

Pune Custom House Agents Association Elects New Managing Committee, Sets Vision for Growth and Innovation

The Pune Custom House Agents Association (PCHAA) held its 21st Annual General Body Meeting, during which the Managing Committee submitted its financial and audit reports for the year 2023-24. These reports were unanimously approved by the members, who also praised the Managing Committee and Treasurer for their outstanding work in maintaining communication and updating memberships over the past year.

In this meeting, the association elected a new Managing Committee, which has set an ambitious agenda to drive modernization and growth within the EXIM trade community in Pune.

The newly elected office bearers are:

- **Mr. Pradeep Kale** - President
- **Mr. Sunil Dhore** - Vice President
- **Mrs. Poonam Sharma** - Hon. Secretary
- **Mr. Yogesh Shinde** - Hon. Treasurer
- **Mr. Raj Deepak Bhargava** - Committee Member
- **Mr. Anand V. Paranjpe** - Committee Member
- **Mr. Sanjay Hemgude** - Committee Member
- **Mr. Murli Nagrani** - Committee Member
- **Mr. Girish Bamane** - Committee Member
- **Mr. Kunal Ghag** - Committee Member
- **Ms. Rohini Pawar** - Committee Member

Mr Bhagwan Singh will be Immediate Past President.

Key Priorities for the New Term

The newly elected committee has outlined several key initiatives to be implemented during their tenure:

1. **Embracing Digitalization and Modern Techniques:**
With the increasing adoption of digital processes in export and import activities by Customs and other stakeholders, the role of Custom Brokers is evolving rapidly. Nearly 100% of EXIM clearance operations are now conducted online, requiring brokers to appoint skilled manpower to manage these activities. In response, the new committee will focus on **Skill Development and Training** programs for the staff of Custom Brokers in Pune, ensuring they are well-prepared for the demands of a digitalized industry.
2. **Promoting the "Clear in Pune" Theme:**
PCHAA is committed to promoting the "Clear in Pune" concept, highlighting the advantages of customs clearance at Pune's three dry ports (ICDs) and Pune International Airport. With ICD Talegaon, ICD Bambholi, and ICD Dighi already in operation, the committee will focus on increasing awareness within the trade community about the benefits of conducting business through these ports. The committee is also establishing a **Shipping Line Division** to collaborate with key stakeholders and shipping lines, aiming to boost inbound and outbound cargo movements from Pune's dry ports.
3. **Fostering Agricultural Exports and CBT Movements:**
To further enhance Pune's role as a vital logistics hub, the committee plans to raise awareness about agricultural exports from Pune International Airport and cross-border trade (CBT)

movements, emphasizing the strategic benefits of utilizing Pune’s facilities for export operations.

4. Strengthening Member Engagement and Growth:

In addition to operational goals, the committee has also pledged to focus on expanding the association's membership base. Plans are in place to organize sports and cultural activities, fostering stronger interactions between members and the broader trade community.

The new Managing Committee is committed to delivering on these priorities and driving the association forward. With a focus on innovation, collaboration, and skill development, PCHAA aims to ensure that Pune remains a critical hub for India’s EXIM trade.

We wish the newly elected Managing Committee great success in their efforts.



Mr. Pradeep Kale – President



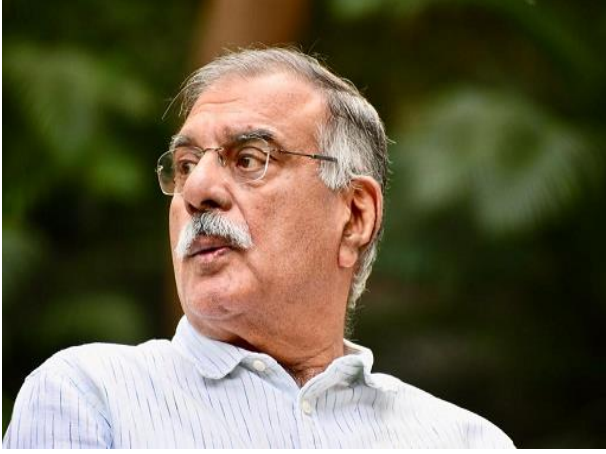
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