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### HIGHLIGHTS



**Mr. P.K. Das- Chairman-  
C.B.I.C. appointed  
as Director,  
Compliance and  
Facilitation at the World  
Custom Organization**



**Jayyannnt Lapsiaa**  
President

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However, the main area of concern and one which needs to be addressed immediately is the antiquated style of functioning and following of old out dated procedures and systems. These actually take the sheen off from all proactive and facilitation measures introduced. Many a times, the new trade friendly measures take considerable time in actually being implemented due to resistance from some of the customs officers, who are still around with mindset of British Era.

The attitude and mind set of customs officials, at many custom stations, needs to undergo radical change and transformation. It is evident that many of the custom officers have not yet adapted themselves to the resolve of government in infusing 'Ease of Doing Business' and bringing in sweeping changes to facilitate the EXIM trade. Many officers find it difficult to transform themselves by adopting a role of a 'Facilitator', fearing that they may lose their so called adulterated 'Power' and uncanny authority, thereby, impacting the key and effective trade friendly measures introduced by the Government, from time to time.

CBIC has a significant role to play to ensure that there is total uniformity in procedures and systems at all customs stations in the country. There must be a help desk [of CBIC] at each of the customs zones to address issues on the spot. Besides, CBIC must have regular meetings with Trade associations, every quarter, to iron out all the deficiencies, stream line procedures and systems, and to get an update on the behavior of officers at respective stations. This will go a long way in ensuring instant transformation and will result in smooth implementation of all initiatives and measures introduced by the government.

Liquid Bulk segment is one of the most critical and crucial segment, which needs to be dealt with soft gloves, and, one needs to know and understand the operations and criticality involved in this particular huge revenue generating segment. In fact, Liquid Bulk is one of the significant revenue generating segments for all custom stations and Ports, besides the overall contributions to the main exchequer.

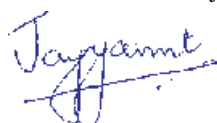
Unfortunately, many a times, policies and procedures being introduced by the CBIC, {undoubtedly for the betterment of the Trade} are not compatible nor connected with liquid bulk trade. The nuances and the operational methods of liquid bulk are totally different from all other segments, and hence, mandatorily need separate policies and procedures which suit this segment and which are easily implementable. It has been observed that all initiatives and trade facilitation measures are framed with keeping in mind containerized cargo segment, machinery etc., but, somehow liquid bulk is unintentionally overlooked, due to unawareness, which results in chaos and hardships.

It is time that CBIC and customs formations, at all ports, realize the immense significance and criticality of liquid bulk trade, and, accord due consideration, priority and handle the same with soft hands.

Undoubtedly, there has been a visible transformation in the attitude of the Custom officials, especially at higher levels, and, in some major customs stations, but, there is still a lot to be done.

We are confident that in times to come, the changes will take place for better, as beginning has already been done, and, it is matter of time that others follow the suit. CBIC will have to ensure that they monitor and enforce strict guidelines with specific timelines to all custom stations to bring about the change in attitude and cement the tag of FACILITATOR once and for all.

We at AILBIEA wish all our members, well-wishers and readers a very HAPPY FESTIVE SEASON.



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President

## AILBIEA congratulates Mr. P. K. DAS on this prestigious appointment



**Mr. P.K. Das- Chairman-C.B.I.C. appointed as Director, Compliance and Facilitation at the World Custom Organization.**

The World Customs Organization (WCO), established in 1952 as the Customs Co-operation Council (CCC) is an independent intergovernmental body whose mission is to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of Customs administrations.

Today, the WCO represents 183 Customs administrations across the globe that collectively process approximately 98% of world trade. As the global centre of Customs expertise, the WCO is the only international organization with competence in Customs matters and can rightly call itself the voice of the international Customs community.

The WCO's governing body - the Council - relies on the competence and skills of a Secretariat and a range of technical and advisory committees to accomplish its mission. The Secretariat comprises

over 100 international officials, technical experts and support staff of some nationalities.

As a forum for dialogue and exchange of experiences between national Customs delegates, the WCO offers its Members a range of Conventions and other international instruments, as well as technical assistance and training services provided either directly by the Secretariat, or with its participation. The Secretariat also actively supports its Members in their endeavors to modernize and build capacity within their national Customs administrations.

Besides the vital role played by the WCO in stimulating the growth of legitimate international trade, its efforts to combat fraudulent activities are also recognized internationally. The partnership approach championed by the WCO is one of the keys to building bridges between Customs administrations and their partners. By promoting the emergence of an honest, transparent and predictable Customs environment, the WCO directly contributes to the economic and social well-being of its Members.



Maersk becomes first container shipping company to offer digital Ocean Customs Clearance

Every port in every country puts cargo through many different rules, regulations and laws that complicate a trader's life. Aiming to provide simple and easy-to-use solutions, Maersk has launched Customs Clearance online shipping management platform in seven European countries - Germany, France, Denmark, The Netherlands, Poland, United Kingdom and Spain - with the goal of expanding this offering across the world by the end of 2019.

International trade is subjected to diverse and wide controls and customs regulations that need to be met to ensure that traded goods are entering and exiting legally.



Dr. Kunio Mikuriya, Secretary General, WCO addressing the Inaugural Session of 20th World Customs Organisation (WCO) Regional Heads of Customs Administration (RHCA) Conference held at Grand Hyatt, Bolgatty, Kochi on 08th May 2019.



## Ministry of Finance

CBIC organises meeting of Regional Heads of Customs Administration of Asia Pacific Region of the World Customs Organisation (WCO) in Kochi

Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) is organising a meeting of the Regional Heads of Customs Administration of Asia Pacific Region of the World Customs Organisation (WCO) in Kochi from 08th to 10th May, 2019. India is hosting this meeting in its capacity as Vice Chair of the Asia Pacific region that it assumed on 1st July, 2018 for a two-year period.

The meeting will take stock of the progress being made in carrying forward the programmes and initiatives of WCO to promote, facilitate and secure the cross-border trade in the region and the capacity building and technical assistance required to achieve this goal.

This meeting is being chaired by Mr. Pranab Kumar Das, Chairman, CBIC. Reflecting the importance of the meeting, Customs delegations

from more than twenty countries of the Asia Pacific region are participating, along with senior officials of the WCO and its regional bodies, i.e. Regional Office for Capacity Building (ROCB) and Regional Intelligence Liaoning Office (RILO).

In his inaugural remarks, Chairman, CBIC reiterated the strategic principles guiding India, in its role as the Vice Chair of the Asia Pacific region, which are -

Greater communication and connectivity within the region,

(ii) Harness technology advancements, Inclusive approach, and Consensus on core issues.

Mr Das highlighted the key focus areas on which considerable emphasis should be placed, such as implementation of trade facilitation measures, cross-border e-commerce transactions, building capacity of small island economies and the on-going review of the Revised Kyoto Convention (RKC).

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**World Customs Organization**  
**Asia Pacific Region**  
**20<sup>th</sup> Regional Heads of Customs Administration Conference**  
**Kochi India**  
**PRESS MEET**  
**08 - 05 -**



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India signs an MoU with World Customs Organisation, establishing [@WCO OMD](#)

Regional Training Centre at Bangalore campus of National Academy of Customs, Indirect Taxes and Narcotics. This will be second WCO RTC in India, with earlier RTC having been established in NACIN, Faridabad



#Sustainability at JNPT

These e-RTGCs are electrically powered making it cost economical & is environment friendly! #JNPT Goes Green



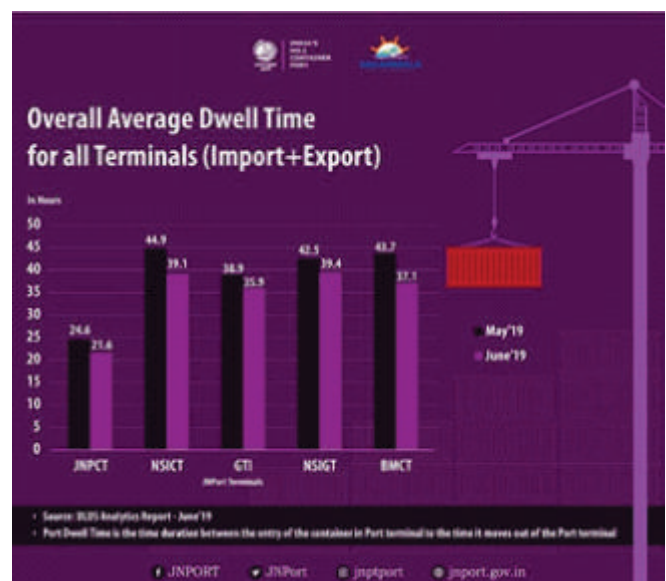
WTO Ministerial Meeting of Developing Countries concludes in New Delhi.  
The approach of the New Delhi Ministerial Meeting was to re-energise and strengthen multilateralism and put in place a more inclusive decision - making process.



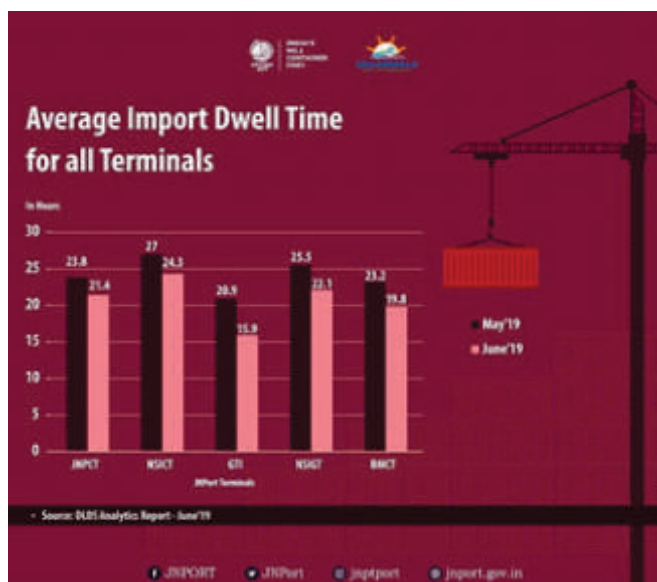
Revenue Laboratory at Vizag has been granted NABL accreditation in accordance with ISO/IEC 17025:2017 for chemical testing with the scope of Vegetable Oil with effect from May 16, 2019. This is the second of 12 Revenue Laboratories to be accredited.



M.T. Sea Elegant became the first Tanker to have anchored at the new JNPT anchorage. The vessel was drawing drafts of Forward: 6.3 m & Aft: 6.9 m. A Hong Kong registered vessel under the command of Capt. Yang Chun Shan was ably piloted by Pilot JP62.



The overall average Dwell Time (imports & exports) for all Terminals at @JNPort for June'19 is 34.3 hrs as compared to 40.0 hrs in May'19!



The average import Dwell Time of all Terminals at @JNPort for June'19 is 19.0 hrs.



Port Customers meeting was held at @JNPort to apprise them about the various initiatives at the Port. The new ITRHO was well received by Trade and other concerns of customers were addressed.

**As part of India's strategic commitment to improve global trade flow, CBIC is conducting India's 1st national Time Release Study between 1st to 7th Aug, 2019. TRS is an internationally recognised tool to measure efficiency & effectiveness of Intl. Trade Flows #India Means Business**

**INDIA'S 1ST NATIONAL TIME RELEASE STUDY**

**WHAT GETS MEASURED, GETS DONE!**

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**Highlights**

- Being Conducted across 15 locations including sea, air and land ports
- Enables simple, predictable and efficient procedures during import and export
- Promoting reliable and accountable government services

**1<sup>st</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2019**

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The very first port developed in India after the Independence was the Kandla Port, also known as Deen Dayal Port. #Sagarmala #Indian Ports #Port Connectivity #Developing India #transforming india



Chief Guest, Shri Sanjay Sethi, IAS, Chairman, @JNPort at @Exim India's 11th CONquest 2019 addressing the audience & discussing the advantages of using JNPT gateway for the Ludhiana Trade.



Additional liquid Cargo Terminal worth Rs. 350 crore to come up at @JNPort



In the welcome address, Shri Sanjay Sethi, IAS, Chairman, JNPT talks about the key milestones of the @JNPort embedded through its remarkable growth journey of and the strategic initiatives to drive the future of the Port.

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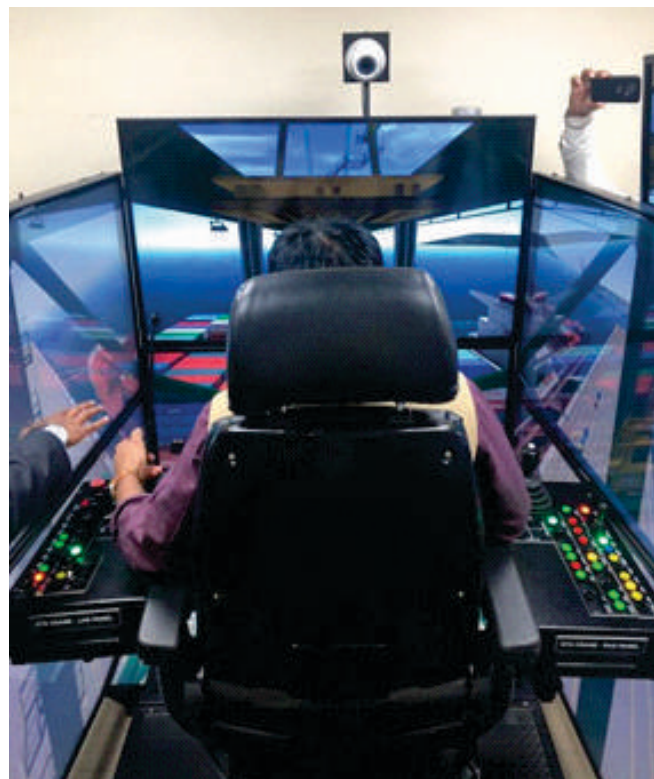
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## Shri Sanjay Sethi, IAS, Chairman JNPT addressing JNPort community members



Today at @JNPort, laid foundation stone of an Additional Liquid Berth Terminal that will cater to the demand of handling additional liquid cargo. Estimated cost for development of this terminal is ₹309 cr & will enhance the capacity by around 4.5 Million Tones Per Annum (MTPA).

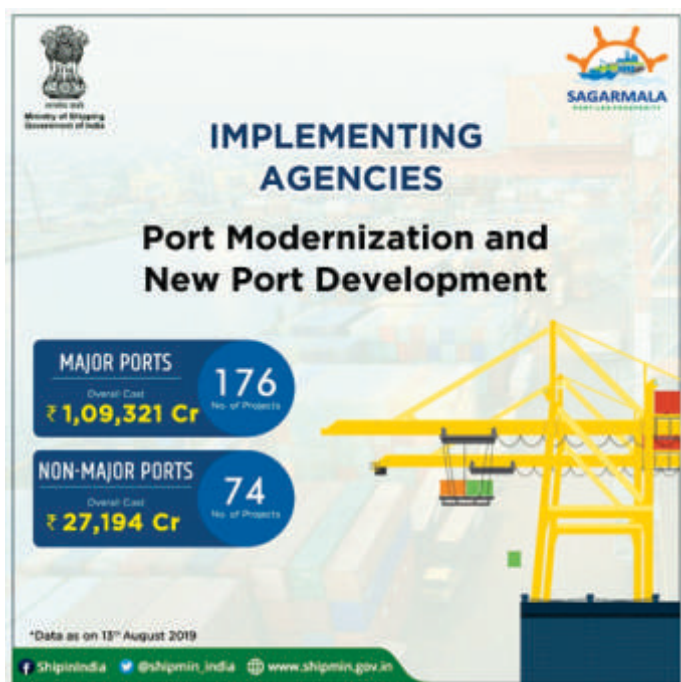




As a part of India's 1st National Time Release Study, we @BRIEFIndia are conducting multi-stakeholder workshops at major seaports and ICDs in India



Ministry of Shipping @shipmin\_india Multiple projects worth investments of more than Rs 1.36 lac cr are being implemented by various agencies under our flagship #Sagarmala programme. The projects for port modernization & development are being carried out across Major Ports, Non-Major Ports and other agencies.



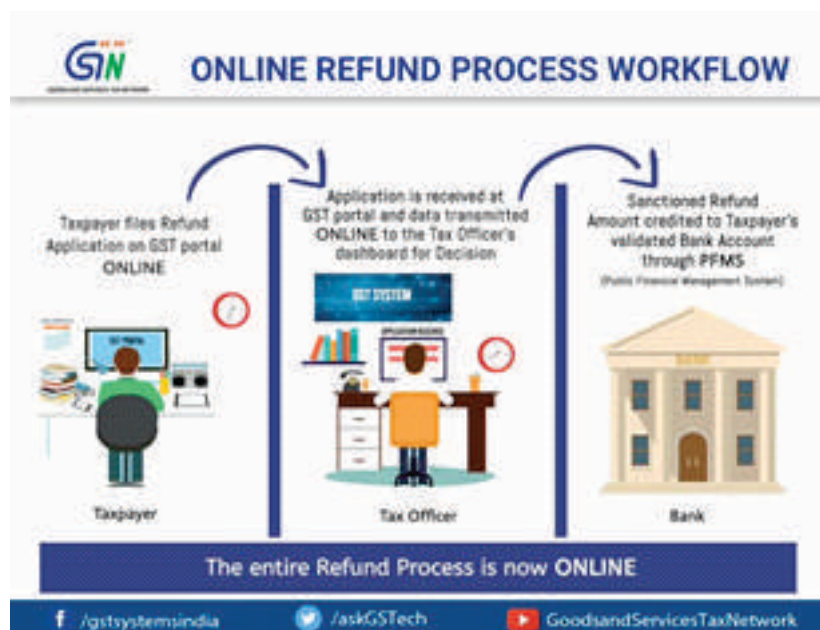
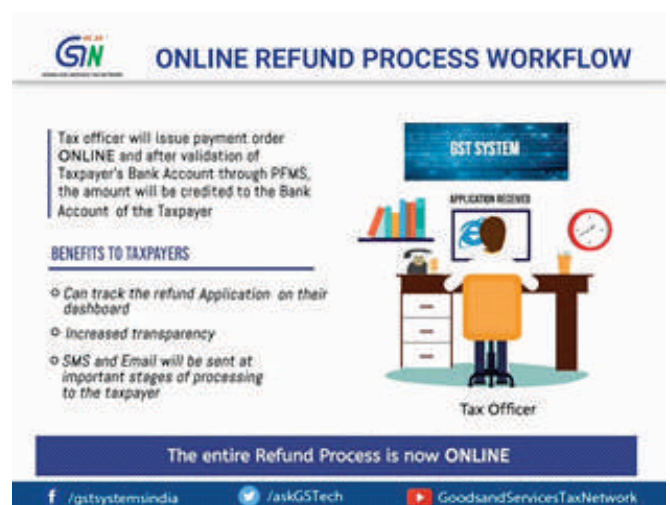
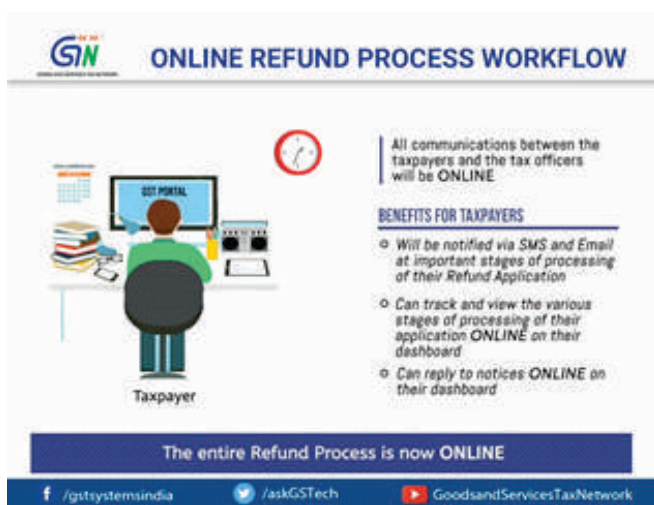
JNPT @JNPort Reviewing the @JNPort Multi Skill Development Center, Shri K.K. Aggarwal, JS, Sagarmala, @shipmin\_india also interacted with the students about the importance of skill development in youth & it's sustainable contribution to the economy that will help in developing the country.



Office of Mr. Anurag Thakur @Anurag\_Office MoS@ianuragthakur held review meetings with Customs, CGST & income tax officials in Kochi earlier today. He reiterated the PMs message that honest tax payers must be respected along with the wealth creators of India.



GST Tech @askGSTech 100% ONLINE Refund Process and Disbursal through a single authority, successfully deployed on GST Portal from September 26, 2019. All refund applications filed before September 26, 2019 will be processed manually as done under the old refund process.



CBIC@cbic\_india Indian Customs - Making trade Swifter, Smoother and Safer. E-Sealing: Simplifying Export Procedures by allowing exporters to self-seal their containers using electronic seal. #GST #Indian Customs

  
**MINISTRY OF FINANCE**  
 Government of India



## Indian Customs Simplifying Export Procedures

**Exporters allowed to self-seal their containers using electronic seal**

- Reduction in transaction cost
- No merchant overtime charges to be paid
- Reduction in transportation time of export goods
- Applicable to fully loaded containers e-sealed by authorized exporters
- RFID e-seal to enhance Supply Chain Security
- Facilitating movement of legitimate trade

*Indian Customs- Making Trade Swifter, Smoother, Safer*

FICCI CASCADE @Cascadeglobal.@cbic\_india is equipped with all advance technological where withals to detect counterfeit products. - Mr. P. K Das, Chairman, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs. #BeACascader.





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10th Edition  

**MASCRIDE 2019**  
 Movement Against Staggered & Counterfeit Trade

# **AV Vijaykumar takes over as Chairman FFFAI** **Shankar Shinde becomes Chairman-elect for 2019-'21**

**CHENNAI:** Mr AV Vijaykumar, who earlier was Chairman-elect has taken over as Chairman of FFFAI and Mr Shankar Shinde has been elected as Chairman-elect for the ensuing two years. Mr PS Atree, Mr Rajesh Verma and Mr Sudip Dey have been re-elected as Vice Chairmen while Mr Vinod Sharma, Mr Alan Jose and Mr Mandava Satyanarayana have become the newly elected Vice Chairmen of the Federation. Mr Dushyant Mulani and Mr Sudhir Agarwal have been elected unopposed Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer respectively.

Prior to the AGM, the Federation had its 13th EC Meeting on the same day where new business avenues were discussed which included opportunities in agri-logistics for domestic and international markets. Also the EC meet emphasized on Skill Development initiatives in association with the Government. Mr S Ramakrishna, the outgoing Chairman, FFFAI expressed his gratitude to all Office Bearers, EC Members and all Member Associations to make his brief

tenure very successful. He emphasised on the recognition to FFFAI from various Ministries of the Government of India, Chambers of Commerce and Trade Bodies at National and International level. He also underlined the importance of developing second line leadership in the Federation to make CHA/ Customs Broking/ Freight Forwarding/ Logistics profession lucrative with full of pride.

The new Chairman, Mr Vijaykumar, made it clear that in the days to come FFFAI would play more effective and key role in the growth of export-import trade as well as logistics industry in the Country, through collective initiatives.



Mr. A.V. Vijayakumar - Chairman



Mr. Shankar Shinde  
Chairman-elect



Mr. Alan Jose  
Vice Chairman



Mr. Mandava Satyanarayana  
Vice Chairman



Mr. P.S. Atree  
Vice Chairman



Mr. Rajesh Varma  
Vice Chairman



Mr. Sudip Dey  
Vice Chairman



Mr. Vinod Sharma  
Vice Chairman



Mr. S. Ramakrishna  
Immediate Past Chairman



Mr. Dushyant Mulani  
Honorary Secretary



Mr. Sudhir Agarwal  
Honorary Treasurer



FFFAI Executive Committee at 56th AGM in Chennai

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