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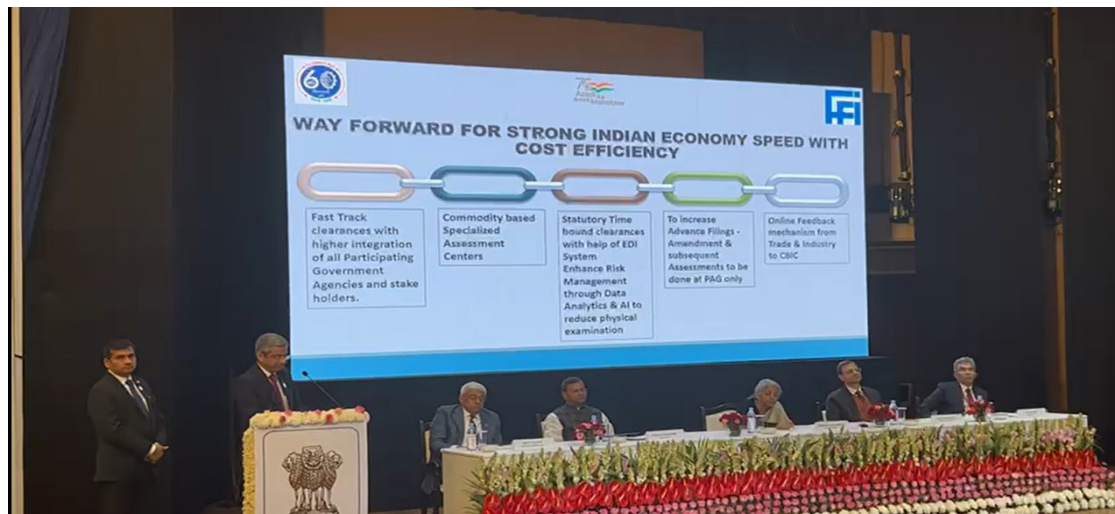
Mr Shankar Shinde-Chairman FFFAI

Take this opportunity to thank all our members and trade fraternity for continued patronage and support to the Federation that has helped all of us to successfully sail through even the challenging years of pandemic and global recession with perseverance and emerge out of it stronger and even more resilient.

While wishing you all a Happy, safe, healthy, and Prosperous 2023! As the new Financial Year 2023-2024 begins with expectations of lot more new opportunities, our Federation is gearing up to be a future-ready organization to serve you better and I am happy to note some cheerful memories and achievements during the year.

It is necessary that FFFAI becomes a stronger organization as the voice of Customs Brokers and Logistics service providers with an increasing number of memberships thereby strengthening the Federation substantially.

Presently our Membership stands at 30



Mr Shankar Shinde Chairman and Mr Dushyant Mulani Chairman Elect-FFFAI on the dais while making the presentation at the celebration of Customs Act-1962 programme in New Delhi

Ordinary Members, with an increase of 104 Associate & Allied Members and registering an increase of over 51% observed during this year.

The increase in membership builds confidence and demonstrates the industry's trust in FFFAI, acknowledging the contribution and being resourceful for our members. We shall always strive to empower our members strengthening them by exploring new opportunities.

We are proud both FFFAI and Customs Act 1962 have completed its glorious 60 years' journey in 2022 facilitating the EXIM trade and the Nation at large. We are happy

we could achieve FFFAI recognition by the Ministry of Finance to give a presentation on its 60 years celebration event in New Delhi in presence of the Hon'ble Finance Minister, Smt Nirmal Sitharaman.

Landmark initiatives from Customs in 2022 have been the implementation of the Lifetime validity of CB Licence and the introduction of the Customs Brokers Licensing System (CBLMS).

CBLMS has been one of the important Digital reforms ushered in by CBIC under the leadership of CBIC Chairman Shri Vivek Johri.

Mumbai Customs Zone I Pr. Chief Commissioner Shri P K Agrawal was at the forefront to get this

implemented in Mumbai Custom Zone, which was followed at all Customs locations in the country.

On this occasion I would like to convey sincere gratitude to the Chairman CBIC Shri Vivek Johri; Pr. Chief Commissioner, Mumbai Customs Zone, Shri PK Agrawal, and other CBIC Officials for their path breaking initiatives.

I also thank all FFFAI members across locations who stood to the occasion and facilitated the smooth implementation of CBLMS by working along with the Customs administration in the country.

In 2022 we have observed the government's huge impetus on Logistics infrastructure (both physical

and digital) development. PM Gati Shakti's National Logistics Master Plan, National Logistics Policy, Unified Logistics Interface Platform, initiatives on Multimodal Logistics Parks, ICEGATE updation coupled with expediting other trade facilitation measures in 2022 would surely yield desired results towards achieving \$5 trillion economy by 2025.

As far as the developments in our organization are concerned, we are happy to share the huge success story of the 24th Biennial Convention of FFFAI held in Chennai from August 12 to 14, 2022. With record participants of more than 650 delegates from across India and different parts of the world, the convention was addressed by Minister of Shipping & Waterways, Minister of Road Transport & Highways and State Minister of Shipping and Tourism, Government of India. The convention was full of innovative ideas and interactions.

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We are happy to have a nomination in National Committee on Trade Facilitation, Ministry of Civil Aviation, and Ministry of Commerce & Industry for INSTC project.

To benefit our members, we are pleased to introduce FIATA BL, FIATA eBL, Code of Conduct, Standard Trading Conditions, and No Dues Certificate/ No Objection Certificate.

As regards skill development, there had been good opportunities for signing MoU with Logistics Sector Skill Council, the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade/Centre for Trade Facilitation and Logistics, and other CoEs in India and abroad.

We have been able to complete two batches of courses on Diploma and

extended assistance to CoEs. We will continue with our CSR activity in partnership with LSC in generating a talent pool for our industry, along with other activities. We will also be continuing further strengthen our Women and Youth Wings.

It has been a year driving the FFFAI, the time just flew by and I am proud to state that within a year's time there have been a lot of changes noticed especially in the digital sector. With the support of all our Office Bearers, Executive Committee Members, Advisors & other Members we have achieved significant milestones. There is a need to assess the opportunities for our members to take it forward.

Our further initiatives

will also be on cooperating with trade Associations so any future business is undertaken with due diligence.

Apart from regular publications of FFFAI Newsletter and Bulletin, FFFAI has also been active on social media, and our members are requested to follow to make the FFFAI activities visibility for outreach.

We seek each member's participation on this FFFAI platform to serve our fraternity and contribute towards betterment. This is an open platform for interested members to participate, for one to contribute does not require a position. Look forward to your continued support in FFFAI endeavors and wish you all the best for success in future business.

PORT NEWS

JNPA sets a new record in 2022

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Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority has handled 81.1 Million Metric Tons (MMT) of cargo in Calendar Year 2022 as against 76.1 Million tons in Calendar Year 2021, up 6.55per cent. The total

(JNPA), has appreciated employees and stakeholders for their dedicated hard work that resulted in the stupendous port performance in calendar year 2022. The year 2022 was phenomenal for JNPA as we achieved the milestone of handling the highest ever traffic...



JNPA

traffic of 81.1 Million tons and container traffic of 5,959,112 TEUs are the highest-ever traffic handled in a year since the inception of the port, according to a port release

Mr Sanjay Sethi,
Chairman, Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority

The performance of all our terminal operators is noteworthy."

Besides, in 2022, JNPA became India's best-performing port, the first 100per cent landlord Major Port, and was acclaimed with various prestigious awards.



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