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that it is essential to build better-trained, qualified, and digitized 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.



Mr. Dushyant Mulani and Mr. Eduard Rodés signing the agreement in Mumbai

**T**he Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations in India (FFAI) 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, FFAI** and **Mr. Eduard Rodés – director of the Escola Europea** in the presence of **Mr. Shankar Shinde, Immediate Past Chairman, FFAI**; **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 the national apex body of the customs brokers and freight forwarders in India i.e FFAI 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, the 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 organizations agreed

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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, and 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.

## Navy decommissions a four decade old Maritime patrol aircraft at Goa



Approach to Goa airport

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**N**avy has decommissioned the Ilyushin-38 Sea Dragon Long Range Maritime Patrol aircraft after 46 years of service at a ceremony held at the Goa Naval base on October 31st.

**Chief of Naval staff Admiral R Hari Kumar was present at the decommissioning**

**ceremony held at INS Hansa in Dabolim**

The naval squadron was commissioned on 1 October 1977 with the induction of IL-38 aircraft, meant for airborne long-range maritime reconnaissance and anti-submarine warfare.

With its unique capabilities, striking prowess and extended reach covering the vast Indian Ocean region, the IL-38 SD

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has over the years proven itself to be a formidable force-multiplier.” Navy said in a statement issued on the eve of decommissioning ceremony

The aircraft enabled integration of indigenous Sahayak Air Droppable Containers, which provide critical logistics support to units deployed at sea and trial platform for indigenous torpedoes.

**The IL-38 was the oldest maritime surveillance aircraft in the Indian inventory. The aircraft were gradually replaced with the American P8i manufactured by Boeing.**

With these aircraft, the Navy could undertake airborne long-range maritime reconnaissance capabilities combined with long-range anti-submarine search and strike, anti-shiping strike, electronic signal intelligence and distant search and rescue missions.



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