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Deepak Shikarpur is a leading personality in the Information Technology industry in India. An IT evangelist, Deepak has an impressive personality and is widely recognized for his great contribution in IT field. He is a Hon Fellow of Maharashtra Academy of Science and a Hon Fellow of Institution of Engineers. He is winner of Cosmos Puraskar in 2000 and was the first Indian to have been invited to speak in 'World Software Conference' held at Rochester USA in 1993.

He did his schooling in Athavale Vinay Mandir Sangli, HHRC Patwardhan High School Sangli, Haribhai Deokaran Prashala Solapur and attended Junior College at Sangameshwar College Solapur.

As a brilliant student & scholar his primary school promoted him from the 3rd standard to 5th. As a result he passed SSC at the age of 14 & went on to graduate at the age of 20. He was a scholar from school level & won Primary and Secondary scholarships. Got more than 97% marks both in PCB & PCM in 12th standard & got admission in Medical as well as Engineering.

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

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Deepak Shikarpur is an Independent Director with many IT ventures like Autoline Dimensions Software Pvt Ltd, Pure IT, Seed Infotech, SEED Healthcare, Global Talent Track etc. He is also the Chairman of the IT sub-committee of the Maratha Chamber Of Commerce Industries and Agriculture, Pune and Chairman (IT Applications) of Computer Society of India a body of IT professionals in India. Activism and Lobbying is in his blood and his Mentor Late Dewang Mehta helped him realize this potential.

Hon Vice Chancellor of Pune University appointed him as 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 has so far authored over 11 books on IT in Marathi. He has won "Veer Savarkar Award" and "Wrangler Paranjape award" constituted by Maharashtra State Government for Best Marathi literature in 2005 and 2007. All his books have sold an average 3 editions. He donates Royalty earned out of Books for Improving IT literacy in Deprived class. He loves to Mentor IT enthusiasts. He has conducted over 400 talk shows on IT and has traveled all over Maharashtra for educating masses on IT. He has been felicitated by Chief Minister, Dy Chief Minister on separate occasions for his contribution in promoting IT in the state of Maharashtra.

Rtn Deepak Shikarpur joined Rotary in 1991 as an active member of Rotary Club 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 \$ 25000). 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.

Rotary :

- He was **President of Rotary Club of Pune Shivajinagar in 2005-06** and he was awarded with **Best President Award** as well as **Presidential Citation**
- He was Chairman Corporate Promotion (Rotary Foundation) in 2006-07.
- **Assistant Governor** for the year 2007-08
- **GSE Team leader visited RID 6600 Ohio USA**
- **Director Youth and Family of Rotary 2008-09**
- He was Chairman for eGroups and IT promotion in Rotary in 2002,2003, 2004 .
- **He is a Second level Major Donor of Rotary Foundation**
- **He is member of Paul Harris Society**
- **His wife Rtn Gauri and son Vedvrat are Paul Harris Fellows**
- He has won all awards established by Rotary Club of Pune Shivajinagar for its active members.
- **Patron District Conference 2008**
- **Active Rotaractor Rotaract Club of Sangli (1982-85)**

Academic Interests ;

Trying to uplift standards of IT education is his passion and on a weekend you will find him lecturing some students. Recognizing this, Pune University appointed him as Chairman of Adhoc board of studies of Computer Management for revitalizing IT education in Pune. To help rural students in Pune he was requested to become Trustee of Vidyarthi Shayak Samiti an organization working to help rural students in Pune,

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Being in Pune

When Deepak is in Pune Town,he likes to go to Vetal Tekdi,Parvati Hill or the Prvati Hills at least twice a week. Sometimes he also visit the hills near National Defence Academy. According to him the hills are the lungs of the city, and so care should be taken to see that they are maintained. He plays Badminton regularly, likes swimming as an aerobic sport and enjoys playing bridge as nourishment to analytical and logical mind.

Extra Curricular Activities / Interests:

Passion for Sports : He has won many tournaments in Table Tennis during his school and college days. He was selected to represent my University in 1983.

Religious : Deepak has faith in God .One could see him often at Kasba/Dagadu sheth Ganpati to seek blessings with his Friends and family during the Ganpati Celebrations.

Eating habits : He is not a big eater and is not a foody type. He enjoys simple home food. His all time favorite is , low calorie sandwiches from Majorin Main streer or Dwarika on Laxmi Road. He is a curd/buttermilk addict, in fruits likes apple/watermelon/papaya and in snacks, kandepohe /uppit. Hotel Vaishali on F C Road is his favorite eating spot. He likes sea food (especially Fish) and rarely eats sweet. Shevayachi Kheer and Vanila with Hot Chocolate are some things he cant resist.

Writer: Deepak has been writing in Various newspapers and IT magazines so that more and more people become aware about information technology. He has promoted Pune at various platforms and focusses on helping people understand technology and benefiting from it.