

DISTRICT EXPORT PROMOTION COUNCIL MEETING, AKOLA

DISTRICT EXPORT PROMOTION COUNCIL MEETING held under the chairmanship of hon'ble District Collector, Akola Shri. Ajit Kumbhar Sir on 9th August 2024.

Following members were present in the meeting :-

1. Shri Dhruv Parekh, Office DGFT
2. Shri Pravin Wankhade, Director, Universe Exports
3. Shri Shriram Waghmare, District Development Manager, NABARD
4. Shri Ankit Gupta EY- Exports & ODOP, Akola District Scenario
5. Shri. Manoj Khandelwal, President, Akola Industries Association
6. Shri Santosh Bansod, General Manager, DIC, Akola- Q & A Session

Shri Santosh Bansod, General Manager, DIC, Akola commenced the Opening remarks of the meeting .

Shri Ajit Kumbhar, IAS, District Collector of Akola, emphasized India's skilled manpower and the need for 17% CAGR growth to achieve the \$5 trillion economy target. Akola's GSDP is ₹36,000 crore (1.17% of Maharashtra's GSDP), with exports of ₹306 crore (0.07% of state exports which is not satisfactory). The district's Agro processing, especially Dal Mills, should leverage subsidies, and PDKV University can support quality control of export.

Shri. Manoj Khandelwal, President, Akola Industries Association told about the obstacles that enterprenures are phasing while doing export & also shared his 30 years experience in Industrial Sector.

Mr. Dhruv Parekh, Office DGFT told the easy way to Export from District & documents like IEC required for Exports.

Mr.Pravin Wankhade, Director, Universe Exports shared his experience on doing the exports of Chemical.

Shri Ankit Gupta EY- Exports & ODOP, Akola elaborated the export scenario of Akola District & told about the strategies to increase export from akola district.

Representatives from DGFT, NABARD, SIDBI, EY and GST highlighted key benefits and schemes regarding export. The event included a Q&A session conducted by Shri Santosh Bansod.

