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FFFAI Chairman Shankar Shinde elected as Chairman IFCBA- All India 12th Executive Committee Meeting

The Federation of Freight Forwarders' Associations in India (FFFAI) held its 12th Executive Committee (EC) Meeting in Ahmedabad on February 10 and 11, 2023, which was hosted by Ahmedabad Customs Brokers Association Team.



Mr Shankar Shinde

Mr Shankar Shinde has been unanimously elected as Chairman of the International

Federation of Customs Brokers Associations (IFCBA). Mr. Shinde is currently Chairman of the Federation of Freight Forwarders' Associations in India (FFFAI) and earlier was holding the post of Managing Director of IFCBA.

FFFAI as an Apex body of Customs Brokers in India plays a pivotal role in customs clearance on cross border, recommending best practices in International exim trade.

Commenting on his focus area as FIATA Chairman, Mr Shinde said that with the WCO theme "Nurturing the next generation: promoting a culture of knowledge-sharing and professional pride in Customs", which was launched on International customs Day, IFCBA would be happy to carry forward

the implementation of this theme to benefit and promote professionalism in the trade.

The EC Meeting was attended by the Office Bearers of the Federation and representatives from 30 Member associations from across the country. At this 12th EC Meeting, the FFFAI Members deliberated on various industry issues including

Customs, Taxes, CBLR, EDI, Port & Shipping, Coastal/Inland Waterways, ICDS and airports. The EC meeting also pondered on FFFAI initiatives on skill development & training, women wing and youth wing.

The majority of Policy recommendations were made to highlight Customs trade facilitation measures under ease of doing business, infrastructure development, and Digital transaction.

Also, the training and development in the logistics sector initiatives shall be

carried out by the FFFAI – IIFF (Indian Institute of Freight Forwarders) with e-learning introduction and FIATA Diploma courses.


FFFAI appreciating the efforts and members felicitated the following Member associations and Members:

1. Mr. Shankar Shinde, Chairman FFFAI for unanimously elected as Chairman, IFCBA (International Federation of Customs Brokers Association)

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DCBA President Mr Puneet Jain along with DCBA members being felicitated for completing 50 years



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2. Delhi Customs Brokers Association, for completing 50 years of service to trade (Golden Jubilee)
 3. Brihanmumbai Customs Brokers Association for being conferred with WCO Certificate of Merit by CBIC on the occasion of World Customs Day 2023.
 4. Ahmedabad Customs Brokers Association for their valuable contribution
 5. Ludhiana Customs Brokers Association for receiving award of Appreciation from Customs
 6. Pune Customs Brokers Association for Customs recognition
 7. Mr. Rajdeep Bhargava, FFFAI EC Member, for Customs recognition
 8. Mr. Dhiren Chaya, FFFAI EC Member for Customs recognition
 9. Visakhapatnam Customs Brokers' Association and The Kakinada Customs Brokers Association for their valuable contribution towards Women Wings port visit.
- Also, a presentation on 'Business Continuity Planning' focusing on Best Practices guidelines for the benefit of the members was made by Mr. Samir J Shah, Advisor FFFAI, which highlighted to cope with future challenges.
- "FFFAI will be happy to take this forward to benefit the trade members to professionalize the Logistics Industry," said Mr. Shinde. He also pointed out that the recommendations made to the Ministries, Government departments, and stakeholders will be helpful to the trade in reducing cost and dwell time.

China criticizes Quad

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China's New Foreign Minister, Qin Gang has described the US's "Indo-Pacific Strategy" as an effort to "gang up" against Beijing in an apparent response to the joint statement issued by Quad foreign ministers of US, India, Japan and Australia during their recent meeting at New Delhi.

"The US's 'Indo-Pacific Strategy' seeks to gang up to form exclusive blocs, stir up confrontation, and undermine regional integration," Qin said at a press conference – his first after becoming minister – on the sidelines of China's ongoing parliament session in Beijing.

The Quad statement did not mention China by name but several paragraphs in it, which mentioned South and East China seas, "militarisation of disputed features" were all clearly in context of Beijing's expanding influence in the region.

China claims nearly the entire South China Sea but that claim is disputed by several Maritime neighbors including



China's New Foreign Minister, Qin Gang

Philippines, Brunei, Malaysia and Indonesia besides Vietnam and Taiwan (which China says is a breakaway region); the Senkaku Islands in the East China Sea are disputed between China and Japan.

Beijing has been repeatedly accused of militarizing uninhabited islands and reefs in the South China Sea despite several of them being disputed.

The Quad statement also said the four countries were "...Reaffirming our consistent and unwavering support for ASEAN centrality and unity, and the ASEAN-led architecture- including the East Asia Summit and ASEAN Regional Forum".



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