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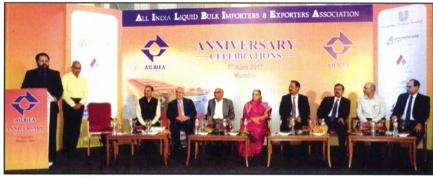


# **AILBIEA's anniversary celebration** sees participation from key dignitaries

#### Stellar Awards presented

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MUMBAI, April 11 THE anniversary celebration of the All India Liquid Bulk Importers and Exporters Association (AILBIEA), on April 7, 2017, was a gala affair which saw the participation of key dignitaries from industry, Customs, ports, etc. who raised and elaborated on pertinent issues in their addresses. A highlight was the presentation of the AILBIEA Stellar Awards, with the Lifetime Achievement Award being Turn to page 14



Mr Jayyannt Lapsiaa speaking on Mr M. P. Taparia's Lifetime Achievement Award at the AllBIEA 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 Bhatta look on

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NEW DELHI, April 11 IN order to increase the revenue earnings in rail freight transportation and to improve the efficiency of freight traffic, especially

for non-conventional traffic

in high capacity and special purpose wagons, the following schemes have been introduced for procurement of rakes for freight transportation by inviting private investment through

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## **AILBIEA's anniversary celebration**

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bestowed on Mr M. P. Taparia, Chairman, Supreme Petrochem Ltd.

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



Mr Nadir Godrej presenting Mr M. P. Taparia the Lifetime Achievement plaque



Mr Prakash Hiranandani (left) of Aegis Logistics Ltd receiving the AILBIEA Stellar Award for being an Outstanding Executive Officer in the liquid bulk trade, from Mr Rajiv Tandon



Mr Pramod Pardale (right) of V.V.F. India Ltd receiving the AILBIEA Stellar Award for being an Outstanding Executive Officer in the liquid bulk trade, at the hands of Dr John Joseph



Mr Kunal Kasat (left) and Mr Kanubhai Kasat (centre) of Haresh Petrochem Ltd receiving the AlLBIEA Stellar Award for outstanding contributions to the liquid bulk trade, from Mr Sanjay Bhatia



Mr Rajesh Kishnani (left) of Jai Hind Oil Mills Co. receiving the AILBIEA Stellar Award for outstanding contributions to liquid bulk trade, from Mr Bani Bhattacharya



Mr Dushyant Mulani (left) receiving the Outstanding Personality in Exim Trade award at the hands of Mr Nadir Godrej

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 (HUL).

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



Mr Jayyannt Lapsiaa being presented a special citation and silver lamp by the members of AlLBIEA for being conferred the World Customs Organization's Certificate of Merit recently. From the left are Mr G. Chandrasekhar, Mr Devdas Chandran, Mr S. Karnik, Mr Manik Nasta, Mr Rakesh Shah and Mr Rajesh Kishnani. From the right are Mr M. P. Taparia, Mr Nadir Godrej and Mr Rajiv Tandon

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 ex-im 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 Execu-

tive Officer in the liquid bulk trade.

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

Special citations for immense contributions to promoting ex-im 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, Mumbai, the release said