

Pune adds 14 entrepreneurs to rich list in 2024

Pune's tally on the national rich list has grown to 53 in 2024 with the addition of 14 new names. Prominent figures like Abhaykumar Firodia and Baba Kalyani are highlighted. The city ranks eighth among Indian cities for wealthy individuals, featuring entrepreneurs from diverse sectors including real estate, software, and automobile.

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PUNE: A tally of 14 persons from the city is added to the national rich list taking the total to 53 in 2024. Prominent names that made to the top 100 of the Hurun India list include Abhaykumar Firodia and Baba Kalyani. Firodia & family's wealth jumped 107% in 2024 to Rs 43,000 crore while that of Baba Kalyani & family's wealth rose 68% to Rs 31,200 crore.

As per Hurun India's methodology, a bulk of Abhaykumar Firodia's net worth is derived from Bajaj finserv hence they have mentioned the company name. However it has included all the other companies where he has holdings, the research firm said. "Entrepreneurs from this city represent a diverse range of sectors, including real estate, industrial products, software and services, retail, FMCG, and automobile and auto components.

The stories of these wealth creators highlight Pune as one of the finest examples of both enduring family business legacies and remarkable self-made wealth creation," founder and chief researcher of Hurun India, Anas Rahman Junaid said.

Among cities, Pune ranks eighth in the rich list preceeded by Mumbai (386), Delhi (217), Hyderabad (104), Bengaluru (100), Chennai (82), Kolkata (69) and Ahmedabad (67). Some of the other prominent names who have made the list include founder of FirstCry, Supam Maheshwari, executive director of Kolte-Patil Developers, Rajesh Patil, founders of Quick Heal Technologies, Kailash and Sanjay Katkar and promoter of Venky's India, B Venkatesh Rao. The list comprises of 1,500 persons each having wealth of Rs 1,000 crore.

Existing names from Pune in the top 100 list are Cyrus Poonawalla and Anu Aga & family. Sectors in which top industrialists from Pune have businesses range from real estate, FMCG, industrial

products, software and auto components. "The business environment in Pune is undeniably vibrant, fueled by progressive government policies that align with the aspirations of business owners. Just as the service sector revolutionized our economy over the past two decades, the manufacturing sector is poised to do the same in the coming years," founder and MD of Alphalogic Group, Anshu Goel said, who has been included in the list this year.