

Biodata Dr Deepak Shikarpur



Academic Qualifications

Year	Degree	College/University	Honours
1985	Bachelor of Engineering	Walchand College Of Engineering Sangli (Shivaji University)	Rank Holder-First Class with Distinction
1987	Diploma in Business Management	Institute of Management Development and Research Pune	Rank Holder First Class with Distinction
1988	Masters Diploma in Business Administration	Institute of Management Development and Research Pune	First Class with Distinction
2012	PGDM (IT) AICTE Approved	Vishwakarma Global Business School	IT Management
2010	Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)	Bharati Vidyapeeth University India	Engineering and Technology

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Tata Group:** 15 years (Telco (now Tata Motors) and Tata Technologies)
- **Independent Director:** Kinetic Communications, Fenace Auto (Belrise Group)
- **Bank of Maharashtra:** Member, Customer Service Committee (since March 2023)
- **National Board Member:** IT Board by All India Council of Technical Education (2016-19)
- **Member, Academic Council:** Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University (2014-17)
- **Chairman Board of Studies** (Computer Management) SP Pune University (2008-2010)
- **Member (Internal Quality Assurance Committee)** Savitribai Phule Pune University (2024 till date)
- **Member eGovernance Task Force Maharashtra State (2010)**
- **Member Academic Council** Pune Institute of Computer Technology
- **Member Academic Council** Bharati Vidyapeeth University
- **Government of Maharashtra Task Force Member**
Task Force on NEP 2020- Digital Education Group

LEADERSHIP AND MEMBERSHIPS

- **Chairman:** Computer Society of India
- **Fellow:** Maharashtra Academy of Science
- **Fellow** Computer Society of India,
- **Fellow** Institution of Engineers
- **Founder Member** Pune International Centre
- **Member Executive Committee MCCIA**
- **District Governor** Rotary International District 3131 (2013-14)

PUBLICATIONS AND WRITING

Number Books Authored : 63 (Mostly in Marathi and some in English)

E-waste Management Policy Paper : Released by the Hon. Environment Minister (January 3, 2016) for Pune International Center

Contributions to the Visually Impaired

- Authored books converted into Braille
- Supported blind students across the state with Career Guidance Talks

Oratory

Frequent speaker at academic, socio-cultural forums, and literary meets

Articles:

Numerous contributions educating the public on Advances in Information Technology in leading newspapers Times of India, Maharashtra Times, Sakal, Lokmat, Tarun Bharat, Rashtrasanchar, Sampada , Vyavsaik Patrika etc.

Significant Contributions:

Dr. Deepak Shikarpur is not just a digital literacy advocate; he is a true warrior for the cause. His tireless dedication for last 40 years to digital education has significantly advanced the field of IT Literacy. His advocacy has not only helped to bridge the digital divide, but also empowered individuals to achieve their goals through his Books, Articles and Videos. He is active supporter for Digital India, Skill India, NEP2020 and he has undertaken special efforts to popularize Digital Commerce after Demonetization in 2016.

His Contribution to Society :

- He has written 63 books on IT, which have helped to demystify the subject and make it more accessible to a wider audience. Many non-English speaking Parents and students have taken his advice and taken up IT Careers. **His focus was on motivating Girl Students to study IT and pursue a successful career.** Parents/Teachers in Rural areas were unaware of the Opportunities one gets after learning IT. He has also worked to promote women's education and economic empowerment. Many women find it difficult to restart their careers after a Break. He has written a book on Upskilling and Careers for this audience, which has helped thousands of women restart Second Inning.
- Dr. Shikarpur's commitment to environmental protection is unwavering. He has written several books on environmental issues, such as Green IT and his vocal stance against pollution and climate change is a testament to his dedication. He authored a policy paper on “eWaste Management” for Pune International Center which was presented to the Hon. Environment Minister

and influenced future policy changes, further underscoring his commitment to the cause.

- Some of his books are converted to **braille**, which has immensely helped Visually Challenged Learners enter the world of IT. He has written a Book, “Divyang Sangnak Mitra,” to educate society at large and parents of Divyang children on how Technology can help Special People.
- He is a vocal advocate for digital literacy and has spoken at numerous events in small towns on the importance of teaching people how to use technology effectively. He helped to set up several computer centers in rural areas in the 1990s when using a computer was a novelty. **Many people used to think Learning a computer affected their Eyesight and causes Diseases such as Backache and hence, they discouraged IT Education. He worked hard to remove Superstitions and false notions about learning Computer Technology.**

Details of Awards or Honors Received:

Srl	Award Name	Year	Field	level of Award	Awarding Body
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1	Best Literature	2007	Science and Technology	State	Maharashtra State Government
2 .	Best Literature	2011	Science and Technology	State	Marathi Sahitya Parishad
3	Service Above Self	2017	Digital Literacy and Youth	International	Rotary International (Global Board Of Directors)
4	Outstanding Alumni	2016	Engineering and Technology	Others	Walchand College of

	Award		Education		Engineering Sangli
5	Citation of Merit	2023	Science and Technology Education	State	Marathi Vidnyan Parishad
6.	Bharat Gaurav	2023	Information Technology	National	KTK Outstanding and Achievers Foundation New Delhi
7	Lifetime Achievement	2015	Technology awareness for Visually Challenged	Others	Poona Blindman Association
8	Solapur Bhushan (Lifetime Achievement)	2018	Information Technology Promotion	Others	Solapur Muninipal Corporation and Solapur Smart City Corporation
9	Citation of Distinguished Services	2022	Services to Humanity (Youth at large)	International	Rotary Foundation (Worldwide)

10	Citation of Honour	2024	Support to Blind Schools and Students	State	National Federation of Blind Maharashtra
11	Best Literature (late P V Gadgil)	2013	Science and Technology	Others	Lokmat Media Group
12	Sangli Gaurav	2012	Promotion of Science and Technology	Others	Amhi Sanglikar (Body of Citizen of Sangli City)
13	Citation of Meritorious Service	2014	Services to Humanity	International	Rotary Foundation (Worldwide)
14	Engineering Excellence	2020	Engineering and Technology	Others	Global India Business Forum
15	Cosmos Award	2000	Innovation	Others	Cosmos Bank
16	Maharshi Award	2021	Youth Services	Others	Pune Navratri Committee
17	Surydatta IT Excellence	2016	IT Promotion in masses	Others	Surydatta Foundation

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