

FFFAI Women Wing's participation in logistics sector

FFFFAI welcomed World Bank (WB) team along with FFFAI Women's Wing at headquarters in Mumbai on 23rd August 2023 for a roundtable meet, with the participation of FFFAI Women Wing's members across the country through the hybrid mode of meeting.

The WB team was represented by Ms. Nora

Dihel, Sr Economist (Trade and Investment) World Bank (WB); Ms. Mitali Nikore, WB Consultant and economist and Ms. Pranidhi. The team was welcomed by FFFAI Chairman Mr. Shankar Shinde, Chairman Elect Mr. Dushyant Mulani, Hony. Secretary Mr. Vinod Sharma, Women's Wings Convenor Ms Chaitaly Mehta and

Women's Wings Mentor Mrs. Philomena Pereira.

The objective of the meet was to understand and discuss the underlying reasons witnessed for less women's participation in the logistics and international trade domain in India. The roundtable meet also emphasized on identifying constraints and requirements in seeking more women's participation in the Logistics sector. Discussions were also held on Safety and security aspects and required measures, Transport and infrastructure issues, and Training and skill development requirements to analyze gaps to undertake projects for effective implementation.

Commenting on the importance of this meeting with the World Bank, the

FFFAI Chairman said, "The roundtable meeting with WB provided a platform for the women stakeholders to share their perspectives on women employment in logistics and international trade as well as share knowledge and good practices on this subject. The meet/workshop also endeavored to identify domains in the logistics value chain where women can participate more proactively. According to him, with the introduction of digitization, automation, Artificial Intelligence and soft skills there is tremendous scope for women to enter into the logistics business in India despite some inherent challenges.

FFFAI Women's Wing Convenor Ms. Chaitaly Mehta shared her experience of activities undertaken in FFFAI with physical field visits experience at Petrapole

Land Customs (West Bengal), Visakhapatnam Port, Kakinada Port, Mumbai Aircargo Complex and ICD Talegaon in Pune said that the interaction was quite informative and valuable information/experiences were shared by the Women members who participated in a large number from all 30 member associations of FFFAI.

The WB representatives shared that they would soon be going to roll out a survey for the Logistics Industry to understand the challenges faced at the operational level by trade and industry, and the object scenario of gender neutrality as regards the challenges, which would help in the implementation of corrective measures. She also pointed out the poor participation of women in the logistics sector in India at present.

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The first of five much awaited new training vessels for America's state maritime academies was delivered 8 Sep by Philly Shipyard. This first vessel, the *Empire State* will serve SUNY Maritime College, in Fort Schuyler, N.Y. **The ships are being built for MARAD under the National Security Multi-Mission Vessel (NSMV) program.**

This next-generation training fleet will address a critical shortage of qualified officers necessary to crew government and commercial owned sealift ships. In addition to providing world-class training for America's future mariners, the NSMVs will be available

Philly Shipyard delivers first NSMV training ship

to support humanitarian assistance and disaster relief missions in times of need.

With a modern diesel-electric power and propulsion system, the NSMV training ships will feature numerous instructional spaces, a full training bridge, and have space for up to 600 cadets to train in a first-rate maritime academic environment at sea. In addition to being a state-of-the-art training and educational platform, **each ship will feature modern hospital facilities, a helicopter pad, and the ability to accommodate up to 1,000 people in times of humanitarian need.** Adding to the NSMV's

capability, it will provide needed roll-on/roll-off and container storage capacity for use during disaster relief missions.

The next training vessel, NSMV II, destined for the Massachusetts Maritime Academy, is scheduled to be delivered in 2024. Meanwhile, the keel laying for NSMV III (Maine Maritime Academy) and steel cutting for NSMV IV (Texas A&M Maritime Academy) were recently completed. Construction of NSMV V (California Maritime Academy) will commence later this year with all vessels to be delivered by 2026.

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It should be pertinent to mention that WB has already tied up with CBIC and solicited support from FFFAI to complete a study in India for a better understanding of the ground reality, challenges, and data collection for the larger interest of the exim trade in terms of fast cargo clearance, risk management and women participation in the logistics business.

Speaking on this occasion Mr Dushyant Mulani, Chairman Elect, FFFAI observed that the Covid-19 pandemic has shown the importance

of women participation in logistics thanks to adoption of 'Work from Home' concept and IT where women proved to be better performers. He also advocated for flexible working hour mechanism for women and fulfilling the compliance regarding women's safety at all offices.

The World Bank team thanked the FFFAI Women's Wing team for their valuable input to take it forward and would be happy to extend their support in promoting women's participation in logistics.

Empire State is a historic moment for the American maritime industry made possible by the U.S.

Government's investments in our nation's industrial base," said TOTE Services president Jeff Dixon.

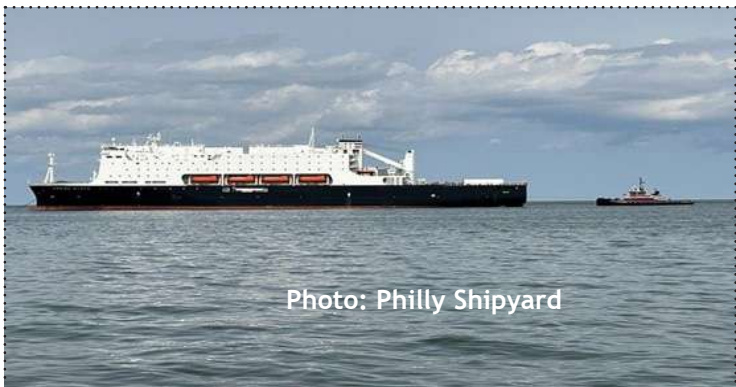


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Location Tracking Device, Panic Button Mandatory from Oct 1

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All vehicles, with the exception of two-wheelers, rickshaws, and three-wheelers, must be equipped with a Vehicle Location Tracking Device (VLTD) and a Panic Button, according to the State Transport Authority (STA).

The STA has issued a notification in this regard for fitment of these devices, mandatorily from October 1.

"In pursuance of directions issued by Ministry of Road Transport & Highways; the fitment of Vehicle Location Tracking Device and Panic buttons for the vehicles as specified under Rule 125H; sub-rule 5 of rule 90 and sub-rule 1 of rule 129 of CMVR, 1989 has been made mandatory vide Commerce & Transport (Transport)

Department Notification No. TRN-LCMISC-0001-201/81541T dated 17.07.2023," the notification stated.

"The objective of this project is to track and monitor the vehicles plying on the roads and to ensure the passenger safety, especially the women and child passengers."

The Vehicle Location Tracking Device and Panic buttons are mandatory for vehicles including passenger buses, educational institutions' buses, luxury cabs, maxi cabs, motor cabs, omni buses, private service vehicles, goods carriage vehicles operating on National Permit, vehicles carrying hazardous and explosive materials and ambulances.

Here is the dateline for applicability of VLTD: New Vehicles registered on or after 01.10.2023 of the above-specified vehicles



shall have to be fitted with AIS 140 VLTD Devices and Panic Buttons at the time of registration.

Old vehicles registered on or before 30.09.2023 of the above-specified vehicles shall have to be fitted with AIS 140 VLTD Devices and Panic Buttons by 31. 12.2023.

The procedure for fitment of VLTD device: The vehicle owners have the liberty to choose any VLTD device from the available VLTD Manufacturers approved by the Government of Odisha.

The vehicle owners can check the list of approved vendors and the nearest RetroFitment Centre (RFC) available in their district by visiting the Transport Department website <http://odishatransport.gov.in/> and <https://vltd.odishatransport.gov.in/>.

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