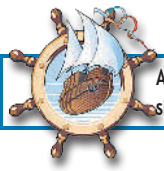


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A sailing ship is no democracy; you don't caucus a crew as to where you'll go anymore than you inquire when they'd like to shorten sail. - Sterling Hayden

### Celebrating Diwali.... Celebrating Happiness!

Shipping fraternity friends' Diwali Dhamaka was held at Acres Club on 3rd November 2023 and was well attended and enjoyed.

It was a musical evening celebrated with the shipping industry coming together and raising the curtain for the upcoming Diwali festival, A Festival of Lights.

The lighting of the Lamp by the women's team was an added attraction of the event. May the Diwali be free from Darkness and abundant with Lights.

Diwali is celebrated in different forms with greater enthusiasm in different parts of India and Mumbai being the shipping hub and first Maritime destination is no different. Shipping fraternity

friends came together to celebrate this occasion to greet each other.

The party was also supported by sponsors Nav Guide Solutions and Aderco.

Everyone appreciated the organizers for such a lovely evening spent with friends and shipping fraternity friends. Professional music DRaga group of Ms. Sandhya & Somnath Mishra playing everlasting melodious songs brought the celebration to a different level of enchantment and all the participants rocked with the music.

Capt Nazir Upadhye & Capt. Gajanan Karanjikar on behalf of the Organising Committee, wished everyone a Happy Diwali festive season and a safe year ahead.



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Minister of Railways of the Russian Federation, former President of OJSC RZD, former Chairman and Secretary General of the Coordination Council on Trans-Siberian Transportation, Advisor to the General Director of OJSC RZD Mr. G.M. Fadeev, Deputy Minister of Transport of the Russian Federation Mr. V.O. Ivanov, Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) Mrs. Armida Salsia Alishakhbana, Deputy Secretary General of the CIS Mr. I.T. Nematov, Member of the Board (Minister) for Energy and Infrastructure of the Eurasian Economic Commission Mr. A.O. Kozhoshev, Chairman of the OSJD Committee Mr. Miroslav Antonovich, Mr. Shankar Shinde, Immediate Past Chairman, FFFAI and other dignitaries.

In his report **“The role and tasks of CCTT in the formation of a**

**sustainable logistics system in the Eurasian space: new approaches and effective solutions” CCTT Chairman Mr. O.V. Belozero**v summed up the development of Trans-Eurasian transportation for 2022–2023 and outlined the goals and objectives of the Council for the future.

He highlighted the assistance in building a network of mutually complementary Euro-Asian routes, priority attention to multimodality issues, including the CCTT “Multimodal Transport Network” project, which is being transferred to digital mode starting this year. It is expanding the range of cross-sectoral issues, including in relation to issues of transportation of agricultural cargo and perishable products and expanding partnerships with key participants in the digitization process in transport.

At this event Mr. Mikhail

Yuryevich Goncharov was nominated as the new CCTT Secretary General starting from June 1, 2024 will be taking over from Mr. Gennady Bessonov, CCTT Secretary General.

Addressing the gathering Deputy Minister of Transport of the Russian Federation Mr. V.O. Ivanov outlined the priorities for the development of the transport complex of the Russian Federation. According to him, among the most important priorities is the development of transportation along the West-East and North-South international transport routes, as well as along multimodal routes passing through the seaports of the Azov-Black Sea basin. He also drew attention to new routes connecting Russia and China through the Zabaikalsk and Nizhneleninskoye checkpoints, activities to develop the western and Trans-Caspian branches of the North-South ITC, as

well as the implementation of projects using electronic navigation seals.

**FFFAI IPC Mr. Shankar Shinde** made an elaborate presentation regarding importance and present developments on the International North South Transport Corridor in respect of trade facilitation including Russia, CIS countries and beyond. He also highlighted the role of the Government of India and FFFAI to promote the INSTC route and seriousness having invested in development of Chabahar Port in Iran to provide effective connectivity to Russia and CIS Countries.

**Mr. Shinde** stated that presently there is an increase in volumes on INSTC with India’s accession to TIR Convention. Now regular vessels are providing services to Iran. Rupee Rial – trade agreement has been signed with banks’ willingness to participate. Logistics Service Providers’ presence is increasing with volumes. In view of the opportunities with risk

associated on this route at present Insurance coverage is available.

It is pertinent to mention that the founder members of INSTC route include India, Iran and Russia. Later the following countries joined: Republic of Azerbaijan, Republic of Turkey, Republic of Armenia, Republic of Ukraine, Republic of Kazakhstan, Republic of Belarus, Republic of Kyrgyzstan, Oman, Republic of Tajikistan, Syria and Bulgarian (Observer).

Objective of INSTC is to increase effectiveness of transport ties to organise goods and passenger transport; Promotion of access to international market; Assistance in increasing the volume of transport; Providing safety of goods, security of travel as well as environmental protection as per International standards; Harmonisation of Transport policies and Setting up non discriminative policies for seamless movement.

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