

NSIGT achieves another break-through

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Mr. Anil Diggikar, Chairman, Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust said, "MSC Cristina features in the top 100 longest container vessels present in the world. It gives us a sense of pride in bringing this mega-ship to the Indian coastline and hosting it at our port. Initiatives such as these move us a step closer in achieving our aim of Port led-growth for the benefit of the trade.



Anil Singh handing over the plaque to MSC Cristina crew along the Indian coastline.

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Mr. Anil Singh, Senior Vice-President and Managing Director, DP World Subcontinent said, "We are proud to welcome the largest container vessel to have called

MbPT achieves all time high cargo throughput



Shri Yashodhan Wanage, Chairman (I/c)

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Mumbai Port Trust achieves all time high cargo throughput across spectrum of commodities in 2015-16. Mumbai Port handled 1,73,034 automobile units in 2015-16, which is an all time high and whopping 23.76% increase over previous year.

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KPT hits a century

– touches 100 MMT throughput in 2015-16 on a difficult pitch



Shri Ravi Parmar, Chairman, KPT (3rd from left) at press meet.

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The All India Liquid Bulk Importers and Exporters Association (AILBIEA) celebrated its 15th Anniversary on 1st April 2016 with glittering presence of officials like **Mrs. Shobha Chary** and Corporate dignitaries like Padma Bhushan **Mr. Adi Godrej**, **Mr. M.P. Taparua** of Supreme Industries, **Mr. Rupesh Aggarwal** of HUL, **Mr. Sudhir Malhotra** of Aegis Logistics Ltd., **Mr. Himanshu Sanghvi** of Overseas Polymers Pvt. Ltd, and many other dignitaries.

The highlight of this event was conferring lifetime achievement award on **Mr. Nadir B. Godrej**, MD-Godrej Industries Ltd., along with presentation of AILBIEA Stellar Awards 2016 to Star Performers.

On the receipt of award **Mr. Nadir Godrej** said, "AILBIEA under the leadership of **Jayyant Lapsiaa** has played an excellent role in bringing together the trade, service providers and the government. It has been my pleasure to work hand in hand with AILBIEA to facilitate India's global trade over the last twenty years. I am honoured to receive this award and I am sure that AILBIEA will continue to facilitate India's global trade."

AILBIEA on the occasion also felicitated Central Board of Excise & Customs (CBEC) for initiating ease of doing business in EXIM Trade. This year's AILBIEA Stellar Award introduced Award for Outstanding Individuals. **Mr. Ashish Pednekar**, President, Bombay Custom House Agents' Association (BCHAA) was conferred with 'Outstanding Personality in EXIM Trade'.

The Award for 'Outstanding Executive Officer Liquid Bulk Trade' was conferred on **Mr. Vikash Sharma**, Asst. Vice President, M/s. Godrej Industries Ltd. and **Mr. Devdas Chandran**, Sr. General Manager, M/s. Supreme Petrochem Industries Ltd.

'Outstanding Contribution in Promoting EXIM Trade' another important Award was given to **CHEMEXCIL** and **TEFLA'S**.

AILBIEA, an association of traders, manufacturers, importers, exporters and service providers engaged in the business of liquid bulk, which has an whopping volume of 180-200 Million Tons with a revenue of over Rs. 6.5 Lakh Crores, has called for an urgent need for various taxes and policies to be rationalized, with removal of antiquated policies and systems, as also for Mumbai and JNPT Ports to be modernized in order to make this industry a globally competitive one.

Padma Bhushan Mr. Adi Godrej, a captivating orator said, "India is a country with immense potential for growth and AILBIEA is playing a significant role from the front. Let us all work towards this metamorphosis of our nation, economy and international trade."

The association also called for removal of operational constraints, stamp duty on transfer of shipping documents, rationalization and systemization of customs / excise procedure and a complete overhaul of the available infrastructure.

India is set to become a major importer of a wide variety of

liquid bulk commodities such as biofuels like ethanol and biodiesel in the near future. In such a scenario, it is imperative for our ports infrastructure to be upgraded with state of the art technology. Changes in the infrastructure along with change in mindset of process owners is equally important, e.g., the customs department to change their drive into 'Facilitation' gear.

According to **Mr. Jayyant Lapsiaa**, President, of AILBIEA, "Any country's economic growth is intertwined with its infrastructure development. High transaction cost arising from inadequate and inefficient infrastructure, delays and hassles due to antiquated procedures and systems, is one of the major hurdles that our economy is unable to attain its full growth potential regardless of progress on other fronts. Port connectivity is still the soft underbelly of the port sector. Efficient infrastructure combined with quality and expeditious clearance procedures will help reduce costs and sharpen the competitive edge."

Mr. Jayyant Lapsiaa added, "In addition, the association strongly believes in taking along other likeminded associations and trade bodies who pursue fostering of EXIM TRADE, so as to create a conducive and friendly environment for ensuring better results."

In addition to infrastructure development, the Association has identified 3 issues which require urgent remedial attention for the Liquid Bulk industry particularly imports and exports to match global scales and standards. It is time that Governments at the Centre and State modify its out-dated policies and procedures and gives the right encouragement to trade.

Octroi levy, sales tax, stamp duty on import / export of cargo, removal of antiquated procedures and systems, and facilitation to trade by revenue departments, other governmental departments and Port are a few issues which have to be addressed immediately, if "Make in India" and ease of doing business have to succeed.

Ever since its inception, AILBIEA has striven to address various technical, legal, infrastructural, administrative and procedural issues of liquid bulk trade. The stakeholders include importers, exporters, clearing and forwarding agents, shipping agents, installation owners, Surveyors, Barge operators and intermediaries connected with liquid bulk trade.

The primary objective of this association continues to be that of playing a significant role of 'Catalyst' between various Port Authorities, Governmental and Revenue Departments and provide more solidity and clarity in ensuring smooth and fair operations.

AILBIEA's anniversary events are aimed at providing an ideal platform to Trade and Revenue and Port Departments to have healthy interactions and also bring in closeness so that various issues could be amicably understood and settled.