

# BCBA holds 39th Annual General Meeting along with the Annual Function at ITC Grand Central, Mumbai

**Brihanmumbai Custom Brokers Association (BCBA)** proudly convened its 39th Annual General Meeting (AGM) & Annual Function on September 25, 2024, at Hotel ITC Grand Central, Parel. The event was attended by Esteemed Members, Board of Advisors, Top Industry leaders and distinguished guests from the Customs Department and other Governmental bodies all coming together to celebrate the achievements of the past year and discuss the future direction of the organization.

Following the usual proceedings of the Meeting, **President Mr. Dushyant Mulani** gave an outstanding address to the members who attended the meeting in huge numbers in spite of the disruption due to very heavy rains in the Mumbai City. The Members gave a standing ovation to the President Mr. Dushyant Mulani for immense contribution and undying commitment of 25 years to the Organization as he now takes the position of the Immediate Past President of BCBA. Many members congratulated the team for the exceptional performance in the past year under his inspiring leadership.

## Highlights of the AGM:

- 1. Annual Report & Review:** The **Hon. Secretary Mr. Nirav Thakker & Hon. Treasurer Mr. Ganpat Korde** presented a comprehensive review of the various activities of the Association and initiatives undertaken for the benefit of the members along with a the BCBA's financial performance, showcasing growth and sustainability in its operations.
- 2. Keynote Address:** The **Chief Guest, Principal Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Zone II, Jawaharlal Nehru Custom House, Shri Rajesh Pandey (IRS)**, delivered an inspiring keynote address, emphasizing the vital role of Custom Brokers in today's evolving Logistics landscape and the importance of innovation and ethical practices in the profession. He assured with support and feedback from the Association, JNCH is successfully addressing the members' pain points and will continue to do so.
- 3. Felicitations:** It was heartening to see all the Commissioners from Mumbai Customs Zones I, II and III who graced the occasion with their kind Presence. BCBA took pride in felicitating the **Chief Guest, Shri Rajesh Pandey, Commissioners & Additional Commissioners on the Dias and off the Dias** as well as Senior officials from the Participating Government agencies (PGAs) like FSSAI, ADC, etc. Also present were members from the Trade Associations like FFFAI, AMTOI, CFSAI etc. and Terminals DP-World and GTI/APM who were also felicitated.

The Entire team of BCBA including the Office Bearers, Managing Committee, Board of Advisors and Secretariat Staff were very emotional in giving a special and unforgettable farewell with a thoughtful token of appreciation for the President of previous term, Mr. Dushyant Mulani for the love & affection each and every one had due to the personal bonding all had developed with him while working under his distinguished leadership.

4. **Election of New Office Bearers:** The AGM witnessed the taking over of the charge of the Association Office by the new Office Bearers who stood unopposed by election nomination process and the newly elected Managing Committee for the term 2024 – 2026 under the leadership of the **incoming President, Mr. Sanjeev Harale** who has successfully served the Association for more than 20 years with his vast experience and noteworthy skills in the field. **Senior Vice President / President Elect, Mr. Paresh Thakkar, Vice Presidents Mr. Vinayak Aparaj, Mr. Hiren Ruparel & Mr. Ganpat Korde, Hon. Secretary, Mr. Nirav Thakker and Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Ketan Desai** took charge as the new Officer Bearers of the Brihanmumbai Custom Brokers Association.
5. **Strategic Discussions:** Various valuable suggestions aimed at enhancing member engagement, professional & skill development, and community outreach were discussed. This includes new training programs and workshops tailored to meet the demands of a rapidly changing industry.
6. **Networking Opportunities:** The event facilitated networking among members, fostering collaboration and having a informal time for celebration on the momentous occasion during the High tea as well as during the Dinner & Cocktails

**Closing Remarks:** The AGM concluded with a Vote of Thanks by **Hon. Secretary Mr. Nirav Thakker** with a note of commitment to further strengthen the BCBA's position as a professional body working for the betterment of the Custom broker Fraternity. He expressed the voice of the newly elected leadership about their dedication to upholding the values of integrity, professionalism, and excellence that the BCBA is known for.



President Mr. Dushyant Mulani addressing



Felicitation of Chief Guest Shri. Rajesh Pandey PR. Chief Comm- Mumbai Zone II

