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AILBIEA honours Top Performers on its Anniversary celebration

Jayyannt Lapsiaa presented special citation from its members for recipient of World Customs Organization's Certificate of Merit



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ILBIEA Mr G. Chandrasekhar, noted agri commodity and edible oil analyst and former editor of Business Line,

also Chief Advisor to the Association, began the proceedings with his lucid remarks on the liquid bulk scenario. He was buoyant on the imports of liquid bulk cargoes, particularly of POL and edible oils. Mr Chandrasekhar said that liquid bulk import and export trade was all set to expand in the coming five years.

"Liquid bulk cargoes are on top of Mumbai Port's attention and all efforts will be made to expand the volume of import and export trade through the Port," asserted **Mr Sanjay Bhatia, Chairman, Mumbai Port Trust.**

Dignitaries from the revenue side who shared their views with the delegates included Mr Rajiv Tandon, Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai, Dr John Joseph, Chief Commissioner of Customs, Jawahar Customs, Nhava Sheva, and Mr Bani Bhattacharya, Principal Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai. The event was chaired by Mr Nadir Godrej, Managing Director, Godrej Industries Ltd and co-chaired by Mr Rupesh Agarwal, Director, Hindustan Unilever Ltd.

Mr Rajiv Tandon highlighted the various initiatives of his department to promote, facilitate and expedite clearance. This included deferred payment of Customs duty and the Authorised Economic Operator scheme. He also referred to the proactive role of AILBIEA, particularly that of the President, Mr Jayyannt Lapsiaa, in working closely with the department.

Dr John Joseph spoke on the various initiatives undertaken by JNPT Customs. He complimented AILBIEA for the proactive role and also their support to the case against the steamer agents in the High Court.

Mr Rupesh Agarwal complimented AILBIEA and also assured the Customs Commissioners of the trade coming much closer to the department's call on various issues and also to closely interact with the department.

Earlier, welcoming the delegates present, Mr Jayyannt Lapsiaa highlighted some of the recent achievements of the Association with respect to addressing the operational issues faced by importers and exporters. He urged the authorities to trust the members of the Association, members who are generally known to uphold ethical standards. Also, he expressed optimism that the Country's liquid bulk trade, covering crude oil, vegetable oil, chemicals and others, will continue to expand in the wake of the strong GDP growth and demand.

The highlight of the event was the conferring of the Lifetime Achievement Award on Mr M. P. Taparia, Chairman, Supreme Petrochem Ltd and Managing Director, Supreme Industries Ltd by AILBIEA. The honours were done by Mr Nadir Godrej, who presented the citation. Mr Rajiv Tandon and Dr John Joseph presented a silver lamp, while Mr Sanjay Bhatia and Mr Rupesh Agrawal adorned a shawl on Mr Taparia.

AILBIEA Stellar Awards were conferred on:-

1. Haresh Petrochem Ltd for significant contribution in promoting export-import trade.

2. Jai Hind Oil Mills Co. for being a vibrant liquid bulk installation in the hinterland.

3. Mr Prakash Hiranandani, Vice-President-Marketing, Aegis Logistics, for being an Outstanding Executive Officer in the liquid bulk trade.

4. Mr Pramod Pardale, Astt General Manager, V.V.F. India Ltd, for being an Outstanding Executive Officer in the liquid bulk trade.

5. Mr Dushyant Mulani, Hon. Secretary, Brihanmumbai Custom House Agents' Association (BCHAA), for Outstanding Personality in Export-Import Trade for the year 2016-17.

Special citations for immense contributions to promoting Export-Import trade were given to:

1. Godrej Industries Ltd

2. Hindustan Unilever Ltd

3. Aegis Logistics Ltd

4. Adani Wilmar Ltd

5. Krishnapatnam Port

AILBIEA members presented their President, Mr Jayyannt Lapsiaa, with a special citation and a silver lamp for being the recipient of the World Customs Organization's Certificate of Merit by the Finance Ministry through CBEC, on January 27, 2017 in New Delhi.

Over 300 top CEOs, Customs, Central Excise and port officials attended this prestigious event at the Regal Room, Hotel Trident, Nariman Point,



Mr. Jayyannt Lapsiaa speaking on Mr. M.P. TAPARIA'S Life time Achievement Award at the AILBIEA Anniversary celebration as (from left) Mr. G. Chandrasekhar [Standing], Mr. Rajiv Tandon, Mr. Nadir Godrej, Mr. M.P. Taparia, Mrs. Taparia, Mr. Rupesh Agarwal, Dr. John Joseph, Mr. Bani Bhattacharya and Mr. Sanjay Bhatia, looks on.

