

SHARAD DESHPANDE

Sharad Deshpande (61) is a Seed Technologist by qualification and has over three & half decades of seed industry experience. His career grew with the technological, volume and value growth and development of Seed Industry in India.

He is passionate about Seeds! He has a familiarity with wide range of crops (field / fruits / vegetables / flowers) grown across geographies. He has worked in several Departments of Seed Business (Product development, Production, QA, S&M and Finance). He loves to be in the field with farmers.

He is an alumnus of University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad. He was also trained at NABARD & College of Agriculture Banking, RBI

Responsibilities & Experience

- Started his career as Quality Control Officer at Mahyco and later as Production Manager with Suttos Seeds.
- As General Manager at Kaveri Seeds, he was responsible for achieving market leadership in cotton and corn markets in Central India. His key contribution was leading the Kaveri IPO team. The initial stock listing of the Company was a huge success. Today, Kaveri Seeds is the most successful and premier listed Indian Seed Company.
- He was Crop Manager for Corn in Syngenta in India.
- As Regional Sales Manager, Syngenta, Karnataka, he contributed towards leadership position in high value hybrid vegetables and sunflower.
- His last assignment was with Mahindra & Mahindra as Business Lead of its Seeds Vertical.
- Currently:
 - Distributor for leading seeds brands
 - Runs chain of retail outlets for organic products
 - Offers training program for Seeds personnel in the areas of Product Development, product introduction strategies, PLC and S&M
- Has received several awards and recognitions *Updated 15.08.21*