt. Rama Ravi Tittai," said Shri R.N. Sekar, President, CCBA

CUSTOM BROKERS ASSOCIATION HYDERABAD

HYDERABAD CUSTOMS HAS LAID THE FOUNDATION STONE FOR A NEW CUSTOMS HOUSE

The Hyderabad Customs has laid the foundation stone for a new Customs House in the Shamshabad area. The ceremony was graced by Member CBIC Shri Vivek Ranjan; Chief Commissioner Shri Sandeep Prakash; Principal Commissioner Shri. D.P. Naidu, several departmental officers, stakeholders of the trade and PGAs.





The well-organised program started with Pooja, followed by the expression of views by dignitaries. T. Abhimanyu President of the Customs Broker Association in Hyderabad. According to him, new building of the customs house will bring new energy to the system and help in fulfilling the aspirations of the department in its new role. The programme was also attended by association members Mr.Vijay Kumar - General Secretary; Mr. Syed Jameeluddin - Vice President; Mr. M.N.Kiran - Treasurer; Mr. Srinivas- Joint Secretary and Smt.Sujana - Joint Secretary.

DELHI
CUSTOMS BROKERS ASSOCIATION

DCBA ORGANISES ANNUAL DINNER ON APRIL 6, MORE THAN 700 PEOPLE ENJOY THE GALA EVENING

The Annual Dinner of Delhi Customs Brokers Association (DCBA) for the FY 2023-24 was organised on April 6, 2024, Saturday at The Umrao Hotel, New Delhi. The Annual Dinner function was attended by more than 700 DCBA members and Guests from Customs, Custodians, PGAs, etc. All esteemed guests were felicitated by the managing Committee of DCBA headed by its President Mr. Puneet Jain. The DCBA members and Guests enjoyed the evening coupled with delicious food and musical performances by a reputed band.



DCBA Hon. Treasurer Mr. Harjit Singh (2nd from left) and Hon. Jt. Secretary Mr. Mukesh Hira (extreme right) along with other members at the Annual Dinner



DCBA President Mr. Puneet Jain (11th from left) along with other OBs, MC Members, Memmers and Customs Officials at the Annual Dinner programme



DCBA Vice President Mr. Vaneet Aggarwal (5th from left) along with other members at the Annual Dinner

INDORE
CUSTOMS HOUSE AGENTS ASSOCIATION

THE INDORE CUSTOMS BROKERS ASSOCIATION HOLDS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON OCTOBER 18, 2023.





At this AGM Mr. Anurag Vijayvargiya, Vice Chairman FFFAI & President - Indore Customs Brokers Association (ICBA), was felicitated by the members of association for his contribution for the betterment of our fraternity.

LUDHIANA
CUSTOMS HOUSE AGENTS ASSOCIATION

LUDHIANA CUSTOMS BROKERS ASSOCIATION ORGANISED INTERACTIVE SESSION FOR ITS MEMBERS ON STRESS MANAGEMENT ON FEB.20, 2024.

Dr Priyanka Kalra, MBBS, MD, DNB (psychiatry) was key note speaker. She specializes in cases of depression, stress, sleep problems, OCD and anxiety for adults and autism, hyperactivity and learning disability for children.



The Workshop offered numerous benefits including (a) increased awareness (b) Effective coping strategies (c) Improved health outcomes (d) Better relationships (e) Sense of community (f) long term well being.

LUDHIANA CUSTOMS BROKERS ASSOCIATION HOSTS ANNUAL GET TOGETHER IN PRESENCE OF COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AS CHIEF GUEST

On April 26, 2024, the Ludhiana Customs Brokers Association (LCBA) hosted its Annual Get Together evening, featuring a variety of entertainment activities, games, dance and music, a lucky draw, cocktails, and delicious food. The highly anticipated event was honored by the presence of the Commissioner of Customs, Ludhiana, Smt. Vrindabha Gohil, IRS, as the Chief Guest, who was felicitated by LCBA President Mr. Rajesh Verma. The event was well-attended by LCBA members, including several senior members who shared their experiences and memories, strengthening the bond within the customs broker fraternity. During the event, Mr. Rajesh Verma provided an overview of the activities of the Ludhiana Customs Brokers Association (LCBA) and the Federation of Freight Forwarders' Associations in India (FFFAI), the apex association of customs brokers. He also highlighted upcoming short-term training courses planned by the Indian Institute of Freight Forwarders (IIFF) under FFFAI. Mr. Dushyant Mulani, Chairman ofFFFAI, addressed the gathering virtually, conveying his best wishes to the LCBA members.



Commissioner of Customs, Ludhiana, Smt. Vrindaba Gohil, IRS being felicitated by Mr Rajesh Verma, President, Ludhiana Customs Broker Association and Vice Chairman, FFFAI

The event was also attended by the Joint Director from Plant Protection & Quarantine and the Additional Director from the Directorate General of GST Intelligence (DGGI). The event was sponsored by two custodians – Gateway Distriparks Ltd. and Hind Terminals Pvt. Ltd. The LCBA President announced that the association is planning to organise knowledge sessions and Cricket matches between CB teams as continuation of the momentum of happiness and togetherness.

MANGALORE CUSTOMS HOUSE AGENTS ASSOCIATION

TRAINING PROGRAMME ORGANISED BY MANGALORE CHA ASSOCIATION ON FFFAI FOUNDATION DAY

Mangalore CHA Association on the day of FFFAI Foundation Day (December 2, 2023), organised a One Day Training Program jointly with Kanara Chamber of Commerce and Industry.



Dr. Mithosh Raghavan, IRS, Deputy Commissioner, Mangalore, who was the Chief Guest inaugurated the program. Mr. Samir Shah- Past Chairman of FFFAI and Dr. Darshan Mashroo – Executive Committee Member of FFFAI were the faculty, who conducted the training.





Mr Ananthesh V Prabhu, President, Kanara Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Mangalore presided over the inaugural program and Mr. Philip C C, President-Mangalore CHA Association addressed the Participants in the inaugural program. More than 140 Participants attended the Traning Program.

TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR CUSTOMS BROKERS HELD IN MANGALORE

Mangalore Commissionerate in Association with CHA Association organized a Training program for Custom Brokers and other stake holders on July 25, 2024, at Custom's Auditorium.



Conducted by the Customs officials in presence of the Commissioner of Customs, more than 100 Customs Brokers participated in the training session.

NASHIK CUSTOMS HOUSE AGENTS ASSOCIATION

GST DAY CELEBRATION AT NASIK INDUSTRIES MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION





ODISHA CUSTOM BROKERS ASSOCIATION

WORKSHOP ON DAK NIRYAT KENDRA ORGANIZED IN BHUBANESWAR





Odisha Customs Brokers Association participated in the workshop on Dak Niryat Kendra (Foreign Post office) organized jointly by World Trade Centre, Govt. of Odisha and Dept. Of Posts. at Convention center of IDCO, Bhubaneswar.

ODISHA CUSTOMS BROKERS ASSOCIATION ORGANISES TWO DAYS TRAILING PROGRAMME

Odiha Customs Brokers Association (OCBA) in association with MSME Department, Govt of Odisha organised a two days training programme on Entrepreneurship and Skill Development in Import/ Export and Logistics.





Organised at Balangir in western Odisha, it was a starting of OCBA' s visionary programme for conducting similar trainings in all the 30 districts of Odisha for the potential EXIM Entrepreneurs under MSME sector of the state.



ODISHA CUSTOMS BROKERS ASSOCIATION IN ASSOCIATION WITH MSME DEPT, GOVT OF ODISHA ORGANISED 2 DAYS TRAINING PROGRAM ON ENTREPRENEURSHIP, SKILL DEVELOPMENT IN IMPORT/ EXPORT AND LOGISTICS AT BARIPADA, ODISHA





Odisha Customs Brokers Association President Mr. Sachidananda Pattanayak addressing the Guests and students during the training program

OCBA PARTICIPATES IN CUSTOMS INTERACTIVE SESSION ON FACELESS ASSESSMENT

An Interactive Session on faceless assessment was conducted by Bhubaneswar Customs Commissionerate on May 31, 2024 in Chennai. Odisha Customs Brokers Association (OCBA) led by its Secretary Mr. Harihar Das participated in this meeting and discussed prevailing issues pertaining to faceless assessment to address the same to benefit the exim trade.

PIPAVAV CUSTOMS BROKERS' ASSOCIATION

TRAINING PROGRAM ON CUSTOMS CLEARANCE & FREIGHT FORWARDING REGULATIONS HELD IN PIPAVAV

APM Terminals in association with Pipavav Customs Brokers Association (PCBA) JBS Academy organized an Extensive Training Programme on customs clearance and freight forwarding regulations, including processes and documentation. The four-session program was held at Pipavav Port on July 5, 6, 12 and 13, 2024.





More than 75 participants took advantage of this training, which was conducted by Dr. Darshan Mashroo. Upon completion of the sessions, certificates were distributed to all participants by Mr. Dinesh Tiwari from APM Terminals, Mr. Pankaj Lodaya from PCBA and Mr. Akshay Sheth from JBS Academy.

VISAKHAPATNAM CUSTOMS BROKERS' ASSOCIATION

FFFAI VICE CHAIRMAN MR. G. SAMBASIVA RAO AND EC MEMBER MR. ROLLAND WILLIAMS HONORED WITH CUSTOMS AWARD ON INTERNATIONAL CUSTOMS DAY

Mr. G. Sambasiva Rao, the Managing Director of Sravan Shipping Services Pvt. Ltd. and Vice Chairman of FFFAI, has been honored with the Best CFS Appreciation Award. This recognition comes in light of his remarkable achievement of handling 37,659 TEUs in the previous year and filing over 6,000 Shipping Bills during the same period. The prestigious awards were presented by Mr. Sanjay Pant, IRS, Chief Commissioner of Customs & Central Tax, Visakhapatnam, and Shri. N. Sridhar, IRS, Principal Commissioner of Customs, during the commemoration of International Customs Day 2024.



Mr. Sambasiva Rao



Mr. Rolland Williams

FFFAI WOMEN'S WING

FFFAI WOMEN'S WING MAKES VISIT TO MUMBAI PORT TRUST ALONG WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

On 27th Sept'23 FFFAI Women's Wing visited Mumbai Port Authority along with Govt Officials from APEDA and members of AMTOI too joined, It was a record breaking 40 members delegation team.

Mumbai Port Authority celebrates her 150 years this year. Mumbai Port had very humble beginnings as a trading outpost when Mumbai Port Trust was inaugurated on 26th June,1873 onto its evolution as one of the main ports and busiest ports of the country playing a very important role in the growth of Mumbai city, India and the country's Maritime Industry.

Mumbai Port has the distinction of being the first container port in the country when set up.

Ongoing :

SAGARMALA programme
Mumbai International Cruise Terminal (MICT)– Target completion by Dec 2024 Third Chemical Berth (TCB) at Pir Pau – Target completion by March 2024 New Fish Jetty at Mallet Bunder – Target completion by October 2025.

Future Projects :
Monetization of New Sewree Warehouse, Base Oil Tankage at Mallet Bunder, Development of Resort at Thal Khob, Green Cement Terminal at Indira Docks, Logistics Park at Titwala,

Future Digital & Automation Projects – Port EBS (enterprise Business Solutions), AI/ML based Cybersecurity, NLP(National Logistics Portal) Marine, loT-based Connected Tug Boats for movement Tracking & fuel Monitoring, AI-based Automated Berthing System, Integrated Access Control & Surveillance System GIS Based EOMS (Estate Operation Management System), 5G implementation at Port.

The strengths of MbPA are :
Excellent Infrastructure and Management
Excellent Road, Rail, Water and Air connectivity
Multipurpose Port with Cargo Handling Capacity –

A special Thank You to Mr. Sohel Kazani, FFFAI EC Member- Bharat Group of Companies for arranging this visit and making this visit successful and memorable.



REPORT OF FFFAI'S WOMEN WING VISIT MUMBAI INTERNATIONAL AIR CARGO COMPLEX

FFFAI Women's Wing organises Field Trip to Mumbai International Air Cargo Complex (MIACC) courtesy Adani Airports on 28th September'23 with the Next Gen of Logistics.

Full support and co-operation of MIAL, CSC and Adani Airports made this visit a super success. What was wonderful that on this visit the Next Gen of Logisticians in making also participated.

This visit was also full of nostalgia because when the Women's Wing was set up 2 years ago, the first field visit was to BOM ACC and now with the end of the term, the closing was with a visit to BOM ACC.

An in-depth presentation given by MIAL made the ladies understand what MIACC is all about, how she functions and facilities available, ongoing projects, future activities, the importance of Mumbai airport and Air Cargo Complex in Air Freight Industry and most importantly the benefits the shippers and importers get by using MIACC. Thank You to Mr Mohammad Baqir- Senior Manager Cargo, Mr Kamalakar Singh- Senior Manager Cargo, Mr Murthy Dhulipala – GM Cargo Finance and Mr Nasir Mohamed- DGM Cargo Imports for the in-detailed presentation and explanation.

The walkaround with in-depth information sharing, visiting the never to be visited areas, seeing a freighter operation, and seeing actual movement of cargo all wonderfully explained and shown by Mr Amit Kadam- Associate Manager Cargo, Mr Gaurav Sabnis- Associate Manager Cargo, Mr Sanjay Ghag- Senior Manager Cargo, Mr Subodh Thakur – Manager Cargo Exports resulted in the tour touching 4 hrs.





Special Thank You to CSC – Mr Pramod Periera – GM for opening up their facilities on a holiday and Mr Edwin Adidala – Sr.PE -Communications to come and show us around the CSC facility on his Off day. One of the highlights whilst visiting the CSC Pharma and Perishable Facilities was using of the cargo elevator meant for pallets movement and seeing how the pallets were built.

For the Future Logisticians it was an eyeopener and little insight into what exactly do their Dads do and seeing shipments being handled by their companies was a moment of pride for them!

The visit was possible purely due to the co-operation and support of both MIAL and CSC teams who spared their valuable time on a hot sunny day with - our members and ensured everyone came back with very good memories and appreciation of how the Air Freight Industry operates.

Thank You to Mr Manoj Singh- Chief Cargo Officer, Adani Airport Holdings Limited without whom this visit would not have been possible and whose support is always there for all FFFAI endeavors.

WOMEN'S WING-FFFAI ORGANISES VISIT FOR THEIR MEMBERS AND APEDA OFFICIALS TO MUMBAI PORT TO WITNESS CURRENT INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES AND UNDERSTAND UPCOMING PROJECT

Recently, FFFAI Women's Wing headed by Ms. Chaitaly Mehta, Convenor of the FFFAI Women's Wing interacted with Mumbai Port Authority while visiting Mumbai port along with Govt. Officials from APEDA (Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority) and members of AMTOI (Association of Multimodal Transport Operators of India. It was a record breaking 40-member delegation team.



Mumbai Port Authority celebrates 150 years of operation this year. Started with a very humbl beginnings as a trading outpost on 26th June 1873, Mumbai Port Trust has successfully completed its evolution as one of the main ports and busiest ports of the country playing a very important role in the growth of Mumbai city in India and the country's Maritime Industry. Mumbai Port has the distinction of being the first container port in the country when set up.

According to Mumbai Port Trust officials, some ongoing projects of the Mumbai Port Trust have been SAGARMALA Programme, Mumbai International Cruise Terminal (MICT) – with target completion by December 2024, Third Chemical Berth (TCB) at Pir Pau – with target completion by March 2024 and New Fishing Jetty at Mallet Bunder – with target completion by October 2025.

Future Projects include monetization of New Sewree Warehouse, Base Oil Tankage at Mallet Bunder,Development of Resort at Thal Khob, Green Cement Terminal at Indira Docks, Logistics Park at Titwala and Development of Mallet Bunder as a Fish Tourism destination.

Future Digital & Automation Projects include Port EBS (Enterprise Business Solutions), AI/ML based Cyber security, NLP (National Logistics Portal) Marine, IoT based Connected Tugboats for movement Tracking & Fuel Monitoring, AI-based Automated Berthing System, Integrated Access Control & Surveillance System, GIS Based EOMS (Estate Operation Management System) and 5G implementation at Port.

Sharing experiences of this visit Ms. Chaitaly stated that the strengths of MbPA could be excellent Infrastructure and Management; excellent Road, Rail, Water and Air connectivity; Multipurpose Port with cargo handling capacity – General Cargo, Project Cargo, Agri Products Handling; Steel Products Handling; Automotive Export Terminal; Oil Terminal and Chemical Terminal – LPG/ Crude/POL.

In her opinion, the Port also has excellent Waterways for Coastal Cargo, State of Art Vessel Tracking System and Global Cruise Tourism & Cruise Hub of India with Mumbai International Cruise Terminal and Domestic Cruise Terminal.

She also pointed out that Mumbai Port is now No. 2 port in India for Liquid Handling with 16% market share, Biggest Oil Terminal with Capacity of 22 MMT, Urban Water Transport – providing best Urban Water Transport Facilities to Mumbai.

FFFAI'S WOMEN'S WING VISIT JOINTLY WITH WORLD BANK TO ICD BIRGUNJ – NEPAL SIDE OF INDIA-NEPAL BORDER

Birganj Inland Dry Port is Nepal's first dry port constructed in 2000 AD by Nepal Government. In 2001 AD. ownership of dryport transferred to NITDB. NITDB awarded HTPL the contract to operate and manage the Inland Clearance Depot in Sirsiya, Birganj. The dryport came in operation from 16 July 2004. The dryport covers an area of 38 hectares including customs office, four shed houses, terminal buildings, weighing bridges, two banks, six lines for train contgainer yard. 1586 containers can be managed at a time. The dryport is connected by Train
owned by Indian Railways which connects the dryport to Raxaul in India.

The Nepal Intermodal Transport Development Board (NITDB) was formed by the government of Nepal in 2054 BS (1997 AD) to oversee the economical and efficient management of Inland Clearance Depots (ICDs) for facilitation of Nepal's foreign trade. There are three ICDs
in Nepal which operate under the NITDB.

- Birgunj Inland Dry Port
- Biratnagar Inland Dry Port
- Bhairahwa Inland Dry Port
- Integrated Check Post (ICP), Birgunj



The Birgunj ICD is connected by road and rail to seaports in India. It operates as a centre for transshipment and import of cargo to inland destinations across Nepal.



The Birgunj ICD at Sirsiya is the only dry port in Nepal that is connected to Indian seaports in Kolkata and Vishakhapatnam by railways via Raxaul, India. Likewise, the ICP is connected to the Indian border by road and facilitates the integration of efficient customs clearance processes and cargo clearance. Infrastructure at Birgunj ICD and ICP - The Birgunj ICD had been constructed over 38 hectares of land, with a capacity to store up to 1,568 Twenty-Foot Equivalent Unit (TEU). The port also has six full-rake railway sidings. According to the officials, it facilitates the movement of over 20,000 TEU containers and breakbulk cargo annually. The ICD has two warehouses. A 7000 sq.m container freight station shed and a 10,000 sq.m goods shed are divided into a 300 m long walled section and a 400 m long unwalled section.



REPORT OF FFFAI'S WOMEN'S WING VISIT TO RAXAUL – INDIA SIDE OF INDIA-NEPAL BORDER : 9TH OCTOBER'23

The FFFAI Women's Wing visited Raxaul border on 9th Oct'23. The journey was unlike any of the women had undertaken purely from the perspective of safety and security since the journey to reach Raxaul was through Bihar.

Special Thank You and Shout Out to our very own Mr Manu from FFFAI Kolkata for coming with the ladies as safety support inspite his very busy schedule,his staff Raja, to a delicious homemade breakfast and a fantastic local Bihari Lunch.

Special Thank You to Mr Amrut Shreshtha, CCBA member without whom the trip wouldn't have materialised. Inspite of being unwell, he accompanied the ladies and his contribution was fantastic.

Special Thank You to our very own Sudip Da who not only guided in conceptualising the trip but knowing the concerns of the family members of the Women's Wing was monitoring the trip in real time!



Darbhanga Airport with Mrs Kinjal and Mrs Janhavi from Mumbai.

Established as a statutory body under the Department of Border Management, Ministry of Home Affairs, the Land Ports Authority of India is entrusted with the task of building land ports on India's borders and provide state of the art infrastructure facilities to facilitate seamless and efficient movement of cargo and passengers with an overall objective of reducing dwell time and trade transaction costs, promote regional trade and people-to-people contact and imbibe the best international practices.



LPAI endeavours to provide safe, secure and systematic facilities for movement of cargo as well passengers at its ICPs. The majority of services at the ICPs are free, except those meant for trade which are charged as per the prescribed rates of tariff. The chargeable services for trade include charges for parking, weighment services, loading/unloading and warehousing. For passengers, there is no entry fee. All passenger facilities at the ICPs are free.



Mr Amrita and Mr Manu- without whom this trip wouldn't have been possible and our bodyguards!

Port Raxaul is located along the international border between India and Nepal, located at a distance of about 230 kms from the city of Patna. Raxaul (India) – Birgunj (Nepal) is the most important route for interchange of bilateral and third country trade between India and Nepal.

In terms of Revenue generation ICP Raxaul is the highest with also the highest expenditure and in terms of volume too.

WOMENS WING KANDLA-MUNDRA VISIT - 6TH TO 10TH JANUARY 2024

ASHAPURA MINES VISIT





MUNDRA PORT VISIT













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KANDLA INTERNATIONAL CONTAINER TERMINAL AND KANDLA PORT





INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION 2024

FFFAI COMMEMORATES INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY BY LAUNCHING ON-THE-JOB TRAINING FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED WOMEN

The celebration of International Women's Day on March 8th, 2024, at the Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations in India (FFFAI) headquarters marks another significant milestone, thanks to its Women's Wing. FFFAI has announced a three-month apprenticeship program in shipping and logistics for underprivileged women, aiming to empower them.



In collaboration with Lok Bharti, an NGO dedicated to bridging skill gaps in various sectors of the India economy, FFFAI has initiated this pioneering initiative. Lok Bharti focuses on employment and employability by providing short-term, workshop-based programs to skill and re-skill individuals, ensuring industry-ready manpower.





Lok Bharti prioritizes enhancing employment and employability by forging close collaborations with industries to secure a consistent influx of job prospects for trainees. The organization has reached out to FFFAI's Women's Wing and the training division, Indian Institute of Freight Forwarders (IIFF), to deliver training programs tailored for women candidates, aiming to equip them for potential roles as logistics professionals or entrepreneurs.



Addressing the predominantly FFFAI Women's Wing attendees, FFFAI Chairman Mr. Dushyant Mulani expressed appreciation for the unique celebration of the day. He emphasized the significant impact it would have on empowering underprivileged women and shaping the future landscape of India's logistics industry. Mr. Mulani highlighted the government's efforts in empowering 'Nari Shakti' over the past 7-8 years, which has also positively influenced the logistics sector, attracting women to it as a dynamic career choice. He noted a notable increase of 15 18% in women entrepreneurs in the logistics profession during this period.

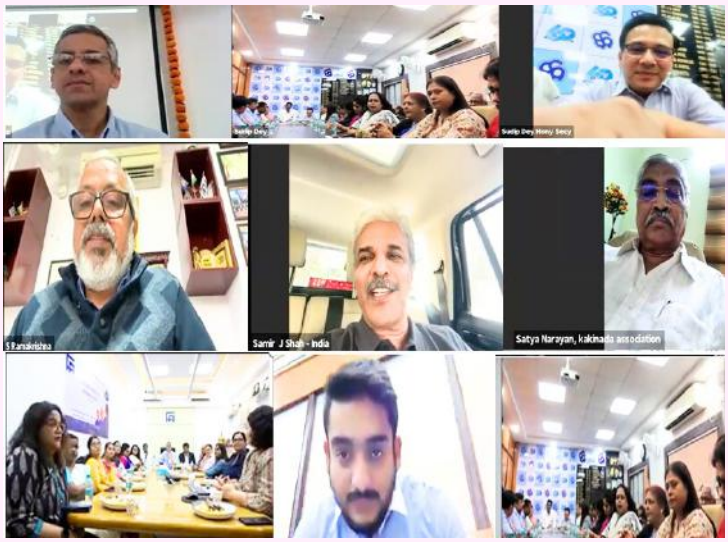
Asserting FFFAI's commitment, Mr. Mulani pledged to facilitate the growth of women's participation to at least 35-40% within the next two years. He mentioned FFFAI's collaboration with the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) and the World Bank (WB) at both local and national levels in this endeavor. Mr. Mulani underscored the vast employment opportunities available for undergraduates in the logistics sector, emphasizing FFFAI's dedication to empowering underprivileged women as part of its social responsibilities. Special Thank You to our very own Sudip Da who not only guided in conceptualising the trip but knowing the concerns of the family members of the Women's Wing was monitoring the trip in real time!



Ms. Chaitaly Mehta, Convenor of FFFAI Women's Wing, elaborated on the on-job training, stating that it would be conducted in the form of internships. Upon completion, candidates will receive certificates from the respective companies. While there is potential for employment with these companies, the decision rests entirely with them. Ms. Chaitaly emphasized that holding such certificates would offer a significant advantage when applying for positions in logistics companies, as certificate holders wouldn't be considered as freshers. She also shared the growth journey of FFFAI Women's Wing, which commenced in 2012 with just four members but has now expanded to 80 members nationwide. Additionally, she showcased the various activities of the Women's Wing through an engaging video presentation Appreciating the efforts of FFFAI Women's Wing Mr. Amit Kamat, Chairman-Elect of FFFAI expressed optimism that in the days to come women logistics logistics entrepreneurs would place themselves in the leading positions of the country's economy, simultaneously with other growing industry segments.



Mr. Samir Shah and Mr. S. Ramakrishna from the Board of Advisors, Dr. Pramod Sant, FFFAI DG, and Mrs. Philomena V. Pereira, Mentor of FFFAI Women's Wing, also delivered remarks during the event.



In his concluding remarks Mr. Sudip Dey, Hon. Secretary, FFFAI stated that FFFAI has stepped into a long journey not only to facilitate and strengthen the EXIM trade of the country, but also to empower women and underprivileged sections of the society by providing employment opportunities. Conveying his best wishes to FFFAI Women's Wing members and the women candidates engaged in the on-job training programme, Mr. Dey informed that FFFAI has already tied up with many institutions including IIM Mumbai, IIFT Kolkata and many other business colleges/institutions across the country to train both





logistics industry professionals and freshers at the same time, considering the huge demand for skilled manpower. And, there will be special focus to attract women to the logistics sector which is a safe, secured and lucrative career option for them.









FFFAI WOMEN'S WING MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN EVENT ADDRESSED BY UNION MINISTER SMRITI IRANI IN MUMBAI

Dr. Sharmila Amin, Ms. Madhu Daga and Ms. Khushboo Singh participated at the launch of Reports on India's Care Economy. The event was graced by Union Minister of Women and Child Development Smt. Smriti Irani, organized by CII in Mumbai on 5th March 2024.





FFFAI COLLABORATES WITH RESEARCH GROUP TO STUDY GROUND REALITY,RECOMMENDS KEY FUNCTIONS

The Federation of Freight Forwarders' Association of India (FFFAI) has been actively championing the National Logistics Policy, an initiative inaugurated by the Honorable Prime Minister on September 17, 2022. The association's engagement in various collaborative endeavors includes participation in group discussions, one of which focused on the comprehensive study titled "Developing Recommendations for Enabling Women Workforce Participation in the Logistics Sector."

On April 19, 2024, Nikore Associates, a prestigious economics research group, undertook a thorough examination. Conducted at the FFFAI Secretariat, the study involved representatives Mr. Sheldon Joseph and Ms. Pratyancha Khandare. Esteemed women entrepreneurs from diverse companies led by Women's Wing Mentor Mrs.PhiluPereira actively contributed to the deliberations. The aim was to discern the underlying factors contributing to the low representation of women in the Logistics Sector and to formulate policy recommendations aimed at fostering greater female involvement.

Insights gleaned from the discussions shed light on a notable uptick in the number of women within the workforce. However, their roles predominantly revolve around documentation, customer services, and accounts. Despite this, a glaring disparity persists in terms of women holding leadership positions. Often, familial obligations take precedence, and women perceive their employment as supplementary to household income.



From left- Divya Shetty, Sonal Parpani, Parwati Shivangi, Sharmila Amin, Sheldon Joseph, Sreelatha Giridhar, Janhavi Kandalgaokar, Philomena Pereira, Pratyancha Khandare, Vinoda Shetty

OBITUARY



Shri. Narandas Purshottam Mulani

Beloved father of Mr. Dushyant Mulani(Chairman, FFFAI) left for heavenly abode on 24th Oct 2023.



Shri Jethalal Bhavanji Rambhia

Beloved father of Shri Kiran Rambhia left for heavenly abode on 17th Jan 2024

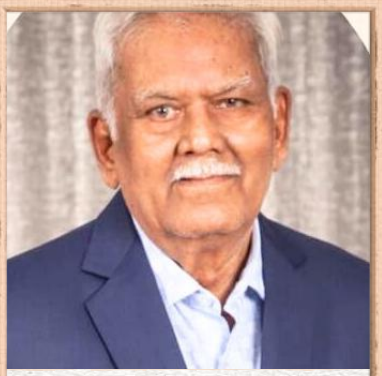


Smt. K.R.Seethalakshmi

Beloved mother of Mr Balasubramaniam left for heavenly abode on 09th February 2023.



Mr. Rajender Kumar Goyal FFFAI former EC member Mr. Rajender Kumar Goyal left for heavenly abode on 14th Feb 2024



Shri. B. Damodaran FFFAI EC member D. Vijayakumar's beloved father left for heavenly abode on 22nd March, 2024.



Smt. Anjani Rambhau Gadge

Smt. Anjani Rambhau Gadge beloved Mother of Shri . Maruti Gadge left for heavenly abode on 01st June 2024



Shri Balkrishna Aba Aparaj

Shri Balkrishna Aba Aparaj beloved father of Shri. Vinayak Aparaj left for heavenly abode on 09th July 2024



Shri.J. P. Joe Villlavarayar beloved father of J. pinto Villlavarayar past EC member left for heavenly abode on 10th August 2024

TRAINING & SKILL DEVELOPMENT: INDIAN INSTITUTE OF FREIGHT FORWARDERS (IIFF)

(TRAINING ARM OF FFFAI)

The Indian Institute of Freight Forwarders (IIFF) serves as the training arm of FFFAI. It focuses on imparting formal vocational training to both existing logistics professionals and fresh talent. The primary goals include improving the knowledge and skills of personnel, thereby enhancing the quality of the workforce within the logistics industry.

The institute's core mission is to equip the youth with the latest industry knowledge and technical expertise, ensuring that they are well-prepared to excel in the dynamic world of customs broking, freight forwarding, and shipping.

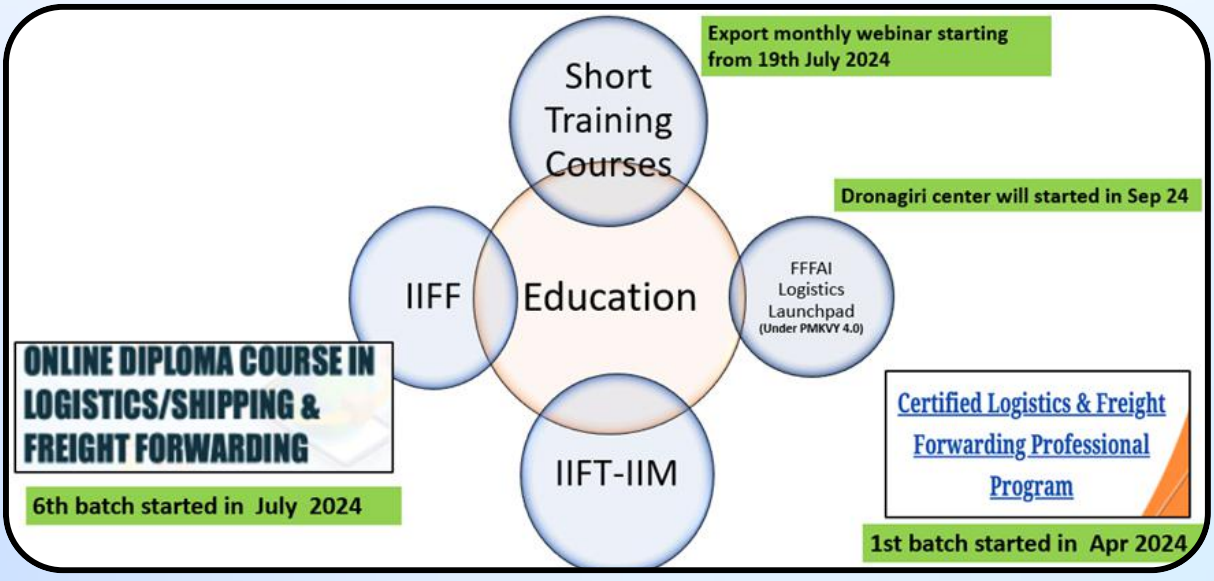


Governing Council of IIFF

The IIFF is governed by an esteemed council that includes:

- Mr. Dushyant Mulani: Chairman, FFFAI
- Mr. Shankar Shinde: IPC, FFFAI
- Mr. Amit Kamat: Chairman-Elect, FFFAI
- Dr. Pramod Sant: Director General, FFFAI
- Mr. Tej M. Contractor: President, IIFF
- Dr. Nirav Thakker: Hon. Secretary, IIFF
- Mr. Sudhir Agarwal: Hon. Treasurer, FFFAI
- Mr. Sudip Dey: Hon. Secretary, FFFAI

IIFF APPROACH ON TALENT DEVELOPMENT



Diverse Education Models for Comprehensive Learning

IIFF – ONLINE DIPLOMA IN LOGISTICS, SHIPPING & FREIGHT FORWARDING

IIFF offers an Online Diploma in Logistics, Shipping, and Freight Forwarding that includes 16 comprehensive modules.

The program is designed to provide in-depth knowledge and practical skills to participants aiming to excel in logistics and freight forwarding.

- Dual Certificate awarded by FIATA & IIFF
- 300+ hours of rigorous training
- ONLINE SESSIONS MANAGED BY A PROFESSIONAL CLASSROOM DIGITAL SYSTEM
- LIVE SESSIONS WITH EXPERT & EXPERIENCED FACULTIES IN FIELD OF SHIPPING & LOGISTICS
- MAKING STUDENTS INDUSTRY READY FOR JOBS IN THIS SPECIALIZED INDUSTRY



16 MODULES

Customs	Advance Freight Forwarding	Sea Transport	Air Transport
Road Transport	Rail Transport	International Conventions, Transport and Commercial laws and Rules	Multimodal Transport
Warehousing, Logistics and Supply chain	Management	Packaging, marking and labeling of hazardous/dangerous cargo	Insurance
Information Technology (IT)	Organisation and Financial aspects of Multimodal Transport	Linkage between Trade and Transport, Incoterms 2010 & UCP 600	Safety & Security

INAUGURATION OF 6TH BATCH ON 6TH JULY 2024



Successfully started 6 th batch with 28 students on 6 th July 2024

Batch	Month/ Year of Commensemnet	Month/ Year of Complition	Number of Studnets	FFFAI Member Sponsored
ODP-6	Jul-24	May-25	28	6

Admission Process:

- **Application Submission:** Prospective students can apply online or through physical forms, providing personal details and academic history.
- **Application Review:** Submitted applications are reviewed for eligibility based on admission criteria.
- **Admission Offer:** Successful applicants are notified of their admission status.
- **Documentation:** Admitted students must complete necessary paperwork, including proof of identity and qualifications.

Qualification Criteria:

Minimum requirement: Completion of 12th grade.

Class Timings:
Saturday: 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (Online Mode)
Sunday: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM or 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (Online Mode)

Examinations & Certification:

- The program consists of three trimesters, with two online examinations per trimester.
- Successful completion leads to certification from FIATA and IIFF.

Batch Information:

Batch 4:
In the academic year 2023-2024, 58 (Physical classes at Center of Excellence and Online for other students) students successfully completed the IIFF-FIATA certification through IIFF's Centers of Excellence, including Mithra Institute, Vidyabharthi Institute, and Leaders College in Kerala.

Batch 5 & 6:
Batch 6 was inaugurated on 6th July 2024, with 28 students enrolled. Batch 5 is ongoing.



IIFF CENTER OF EXCELLENCE (COES):

Newly Added IIFF Center of Excellence (COEs)	
Sr. No	**CoE Name**
1	Rajdhani Business school, Kerala
2	Cloud9 Academy of Management Studies (Cloud9), Kerala
3	VIMS Aviation & Hospitality, Kerala

IIFF Center of Excellence (COEs): Batch Status			
Sr. No	**CoE Name**	**Student Passed (2023-2024)**	**New Student Enrolled (Current Batch) (2024-2025)**
1	Vidyabharathi Group of Institutions, Kerala	38	----------
2	Mithra Institute of Management Studies , Kerala	7	21
3	Leaders College-School of Business Studies	5	40
4	Cloud9 Academy of Management Studies (Cloud9), Kerala	--------	12
	Total	**50**	**73**

IIFF SIGNS MOU WITH RAJDHANI BUSINESS SCHOOL FOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT IN LOGISTICS

Rajdhani Business School had organised an event 'LOGI CONVERGE – Bridging the future with Vizhinjam Seaport'. Rajdhani Business School is a pioneer business school near Trivandrum conducting courses in Masters in Business Administration (MBA) with specialisation in Finance, Marketing, Human Relations and Operations.

Recently they have launched 'Global MBA Course in Logistics and Supply Chain'. Their group institute runs full time degree and diploma courses in Engineering, Hotel Management & Catering Technology as well with an overall student strength of 3000 students.

Mr. Dushyant Mulani – Chairman, Federation of Freight Forwarders' Associations in India (FFFAI), Mr. Amit Kamat- Chairman Elect, FFFAI, Mr. Tej Contractor – President, Indian Institute of Freight Forwarders (IIFF), Mr. O.G. Hariraj – President, Association of Custom House Agents, Trivandrum (ACHAT), Mr. K. Suresh Kumar and Mr. B.N. Rajmoghan Executive Committee Members of FFFAI attended the Inaugural Session of the event.

Also present on the occasion were Dr. Biju Ramesh – Chairman, Mr. Renjith Karunakaran – Director and Dr. S.Suresh Babu – Principal of Rajdhani Business School. The Chief Guest was Dr. K.Vasuki (IAS), Labour Commissioner of Kerala, who addressed the audience - students of the institute.





(R to L) Mr.Dushyant Mulani, Chairman, FFFAI; Dr. Biju Ramesh, Chairman, Rajdhani Business School and Mr. Amit Kamat, Chairman-Elect, FFFAI.

On behalf of FFFAI, Mr. Tej Contractor spoke and provided information about IIFF and the courses conducted by IIFF (the training arm of FFFAI). Mr. Dushyant Mulani and Mr. Amit Kamat addressed the audience, giving them a background of FFFAI, activities and importance of FFFAI in the logistics sectors, logistics as a profession of first choice and logistics being a driver of growth for the economy of the country.

During the event IIFF signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Rajdhani Business School for Skill Development and Training. After the inauguration session of the event, the FFFAI team had networking meeting with the Management of Rajdhani Business School and Dr. K. Vasuki (IAS) to exchange ideas on fulfilling the requirements of skilled manpower in logistics sector, which a burgeoning industry in India at present. Also, there is huge impetus from the Government and industry stakeholders as well as educational institutions to bridge the gap between demand and supply of trained manpower. The meeting was arranged by Mr. O.G.Hariraj – President and Team of Association of Custom House Agents, Trivandrum (ACHAT).



ABOUT THE COURSE

The Certificate Course aims at providing an in-depth real time knowledge on planning, Implementing and controlling the procedure of flow of goods and services from one place to another place. The course will cover various functionalities of Logistics and Supply Chain, Cold Chain, Warehousing & Inventory Management and it's Fundamentals; Multimodal Logistics; Air Cargo & Freight Forwarders Operations, Custom Procedures and Others.

COURSE MODULES

1. Logistics Distribution Supply Chain
2. Warehousing & Inventory Management
3. Procurement, Sourcing & Contracting
4. Technologies for Logistics Management
5. Data Analytics & Digital System
6. Finance and Trade for Supply Chain & Logistics
7. Customs Law and Procedure
8. Advance Freight Forwarding
9. Multi-modal Logistics
10. International Conventions, Transport and Commercial Laws and Rules
11. Packaging, Marking and labelling of Hazardous and dangerous cargo
12. Cargo Insurance and Safety

Filed Visits: ICD, Port, CFS, Air Cargo Complex, Warehousing Station

Duration - 6 months

Qualification – Graduate in any stream

Weekend Batches

Admission Process

- **Application Submission**: Prospective students can submit applications online or via physical forms, providing personal details and academic history.
- **Application Review**: Applications are reviewed to ensure eligibility and adherence to admission criteria.
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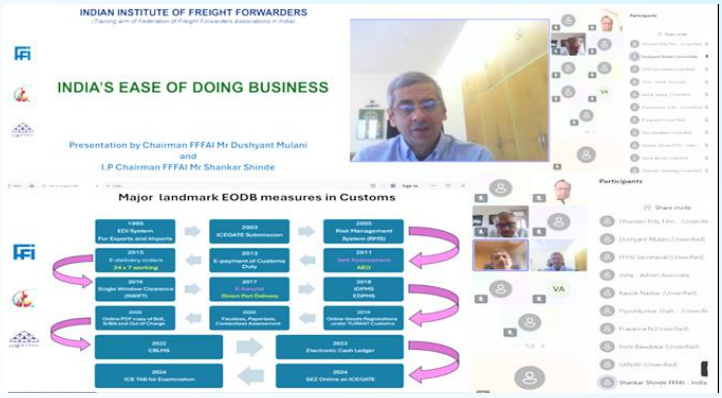
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Saturday: 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (Online Mode)
Sunday: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (Online Mode)

Examinations & Certification

- Upon successful completion, students receive certification from IIM & IIFF.
- First Batch in process which started on 18th April 2024 with 21 students enrolled.

IIM LECTURE SESSIONS:





IIFF – SHORT COURSES JOIN OUR MONTHLY WEBINAR SERIES ON EXPORTS!

Exports Made Easy

Webinar Series Schedule:

- **Frequency: One / Two Webinars Every Month**
- **Time: 16.00**
- **Duration; 90 minutes**
- **Platform: Zoom**

- ❑ **First Webinar Date : 19 July 2024**
- ❑ **Time :16.00**
- ❑ **Topic of the Seminar: Basic of Exports, challenges and Role of Govt Agencies**
- ❑ **Speaker: Dr .Pramod Sant , DG, FFFAI**

- ❑ Industry Experts
- ❑ Successful Entrepreneurs
- ❑ Experienced Customs Brokers/Freight Forwarder
- ❑ Expert from Academic Institutions

Subjects

Basics of Exports, Role of various Govt agencies, Export promotion councils FTP, Export Benefits and Incentives, use of DGFT and Indian trade portal, FTA, Rules of Origin and Certificate of Origin and preferential certificates, Export documentation, Role of custom and export process, Duty Drawback and RoDTEP, GST process for exports, INCOTERMS, Export Logistics, Transport documents AWB, B/L , Non-Tariff barriers, SCOMET, International Products standards and certifications, FEMA guidelines, Risk management in exports, role of ECGC, Exports thru E-commerce etc

IIFF Knowledge Series: A Platform for Continuous Learning

To further its mission of spreading knowledge, IIFF, in collaboration with its Women's Wing, has launched the IIFF Knowledge Series.

This initiative includes webinars focused on crucial topics related to customs, foreign trade, and import-export processes.

These webinars are attended by logistics professionals and members of all 31 Custom Brokers Associations across the country, creating a platform for continuous learning and professional development.

FFFAI LAUNCHES WEBINAR SERIES ON EXPORTS

India has kept ambitious target to increase its exports by around three times to reach the target of $1 trillion by 2030. This is despite of adverse geopolitical situation and market conditions across many part of world and many new trade restrictions and challenges.

In order to achieve this target India require large number of skilled manpower who has sound knowledge of Exports. In order to spread knowledge and prepare young customs broker / freight forwarder who are eager to enhance knowledge of export handling from India FFFAI woman's wing along with AMTOI have developed webinar series on Exports which is spearheaded by Dr. Pramod Sant Director General FFFAI. Export webinar on various subjects will be conducted on monthly basis and will cover entire gambit of topics related with exports.



First Edition of Webinar on Exports was held on 19 th July 2024, on topic of Basic of Exports, role of Govt Agencies.

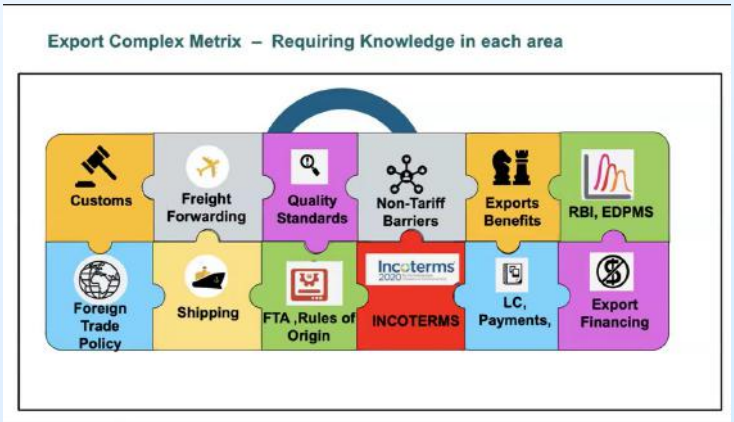
Session started with MS. Chaitali Mehta, Convenor FFFAI Woman's wing elobarting need to have knowledge session on Exports and how FFFAI wish to ensure that not only woman entrepreneurs in Custom clearance and Freight forwarding area but entire trade will benefit from this webinar series which is planned to have one/two webinar every month for next one year.

Mr Dushyant Mulani , Chairman FFFAI welcomed this initiative and requested all to take benefit of this initiative, Mr.Sudip Dey Honorary secretary and other office barer were present.



Following were important points covered by Dr.Pramod Sant during 60 minutes of webinar.

- Complexity of International Trade and Exports
- Role of International Trade Organization -WTO, WCO, ICC, World Bank etc
- How Trade Organizations like WTO influence polices.
- Objection taken by US and other countries to India's, MEIS and SEIS and development of RoDTEP.
- International treaties like -NSG, Wassenaar, The Australia Group, MTCR
- Tariff and non-tariff barriers
- New EU Regulations
- Indian set of related with Exports -MoF, MoC and other Ministries
- Role of DGFT and various EPC and other



SECOND WEBINAR ON RODTEP AS PART OF FFFAI WEBINAR SERIES ON EXPORTS CONDUCTED

To meet India's ambitious export targets, there is a pressing need for skilled professionals with in-depth knowledge of exports. In response, the FFFAI Women's Wing, in collaboration with AMTOI, has launched a webinar series on exports, aimed at empowering young customs brokers and freight forwarders eager to enhance their expertise in export handling from India. This initiative is spearheaded by Dr. Pramod Sant, Director General of FFFAI. The second webinar in this series, held on 8th August 2024, focused on the topic of RoDTEP (Remission of Duties and Taxes on Export Products). Ms. Chaitali Mehta, Convenor of the FFFAI Women's Wing, opened the session by highlighting the importance of knowledge sessions on complex topics like RoDTEP.

Mr. Dushyant Mulani, Chairman of FFFAI, welcomed this initiative and encouraged all members to take full advantage of it. Other key office bearers, including Mr. Amit Kamat (President-Elect), Mr. Tej Contractor, Dr. Nirav Thakar, and Mr. Sudhir Agarwal, also appreciated the effort.



Dr. Pramod Sant introduced the speaker, Mr. Sudhakar Kasture, who delivered a comprehensive presentation. During the 60-minute session, Mr. Kasture covered several critical aspects, including:

- The incentives and focus areas of the new FTP-2023.
- The rationale behind the introduction of RoDTEP and its foundational principles.
- The functioning of the RoDTEP committee and the basis for rate fixation.
- The implementation and execution of RoDTEP.
- Key do's and don'ts for exporters.

PROPOSAL FROM FFFAI APPROVED UNDER UNDER PRADHAN MANTRI KAUSHAL VIKAS YOJANA 4.0 (PMKVY 4.0)



The Federation of Freight Forwarders' Associations in India (FFFAI) is to announce the approval of its proposal, the FFFAI Logistics Launchpad, under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) 4.0. This initiative aims to develop and strengthen the skill sets of youth from underprivileged communities,with a particular focus on empowering women

The program will provide vital training and upskilling opportunities, paving the way for enhanced employability and growth in the logistics sector.

This approval marks a significant step towards inclusive development and economic empowerment.

Project Name: FFFAI LOGISTICS LAUNCHPAD.

Objective of the Project

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- The program will provide vital training and upskilling opportunities, paving the way for enhanced employability and growth in the logistics sector.

FFFAI Training Centers approved

- FFFAI Skill Development Center Chembur, Mumbai
- FFFAI Skill Development Center Dronagiri, Raigad
- FFFAI Skill Development Center Kolhapur, Kolhapur

Courses (Job Role) approved

- Consignment tracking Executive (LSC/Q1121)
- Clearance Support Agent (LSC/Q3030)
- Consignment Booking Assistant (LSC/Q1120)

Age group -18-45
Total students target -600
Batch size-30
Duration -6 months

PARTNERSHIP WITH THE PORT OF ANTWERP:

IIFF has partnered with the **Port of Antwerp** to conduct training programs at the **JNP-Antwerp Training Center**, focusing on upgrading Indian terminals to "smart terminals". These programs are designed to enhance participants' understanding of port operations and provide insights into international best practices.

TRAINING PROGRAMS AT JNPT PORT ANTWERP, NHAVA SHEVA

These training sessions focus on upgrading knowledge related to port operations, logistics, and terminal management.

The programs have played a pivotal role in modernizing India's terminal operations.

APEC-Antwerp/Flanders Port Training Center

Seminar on "Port and Marine Services"–

"Business on the Move"- game Conducted by IIFF on 25 th June 2024





IIFF – NEWLY APPOINTED COORDINATOR



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IIFF – MANAGEMENT AND FACULTY MEETING- 9.5.2024: A STEP TOWARDS IMPROVED COLLABORATION





IIFF BATCH-6 STUDENTS' ACTIVITY:

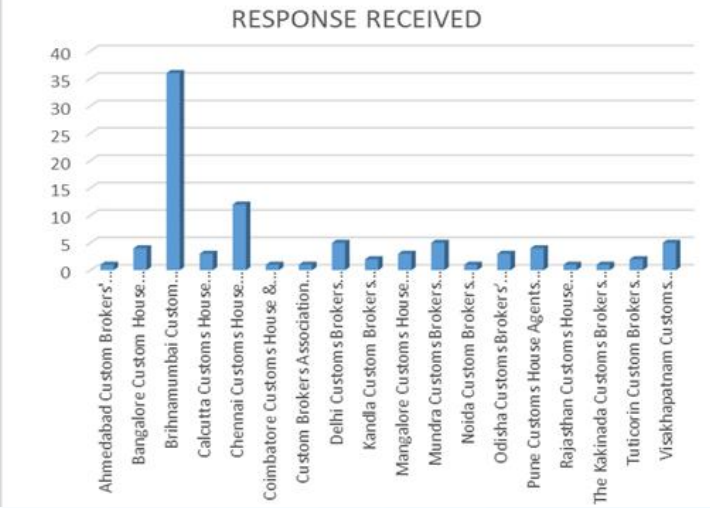
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FFFAI SHORT TERM COURSES:

MEMBERS ASSOCIATION RESPONSES

Sr.No	ORDINARY MEMBERS	RESPONSE RECEIVED
1	Ahmedabad Custom Brokers' Association	1
2	Bangalore Custom House Agents Association Ltd	4
3	Brihnamumbai Custom Brokers Association	36
4	Calcutta Customs House Agents Association	3
5	Chennai Customs House Agents Association	12
6	Coimbatore Customs House & Steamer Agents Association	1
7	Custom Brokers Association Hyderabad	1
8	Delhi Customs Brokers Association	5
9	Kandla Custom Brokers Association	2
10	Mangalore Customs House Agents Association	3
11	Mundra Customs Brokers Association	5
12	Noida Custom Brokers Association	1
13	Odisha Customs Brokers' Association	3
14	Pune Customs House Agents Association	4
15	Rajasthan Customs House Agents Association	1
16	The Kakinada Customs Brokers Association	1
17	Tuticorin Custom Brokers Association	2
18	Visakhapatnam Customs Brokers' Association	5
	Total	90



QUESTION: ONLINE/PHYSICAL CLASSROOM ANALYSIS

SUBJECT	ONLINE/PHYSICAL CLASSROOM ANALYSIS (average)	
Trade Compliance	ONLINE	46
	PHYSICAL CLASSROOM	18
	ONLINE & PHYSICAL BOTH	4
International Logistics	ONLINE	26
	PHYSICAL CLASSROOM	12
	ONLINE & PHYSICAL BOTH	2
Soft Skill - Communication	ONLINE	32
	PHYSICAL CLASSROOM	13
	ONLINE & PHYSICAL BOTH	4
Soft Skill -Interpersonal	ONLINE	38
	PHYSICAL CLASSROOM	24
	ONLINE & PHYSICAL BOTH	5
Learning as CB owner	ONLINE	38
	PHYSICAL CLASSROOM	22
	ONLINE & PHYSICAL BOTH	4

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF FREIGHT FORWARDERS (IIFF)



The Indian Institute of Freight Forwarders (IIFF), the training arm of the Federation of Freight Forwarders' Associations in India (FFFAI), continues to play a pivotal role in shaping the future of logistics professionals.

IIFF offers industry-aligned online certification courses, including the IIFF-FIATA and IIFF-IIM certifications.

These programs provide essential knowledge and skills to 12th pass and graduate students, paving the way for careers in customs broking, freight forwarding, shipping, and logistics.

With over 35 years of industry experience, our faculty comprises seasoned customs brokers and business owners, ensuring that the curriculum meets the highest industry standards.

The FIATA certification, an internationally recognized credential, attracts students from various countries, offering them global exposure and enhancing their prospects for international logistics careers.

IIFF remains dedicated to assisting and facilitating students' entry into the logistics field, staying true to its mission of fostering the next generation of logistics professionals.



APPRECIATION AND THANKS



MR. SUDIP DEY
HON. SECRETARY, FFFAI

It is my pleasure to present the Annual Report, recognizing the contributions that have made the year 2023-2024 successful for our organization.

I extend my deepest gratitude to our Chairman, Mr. Dushyant Mulani, whose exemplary leadership has guided our Federation through a challenging yet rewarding year. The Chairman's vision and commitment have been crucial in navigating FFFAI towards achieving our objectives. My sincere thanks also goes to our Immediate Past Chairman, Mr. Shankar Shinde, for the solid foundation laid during your tenure. Your continued support and valuable insights have played a significant role in our ongoing success.

A deep appreciation for our Chairman-Elect, Mr. Amit Kamat, whose forthcoming leadership we eagerly anticipate and active participation and support that he has given to us in all our endeavours. I also acknowledge with gratitude the contributions of our six Vice Chairmen. Your collective wisdom, strategic thinking, and dedication have been integral to the successes we have achieved this year. Your efforts have significantly driven our initiatives forward.

Special thanks is extended to our Honorary Treasurer, Mr. Sudhir Agarwal, for the diligent management of FFFAI's financial affairs. His meticulous oversight has ensured the effective allocation of resources, which has been vital in accomplishing our goals.

I congratulate IIFF which was awarded Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana 4.0 (PMKVY 4.0) under the banner of FFFAI to empower Youth and Women in Logistic Sector to conduct the courses in and around Mumbai. IIFF also tied up with Indian Institutes of Management (IIM) to conduct the courses on Shippin , Logistics and Supply Chain Management.

The contribution of Convener of various Councils is remarkable. The Councils Convenor had meeting with members to discuss the issues / difficulties faced by members at each location. The inputs/ suggestion received from the members were compiled for making appropriate representation for submitting to the Board and Ministries.

FFFAI Women Wing organised various knowledge field trips for the members of Women Wing at borders, Port Trust, Air Cargo Complex, Mines, Container Terminals, and Webinars. Also CBIC issued no. 02/2024 which encourages participation in international trade and thereby inviting representation of Women in PTFC and CCFC. On the occasion of International Women Day announced a three months apprenticeship program in Shipping and logistics for underprivileged Women in the logistic industry.

I would also like to express my sincere thanks to the following associations for hosting our Executive Meetings over the past year:

- Brihanmumbai Customs Broker Association
- Kandla Customs Broker Association

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- Mundra Customs Broker Association
- Visakhapatnan Customs Broker Association

Their warm hospitality and excellent arrangements provided the perfect environment for critical discussions and decision-making, which have been instrumental in the progress of our Federation.

I extend my appreciation to all members of the Executive Committee for taking our time the Executive Committee Meetings and other webinars through the year in large numbers.

Their unwavering dedication, collaboration and feedback have been vital to the representations we have done and suggestions that have been made to various departments and Ministries with respect to Ease of Doing Business and reduction of logistic cost.

A sincere thanks is extended to all members of FFFAI for your active participation and continued support. Your trust in our Federation has been the cornerstone of our achievements and has empowered us to set new benchmarks in the freight forwarding industry. I congratulate and welcome the new members enrolled to the fold of Federation.

I also recognize the essential support of our partners, sponsors, and stakeholders. Your collaboration has been invaluable in enabling us to deliver significant value to our members and the industry at large.

Lastly, I acknowledge Noida Custom Brokers Association for hosting the 7th Executive Committee meeting and organizing 61st Annual General Meeting at Delhi. We look forward to an successful event with their efforts. Thanks to Dr Pramod Sant, Director General, FFFAI and the Secretariat for their efforts in supporting and providing information on timely basis and also maintaining records and accounts in a proper manner, without which it would not have been possible to achieve various targets.

In conclusion, the year 2023-2024 has been a remarkable one for FFFAI, thanks to the collective efforts of all involved. As we move forward, we are committed to building on this success and achieving even greater milestones in the coming year. For Federation of Freight Forwarders' Associations in India

Sudip Dey
Honorary Secretary
FFFAI

Thank you Government of India, FFFAI Members, Trade and Industry Associations, Media Partners and Sponsors for your Support.

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Shri Karsondas Tulsidas	1963 - 1965	Mumbai
Shri F.R.Kapadia	1965 - 1967	Kolkata
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Shri P.Achuthan Pillai	1969 - 1971	Cochin
Shri Arvind N.Parikh	1971 - 1974	Mumbai
Shri S.N.Mishra	1974 - 1976	Kolkata
Shri J.B.Shah	1976 - 1978	Mumbai
Shri S.Sambasivan	1978 - 1980	Chennai
Shri S.B.Sen	1980 - 1982	Kolkata
Shri V.R.Gandhi	1982 - 1984	Mumbai
Shri K.J.Seetharaman	1984 - 1987	Chennai
Shri V.R Naik	1987 - 1989	New Delhi
Shri K.A.Patel	1989 - 1991	Kolkata
Shri Mayur C. Contractor	1991 - 1993	Mumbai
Shri N.T.Rama Rao	1993 - 1995	Chennai
Shri Vinod K.Chowdhry	1995 - 1997	New Delhi

Name of Chairman	Term	Port
Shri M.K.Ghosh	1997 - 1999	Kolkata
Lt.Cdr.R.Srinivasan (IN Retd)	1999 - 2001	Mumbai
Shri Kurien Mathew	2001 - 2002	Cochin
Shri Rafeeq Iqbal	2002 - 2003	Hyderabad
Shri P.S.Krishnan	2003 - 2005	Chennai
Shri Ram Sharma Chunduru	2005 - 2007	Hyderabad
Shri R. Radhakrishnan	2007 - 2009	Mumbai
Shri Raman Raj Sud	2009 - 2011	New Delhi
Shri Shantanu Bhadkamkar	2011 - 2013	Pune
Shri Debashis Dutta	2013 - 2015	Kolkata
Shri Samir J Shah	2015 - 2017	Ahmedabad
Shri Ashish Pednekar	2017 - 2018	Mumbai
Shri S. Ramakrishna	2018 - 2019	Noida
Shri A. V. Vijayakumar	2019 - 2021	Chennai
Shri Shankar Pandurang Shinde	2021 - 2023	Nashik
Shri Dushyant Mulani	2023 - 2025	Mumbai





















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