

## **ANNUAL AWARD FUNCTION OF DCCIA HELD ON 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025.**

Dear Members,

DCCIA hosted its Annual Awards Ceremony to honour and recognize outstanding contributions to industry, business excellence, and corporate social responsibility. The 2024 edition of this prestigious event took place on **March 19, 2025, at Hotel Sheraton Grand, Pune**, in the presence of distinguished industrialists, government officials, and key stakeholders from the business community. The gathering highlighted key industry challenges and emphasized the importance of financial planning for business sustainability and long-term success.

### **A Grand Gathering of Business Leaders**

The **Annual Awards Ceremony 2025** was attended by over **200 delegates**, including prominent chamber members, corporate executives, and government representatives. The event provided an excellent platform for networking and celebrating the remarkable achievements of industry leaders. The Chief Guest for the evening was **Shri. Ashishkumar Chauhan, MD & CEO of National Stock Exchange of India (NSE)** who has played a transformative role in shaping India's capital markets. Accompanying him were esteemed DCCIA office bearers including:

- **Rathin Sinha**, Chairman
- **H.P. Srivastava**, Vice Chairman
- **Vasudeo Malu**, Secretary
- **Prakash Dhoka**, Treasurer

The presence of these dignitaries, along with various other DCCIA subcommittee members, including Executive Committee members Yogesh Vaghani and Bibhu Prasad, underscored the importance of collaboration between businesses and government institutions to drive economic growth and innovation.

### **Recognizing Excellence in Industry and Social Service**

One of the event's highlights was the presentation of the **DCCIA Excellence Awards**, which recognize exceptional contributions by individuals and organizations in various fields. The prestigious **Lifetime Achievement Award** was conferred upon **Vishal Makar, MD, Oriental Rubber Industries Pvt Ltd**, for his outstanding contributions to industry and society.

Other notable awardees included:

- **DCCIA Award for Excellence – Social Service:** *Niramay*, for their remarkable contributions to uplifting underprivileged communities and creating a future where every child has the right to a healthy and dignified life.
- **DCCIA Award for Excellence – Public Service:** *Nitin Mahajan*, for his immense efforts as Dy Executive Engineer MSEDCL in supporting industrial growth and governance.
- **DCCIA Award for Excellence – Best Industrialist:** *Dr. Sudhir Mehta*, recognized for his dynamic leadership and commitment to expanding Pinnacle Industries and EKA Mobility.

- **DCCIA Award for Excellence – Best HR Practices:** *Foseco India Ltd*, for its exemplary human resource management and employee engagement strategies. In MSME Category, the Award was conferred upon ACS Industries Pvt Ltd
- **DCCIA Award for Excellence—Best Safety Practices:** *Haier Appliances India Pvt. Ltd.*, for maintaining high safety standards in its operations. In MSME Category, the Award was conferred upon Wika Instrument India Pvt. Ltd.
- **DCCIA Award for Excellence—Best Digital Transformation Initiative:** *Classic Industries & Exports Ltd. & Supreme Industries Ltd*, for their outstanding efforts in driving significant organizational change.

These awards celebrate excellence at individual and corporate level, and reflect the larger vision of corporate responsibility, innovation, and industrial progress.

### **Honouring Growth and Sustainability**

Shri. Ashishkumar Chauhan congratulated the award winners in his address and commended DCCIA for recognizing industry leaders and public service officials. He emphasized the importance of industrialists and corporate entities in shaping India’s economic future. Highlighting India’s rapid industrial progress, he expressed optimism that the country is well on its way to becoming the third-largest economy in the world.

He further highlighted the numerous challenges entrepreneurs face, often without support from employees and vendors. He likened them to a movie makers where they are writer, director, producer, and lead character—sometimes even the sole spectator. Recalling past policies, he noted that in 1995-96, SMEs were allowed to raise funds from the stock market, but due to many companies vanishing, the practice was halted. It was reintroduced in 2012 with stringent regulations to support SME funding. He emphasized that stock exchange listing simplifies succession planning and aligns India with global business practices. Comparing a share certificate to a currency note, he stressed the responsibility of listed companies and the importance of strong corporate governance.

### **Looking Ahead: Future Plans and Initiatives**

In his joint address to the gathering, **Rathin Sinha** highlighted that for the next year, the focus of DCCIA will be on cleanliness drives and traffic management to solve the traffic woes on Pune Nagar Road. He urged industry members to continue actively participating in training programmes, seminars, and business networking forums. They emphasized that India’s industrial future is promising despite economic challenges, and businesses must adapt to emerging opportunities.

In his address, **H. P. Srivastava** recalled the Chamber's journey over 30 years and expressed his sincere thanks and gratitude to all stakeholders. “We aim to make this Industrial Belt a preferred investment destination. If we have to make India a 5 trillion economy, Maharashtra must contribute by being a trillion economy. To be there, we must ensure “Ease of Business” for every Industry. The operationalization of “The Maharashtra Trade & Investment Act 2023” through “The Maitri” portal should soon be a reality. Further, the government of Maharashtra will soon announce its new industrial policy, for which DCCIA has also given several suggestions. He added that it should also provide a significant boost to the industry.

### **A Bright Future for Pune’s Industrial Ecosystem**

The DCCIA Annual Awards Ceremony 2025 celebrated excellence and reaffirmed Pune's status as a thriving industrial hub. By recognizing business leaders, fostering collaboration, and driving impactful CSR initiatives, DCCIA remains a key enabler of growth and innovation in Maharashtra's industrial landscape.

The event reinforced the Chamber's commitment to supporting businesses, promoting fair trade practices, and contributing to India's economic progress. With ambitious plans for the future, DCCIA remains dedicated to empowering industries, strengthening partnerships, and championing corporate responsibility.

## Thanks & Regards

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