

Profile of Dr. Deepak Shikarpur

Dr. Deepak Shikarpur is one of the prominent personalities in the Information Technology industry in India. Deepak, the popular IT evangelist, has an impressive personality and is widely recognized for his great contribution in IT field.

Education:

Deepak Shikarpur earned his Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Walchand College of Engineering , Sangli in 1985 and he stood 6th in University. He was a rank holder for his MBA (Marketing & Finance - 1988.) from IMDR He has obtained PHD from Youngsfield University, USA.

Credits /Titles

- ** Hon Fellow of Maharashtra Academy of Science
- ** Hon Fellow of Institution of Engineers.

Positions /Ranks

- ** He is an Independent Director with many IT ventures like Autoline Dimensions Software Pvt Ltd, Pure IT, Seed Infotech, SEED Healthcare, GTT etc...
- ** He is the Chairman of IT subcommittee of Mahratta Chamber of Commerce.
- ** He was elected as the National Chairman of Computer Society of India.
- ** Hon Vice Chancellor of Pune University appointed him as the Chairman Board of Studies of Computer Management.
- ** He is on the Board of Maharashtra State Board of Technical Education as a Director to assist in improving Technical education in the state.
- ** He is a Trustee of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan.
- ** He has worked with Tata, RPG and Satyam before becoming a technoprenuer.
- ** His professional assignments have taken him to over 33 countries in the last 15 years.
- ** He is an active participant of Pune Vyaspeeth and puts his efforts to attract IT / BPO companies to Pune.
- ** To help rural students in Pune he was requested to become Trustee of Vidyarthi Sahayak Samiti an organization working to help rural students in Pune.
- ** He has been recently appointed as Hon Director of Shree Chanakya Society's MCA Center,

Rewards & Recognitions

- The first Indian to have been invited to speak in "World Software Conference" held at Rochester USA in 1993.
- He is the winner of Cosmos Puraskar, 2000
- He has been felicitated by Chief Minister, DY Chief Minister on separate occasions for his contribution in promoting IT in the state of Maharashtra.
- Recently he was felicitated by IT minister of Karnataka.
- He has won "Veer Savarkar Award" and "Wrangler Paranjape award" , constituted by Maharashtra State Government for Best Marathi literature in 2005 and 2007.

His Dream

Trying to uplift standards of IT education is his passion and on a weekend you will find him guiding some students. He loves to be a Mentor of IT enthusiast. Identifying this potential, Pune University has appointed him as Chairman of Adhoc board of studies of Computer Management for revitalizing IT education in Pune.

He has promoted Pune on a range of platforms and focuses on helping people understand technology and benefiting from it.

On an average he delivers 3 public lectures per month on enlightening people about IT.

The newspaper columnist and The Tutor

Deepak 's mission is to promote computer education at all levels and he is armed with his pen and oratory skills!

Through his writings about IT, he has enthused people from all walks of life, of all ages to acquaint themselves with computers and technology. He has been writing on technology for almost a decade - has written hundreds of articles in newspapers and periodicals, written several books and research papers, some of which were presented at various seminars and conferences in India as well as abroad.

To guide the students and IT, he has conducted over 400 talk shows on IT and has traveled all over Maharashtra for educating masses on IT.

He has so far authored 13 books on IT in Marathi. All his books have sold average 3 editions. He donates Royalty earned out of Books for Improving IT literacy in Deprived class.

Dr Deepak in Rotary

Rtn Deepak Shikarpur joined Rotary in 1991 as an active member of Rotary Club of Pune Shivajinagar. His classification is "Information Technology Promotion".

He was President of Rotary Club of Pune Shivajinagar in 2005-06 and during his tenure he was awarded with Best President Award as well as Presidential Citation. He is a Second Level Major Donor of Rotary Foundation (US \$ 26000). He is member of Paul Harris Society. He has served Rotary District 3130 and 3131 on many assignments with responsibilities such as Chairman Corporate promotion (Rotary Foundation), Assistant Governor, GSE Team leader, Director (Youth and Family of Rotary) etc.

He is nominated as Director Foundation Promotion for the rotary year 2009-10. His wife Rtn Gauri is Paul Harris Fellow and currently Director (Public Relations) of R C Pune Shivajinagar. Their Son Vedvrat is the First Paul Harris Fellow of RID 3131 is studying IT in Sinhgad College.

More about Deepak as a person

Deepak has faith in God. He seeks blessings of the almighty at the Kasba Ganapati, Dagadusheth Ganpati, Mali Maharaja Math Ravivar Peth and Datta Mandir near Kamla Nehru Park too.

He is a light eater and enjoys simple home cooked food. His all time favorite are

Sabudana Khichadi, Idli Sambar, Shevayachi Kheer, Puran Poli, Missal, Kandepohe and Upama.

He loves to party and celebrate success, his own and of friends too.

His Hobbies

- Deepak loves trekking and walking is his passion too
- He enjoys Badminton and Table Tennis, swimming and playing Bridge
- He loves Bollywood movies too and attends premiers of new releases!
- He has won many Table Tennis tournaments during his school / college years
- He has modeled for Wonder Group and has acted in Marathi movie Rajkaran
- He is a voracious reader

An Avid Traveler

He has visited 33 countries in the last 15 years for professional and personal reasons. He loves to travel. He has seen most of India.

His all time favourite destinations abroad are Swiss Alps, Scotland, France, Ohio (USA), and Kenyan Safari in wild jungles of Africa, Singapore and the list is endless.

London is his favourite city and was fortunate to visit it many times. He was fortunate to witness the all time best world cup semi final tied match Australia Vs South Africa at the Lords in 1999.