

Bio-data of Kiran Manohar Deshmukh

Mr. Kiran Manohar Deshmukh is the Chief Technology Officer of Sona BLW Precision Forgings Ltd. He holds a bachelor's degree of technology in metallurgical engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay. He has over 40 years of experience in automotive components manufacturing. He has worked in the areas of Manufacturing, Process Control, Design, Quality Assurance, Marketing, and Research & Development in addition to General Management. He is responsible for, among others, developing new technology partnerships and building competencies in manufacturing excellence in the Company.

After graduation in 1975, he joined Bharat Gears as a Graduate Engineer Trainee and worked in Heat Treatment, Production, Design, and Furnace Design. In 1987, he moved to Delhi to join Sona Steering Systems Ltd, which was later renamed as Sona Koyo Steering Systems Ltd. Since then, he has held various positions including Chief Operating Officer, Dy. Managing Director, and Executive Vice Chairman. At Sona Koyo Steering Systems, he spearheaded Company's implementation of Toyota Production System (TPS), Total Quality Management (TQM), and Total Productive Maintenance (TPM). He led the Company to be the recipient of the Deming Prize in 2003 and the TPM Excellence Awards in 2008 and 2017.

Mr. Deshmukh was involved in setting-up of Sona Skill Development Center, Group's initiative of skilling people for manufacturing industries. For a brief period of three years, he headed Sona Skill Development Centre as its Managing Director.

Mr. Deshmukh is a member of the core group that drives the Visionary Leaders for Manufacturing Program (VLFM) and is the Module Director and faculty for the Module on breakthrough management. VLFM was jointly launched by IIM (Calcutta), IIT (Kanpur), and IIT(Madras) in association with CII. It is supported by the Governments of India and Japan, and aims to create visionary leaders for the Indian manufacturing.

In 2006, The Indian Society for Quality honored Mr. Deshmukh with the Ashoka Award for the outstanding practice of quality management 'by firstly making his company role model and then by leading and inspiring other organizations to start their journey in earnest with full vigor.'

Mr. Deshmukh is the author of the book titled 'Conceptual Thinking in Daily Life', which was published in 2017, jointly by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and CII.