

MR. PRATAP G. PAWAR, TRUSTEE, BAIF

Mr. Pratap G. Pawar, Managing Director and Managing Editor of Sakal Papers Limited and Chairman of Ajay Metachem Group of Industries joined the BAIF Board of Trustees in April 2005.

Apart from being the Managing Trustee of Sakal Papers Ltd., a renowned Marathi newspaper in Maharashtra and Goa with several popular supplements, Mr. Pawar, a Graduate in Engineering from the prestigious Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani is also affiliated to various prestigious Government and autonomous institutions. Notable among these are his association as a member on the Board of the Press Council of India, Senate, University of Pune, Governing Council of Maharashtra State Board of Technical Education, Mumbai and first Board of Governors, Government College of Engineering, Pune. With a strong social commitment, Mr. Pawar is also actively associated with various social and educational institutions in Pune such as Dr. Nanasheeb Parulekar Sakal Charity Trust, Pune, Sakal India Foundation, Sakal Relief Fund, Students Welfare Association, Pune, Poona School and Home for Blind for Girls and Boys, Kirloskar Foundation, Balgram - SOS Children's village, Pune Balkalyan Sanstha Nirdhar Trust, Pariwar Mangal Society with the mission of ensuring social justice and better opportunities for the downtrodden and weaker sections of the society. He is also the Trustee of the Maharashtra Medical Foundation's Joshi Hospital and the Lokmanya Hospital, Chinchwad Pune.

He was appointed as a member of the Executive Committee of the World Association of Newspapers (WAN), Paris in January 2007. Since June 2007, he has been appointed as the Vice President of the Board of Directors of this prestigious association. He is on the Board of Trustees of Aluminium Casters' Association of India since July 2007. He is also the Director of Bharat Forge Ltd., Kirloskar Oil Engines Ltd., Pune and Pan Gulf Group Ltd., U.K, Finolex Cables Ltd. and Force Motors Ltd. Pune.

His earlier affiliations were as President of the Mahratta Chamber of Commerce, Industries and Agriculture, Pune, the first President of the Federation of Chambers and Associations in Maharashtra, President of the Indian Newspaper Society, New Delhi for the year 2001-2002 and President, Indian Language Newspapers Association 2005-2006.

A recipient of the Honorary Membership Award by the Indian Institution of Industrial Engineering in 1998, in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the advancement of Industrial Engineering in India and Parkhe Award in 1978 for his significant contribution to the industry. He was also awarded the Shankarrao Kanitkar Gaurav Samiti Award instituted by Progressive Education Society in 2005 for his contribution in the fields of social, cultural, educational and print journalism.

BAIF is fortunate to receive the valuable advice of Mr. Pawar in effective communication with the general public through print media and e-communication.