Kiran Deshpande – Bio

◆ **Current**
- Co-Founder - Mojo Networks (Now an Arista Company) - Massively scalable Cloud Managed Secure Wi-Fi technology)
- Charter Member & President of TiE Pune (Charter Member since 2009) – Mentored over 20 start-ups
- Angel Investor & Board Member - 18th Parallel (Android based smart STB & Gaming Console)
- Angel Investor - Bombay Shaving Company (Men's grooming)
- Board Member - Sun Shot Technologies (Commercial rooftop based Solar Systems)
- Senior Member of IEEE

◆ **Past Experience**

(40 years of technology, business leadership & entrepreneurial experience in the technology industry)

- **Mar 2002 - Dec 2002: Advisor to KPIT Cummins CEO & Chairman for strategy**

- **June 1996 – Nov 2001: CEO of MBT (now known as Tech Mahindra)**
  - Grew the company from US$7m to over $125m run rate from FY1997 to FY2002 achieving over 63% CAGR on revenue and 110% CAGR on net profit. Prepared for IPO but had to pull out because of a scandal that shook Bombay Stock Market
  - TechM came into being a leading software services company in India.

- **Oct 1992 – May 1996: Senior Vice President of Software Services of IMR, Inc. (later acquired by CGI)**
  - Joined as VP R&D and conceptualized a set of software tools including Y2K transformation much before Y2K leading to significant increase in the business. Promoted to Senior VP in 1994 with responsibility for software services & R&D.

- **Aug 1978 - Oct 1992: Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) in software, sales and R&D positions**
  - Nov 1988 – Oct 1992: TCS Research (called TRDDC or Tata Research Development & Design Centre) - founded Object Technology, Artificial Intelligence and Software Engineering Technology groups. Built MasterCraft C++, a C++ program development environment and associated tools. MasterCraft technology has evolved and used today as a key platform for a host of software tools and finds a mention in a book commemorating 25th year of TRDDC. Supported HQ for US business on a one day per week basis
  - June 1985 – Oct 1988 (Sales in US): Created 1st time sales offices in Dallas (1985) and Boston (1987) creating major customers. This was the first attempt by TCS to build composite software services business beyond handful customers they had until then.
  - Aug 1978 - June 1985: Programming assignments in India and US.
- **1998 - 2000: Member of Maharashtra IT Task Force**

◆ **Education**
- B.E. (Honors) – Electronics 1976 BITS, Pilani (BSEE)
- M. Tech (EE) Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay, 1978 (MSEE)

◆ **Residence:** Pune, India