

# ICONS OF REAL ESTATE

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Real estate icons at the unveiling



Legendary Cricketer Dilip Vengsarkar unveiled the Coffee Table Book

## Realty bigwigs carve a niche

**Real Estate Icons of Pune**, coffee table book by **The Times Group**, that talks about the path-breaking journeys of leading realtors, who have transformed Pune's skyline, was unveiled at a glittering ceremony. With Dilip Vengsarkar as the chief guest, the function was attended by city's top developers

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It was indeed an eventful evening. After all, it was the unveiling ceremony of a unique coffee-table book, **Real Estate Icons of Pune** of **The Times Group**. As the name suggests, the book captures journeys of Pune's iconic realtors: their beginnings, expansions, challenges they faced en route, and the eventual spectacular successes.

Renowned cricketer Dilip Vengsarkar formally unveiled the coffee-table book and facilitated the icons featured in it for their exemplary contributions to the real estate sector in the city. A video presentation, which offered a glimpse into the coffee-table book, followed the felicitation. Several real estate bigwigs and eminent personalities from the city were prominently present.

The unveiling function started on a high note with a well-known standup comedian and cricket humourist Vikram Sathya entertaining the audience through cricketing anecdotes filled with punches and mimicry of many former players. He also hosted a chat show with the Colonel - as Vengsarkar was fondly called, who spoke on a wide range of topics such as good old days of cricket, former skippers, players' selection and of course, fond memories of India's maiden World Cup win in 1983.

"Today, our team has come a long way. Though cricket is changing with times, each era has its own distinct memories. Our team is doing well and we have had many players who have taken the game to the different heights. I am happy that a lot of cricketing talent is coming up in Pune. In this good talent is harnessed, we can see many of these players excelling at national and international level."

Vengsarkar also spoke about how Pune has changed over the years. "Earlier, I used to come to Pune at Decan Gymkhana. I remember wide roads and a peaceful city. It has changed for better and it's good that The Times



Shashank Paranjape



Harish Shroff



Rahul Nahar



Siddharth Vasudevan



Vilas Kumar Thannal Palresha



Subhash Goel



Vinay Goyal



Arvind Jain



Shrawan Agarwal



Israr Khan



Suhas Lunkad



Nitesh Agarwal



Kishor Jain



Moti Panjabi



Ashok Chordia



Anup Jhantani



Vasant Kate



Shabbir Furniturewala



Faraz Furniturewala

the exemplary contribution of these realtors in making Pune one of the most sought-after destinations in the country. Realtors attending the event expressed pleasure over the coffee-table book. "It's a good concept to publish such a book as these journeys remain documented. It is a unique concept successfully implemented," said Shrawan Agarwal, Joint MD, Pride Purple Group.

"It was nice to attend this event. The concept of the coffee-table book is interesting

be a nice document for the next generation to read about these path-breaking journeys. More and more such events should be implemented," opined Ashok Chordia, Managing Director, Solitaire. "Pune has undergone a sea change and realtors are one of the major contributors to the city's growth progress. This book will throw light on this," said Arvind Jain, Managing Director, Pride Group. "Outskirts of Pune are now really hotspots. It would be

good to read the transition of Pune along with the stories of realty bigwigs in the book," stated Harish Shroff, Director, Nyati Group. "Today, affordable housing has redefined the realty sector. Coming up with a book that talk about pioneering contribution of realtors is an innovative idea," opined Rahul Nahar, Founder, Xrbia. "The book will make a good read and it will be a nice document not only for the real estate sector but also for the

generations to come," felt Siddharth Vasudevan, Managing Director, Vascon Engineers Pvt Ltd. "Apart from talking about realtors' success stories, the book is also giving us a glimpse into Pune's transformation," said Manish Jain, Managing Director, Kumar Properties. "Realtors have made a pioneering contribution not only in strengthening the real estate sector in the city but have also introduced many in-

novative concepts in construction practices and the book will highlight it," said Vilas Kumar Thannal Palresha, Founder and Chairman, VTP Group. "What readers will get in this book is how realtors saw the latent potential of the city and built towering structures from the scratch," said Subhash Goel, Managing Director, Goel Ganga Developments. "Kishore Jain (Excella - Kalyane Fortune Properties), Nitesh Agarwal (Excella - Kalyane Fortune Properties), Moti Panjabi (Rama Group), Ashok Chordia (Solitaire), Anup Jhantani (Jhantani Group), Vasant Kate (Yashada Realty Group), Shabbir Furniturewala (Unity Infinity), Faraz Furniturewala (Unity Infinity)."

### THE ICONS

- Atul Chordia (Panchshil Realty)
- Rohit Gera (Gera Developments)
- Shrikant Paranjape (Paranjape Schemes Construction Ltd)
- Shashank Paranjape (Paranjape Schemes Construction Ltd)
- Nitin Nyati (Nyati Group)
- Piyush Nyati (Nyati Group)
- Rahul Nahar (Xrbia)
- Siddharth Vasudevan (Vascon Engineers Ltd)
- Satish Magar (Magarpatta Township Development & Construction Co Ltd)
- Manish Jain (Kumar Properties)
- Vilas Kumar Thannal Palresha (VTP Group)
- Subhash Goel (Goel Ganga Developments)
- Krishnakumar Goyal (Kohinoor Group)
- Vinay Goyal (Kohinoor Group)
- Rajesh Goyal (Kohinoor Group)
- Arvind Jain (Pride Group)
- Shrawan Agarwal (Pride Purple Properties)
- Dinesh Agarwal (Bramha Corp Ltd)
- Suhas Lunkad (Rohan Group)
- Abhijit Jagtap (SKYI Developers)
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"Twin cities of Pune and Pimpri-Chinchwad have achieved a lot in the short span of time and the book will talk about these cities achievements as much it will give us success stories of realtors," said Moti Panjabi, Managing Director, Rama Group.

Group has come up with a coffee-table book that talks about the professional journeys of real estate stalwarts. I am sure it will be an inspiring read," he added.

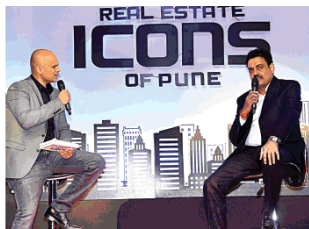
**'Real Estate Icons of Pune'**, is an ode to the chieftains of the real estate sector who, with their vision, passion and determination, have introduced pioneering concepts in construction techniques and helped Pune city emerge as a premier realty destination in India

These icons have not only transformed Pune's skyline

as it is very much about the city's transformation as it is the professional journey of realty honchos," said Shashank Paranjape, Managing Director, Paranjape Schemes (Construction) Ltd.

"Construction industry has undergone a lot of change and so has Pune. RERA has done a lot of good. I appreciate the concept of the coffee-table book. For me, reflecting on our own journey has been a nice experience," said Anup Jhamtani Managing Director, Jhamtani Group.

The coffee-table book will



Vikram Sathaye in conversation with legendary cricketer Dilip Vengsarkar



realty icons will go a long way in capturing the essence of Pune's growth story," said Suhas Lunkad, CMD, Rohan Group

"The book is a canvass giving interesting stories of vibrant personalities that have made city's realty picture complete," said Abhijit Jagtap, Founder Director, SKYI Group

"Though the coffee-table book talks about individual achievements, we all know it's a collective effort that has made Pune to be in the big league," said Nilesh Agarwal, Director, Excellaa.

Developers can change things for good and this contribution, in the long run, helps the city and its people grow. Therefore, it is good to talk about iconic journey of icons in the book format," said Vasant Kate, CMD, Yashada Realty Group

"While talking about the icons, the coffee table book will give readers a compact picture Pune's change. Today, luxurious homes are also available in budget sector," said Faraz Furniturewala, CEO and Director, Unity Infinity.