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**The Federation of Freight Forwarders Association (FFFAI)** celebrated International Women's Day on 8th March 2023 at its Hqtrs in Mumbai. A good number of the FFFAI Women's Wing members participated in the event in person and online

**Ms. Mamta Saini – Additional Commissioner of Customs, Nhava Sheva.** The Chief Guest at the event addressed the participants and shared her experience, highlighting that women are nurtured in such a way that they must respect whatever has been told to them by their Parents and/or Husband. She also underscored that when women move into the professional world, they not only proficiently handle their assigned



FFFAI Chairman Mr Shankar Shinde along with the guests and FFFAI Women's Wing Members during the Women's Day celebration

## FFFAI celebrates International Women's Day in Mumbai; emphasizes women's participation in logistics industry

jobs but also the household responsibility which is shouldered on by them simultaneously. Ms. Saini also commended the women Customs Brokers Fraternity and how she is impressed and gets inspired by them. She concluded her speech by reciting a powerful poem suggesting women be strong enough to be self-reliant.

**Dr. Swati Pitale – Principal, S.D. College Special Guest** stated that it was a good occasion to sign an MOU with FFFAI. As per the MoU, both organizations will be carrying out joint activities for capacity-building programs, knowledge-creation programs, and research projects pertaining to this sector.

Core activities will cover the following: I. To conduct FFFAI concurred Courses in co-operation with SD College, II. Joint research in the areas of common interest and III.

Marketing activities to promote the joint course activities.

FFFAI Chairman – **Mr. Shankar Shinde** congratulated women's participants and stated that the dynamics of the logistics are changing creating opportunities for women's roles in Logistics. "This is very encouraging to

see women's participation in logistics as we are now witnessing women taking equal challenges of attending operational tasks in fields as well," he added.

**Mr. Sudip Dey, Vice Chairman** guiding the Women's

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Wing of FFFAI showcased the present and future scenarios of the logistics industry and opportunities available for the aspirants.

**Convenor FFFAI Women's Wing Ms. Chaitaly Mehta** viewed the Logistics Industry as the backbone of Global Trade and the World Economy akin to the Spinal Cord to a Human Body. We touch and change lives every single day in every single corner of the world. She appealed for more women to join this thriving sector for an exciting career option.

**Mentor FFFAI Women's Wing Mrs. Philomena Pereira**, a senior most women in

the Logistics industry, shared her experience. Commenting on this occasion. Adding further Mrs. Philomena Pereira said Logistics Industry provides many verticals of businesses so anyone who is passionate about building a career or business will not only thrive or survive but make their dreams a reality.

Other participant members of the Women's Wing **Ms. Hemal Joshi, Ms. Madhu Daga, Ms. Rita Guha, Ms. Sreelatha, Ms. Divya Shetty, and Ms. Rajshree Verma** also shared their views on the prospect of the logistics industry at this event.

## NEWS

### Capt. Girish Phadnis elected as Chairman of MASSA



**Capt. Girish Phadnis, Chairman MASSA**

**C**apt. Girish Phadnis, a very well-known name in the Maritime Fraternity, has been elected as Chairman of the Maritime Association of Shipowners, Shipmanagers and Agents (MASSA).

Capt. Girish Phadnis is an experienced Master having started his sailing career in 1977 and is presently Director and Country Head with MTM Ship Management. He has had a demonstrated

history of working in a senior position in the maritime industry for over 20 years. He is skilled in operation Management, ISM Code, Ship Management, and Maritime Operations. He is a strong professional focused and involved in the Maritime fraternity.

Capt. Phadnis is also an active Sports Person and has been a sports Administrator for years. He has held senior positions both on the National front as well as the international level. He was in the Asian Rowing Federation as Chair of "Rowing for All".

An executive committee member of the Commonwealth Rowing Association, Vice

President of the Bengal Olympic Association, and Secretary General Rowing Federation of India. He presently holds the post of President of the Yachting Association of Maharashtra while also being Chairman of MASSA.

MASSA is a non-profit making body of Shipowners, Shipmanagers, and their Agents, registered as a Section under 25 company, under the Companies Act, 1956, and based in Mumbai. Members include companies that have a long association with Indian Manning and are identified as traditional employers of Officers and Rating.

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