



**Profile : Dr Deepak Shikarpur**

Dr. Deepak Shikarpur is an IT Engineer with a global repute. He was a scholar student since childhood and was a Rank Holder with Distinction for Bachelor of Engineering program. He has obtained post graduate diploma in management and Doctorate (PhD) in the field of his profession – Information Technology. He was working in the Tata group for 16 years and then became a Technopreneur. He is Independent Director with Kinetic Communications and Belrise Group of Industries. He is past chairman of computer society of India and member Executive Committee of MCCIA (Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce industries and agriculture). He has been recently appointed as IT Advisor of Deccan Chamber of Commerce. Bank of Maharashtra a leading nationalized Bank has appointed him as Member Customer Service Committee for a three year term in March 2023. He was working as National Board member of IT Board by All India Council of Technical Education for a 3 year term from 2016-19.. Hon. Vice Chancellor of Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University had appointed him as Member of Academic Council from 2014-17.. He is an Hon. Fellow of Maharashtra Academy of Science, Computer Society of India and an Hon. Fellow of Institution of Engineers. On 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2016 policy paper written by him on eWaste management was released by Hon Environment Minister.

He was honored with Top Management Consortium (TMC) award of service excellence for the year 2012-13, Business Standard Individual Social Responsibility Award 2014 for his contribution in motivating rural youth in the state. Poona Blindman Association had conferred him with a Lifetime Achievement award for 2014 for his work in supporting blind schools. Governor of Maharashtra has recognized him with “Maharashtrachi Girishikhare” award on the occasion of Platinum Jubilee of formation of Maharashtra State. National Federation of Blind has recognized with him a special citation on world book day (April 23 2024) for his immense contribution of supporting Blind Schools. Dr Shikarpur has converted many of his books into Braille for visually impaired students. It has been used effectively by blind students across the state for many years

He has so far authored 55 books on IT in Marathi and English. He has won "Veer Savarkar Award" and Wrangler Paranjape awards constituted by Maharashtra State Government for Best Marathi literature in 2005 and 2007. In 2011 he was awarded with Late G R Paranjape award constituted by Marathi Sahitya Parishad. He has been selected for Silicon Valley IT Icon award for 2011.. He has written innumerable articles for educating common man on power of Information technology. He is a popular orator and is invited to speak for various academic, socio cultural forums as well as literary meets.

He has spoken on three occasions at the famous Vasant Vyakhyanmala Pune . He has received Sanglibhushan award by Prominent citizen of Sangli.

He was elected unopposed as the sixth District Governor for Rotary District 3131 for the year 2013-14. As District Governor of Rotary he undertook several pathbreaking community service projects in and around Pune. For his performance in Rotary year 2013-14 he was recognized by Rotary International President Gary Huang with a Special Citation of Meritorious Service. Rotary International Board of Directors have bestowed him with the Highest Award for 2017-18 “**Service Above Self**”. Rotary Foundation has recognized him with Highest Award “Citation for Distinguished Services” . Only 38 individuals were chosen amongst several nominations received from 180 countries.