



Dr. Anand Deshpande is the Founder, Chairman and Managing Director of Persistent Systems Limited. Persistent Systems is a global Company with more than 23,000 employees in 18 countries. The Company is listed in BSE, NSE and is expected to cross a Billion Dollars in revenue this financial year.

Anand holds a Bachelor of Technology (B. Tech.) with Honours (Hons.) in Computer Science and Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kharagpur, and an M.S. and a Ph.D. in Computer Science from Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, USA. He has been recognized by both his alma maters – as a Distinguished Alumnus in 2012 by IIT Kharagpur and by the School of Informatics of Indiana University with the Career Achievement Award in 2007.

Prior to founding Persistent Systems, Anand began his professional career at Hewlett-Packard Laboratories in Palo Alto, California, where he worked as Member of Technical Staff from May 1989 to October 1990.

Over his career, he has served numerous positions at various professional and non-profit organizations, prominent being, founding trustee of Persistent Foundation, NASSCOM's Executive Council, SEAP (Software Exporters' Association of Pune) and Pune Chapter of CSI (Computer Society of India), CII's Pune Zonal Council. Part-time member of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), Vice President of the Mahratta Chamber of Commerce Industries and Agriculture (MCCIA), founding President of the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) India, Trustee in the Computer History Museum, founding member of iSPIRT.

Currently, he serves as a Trustee of Persistent Foundation, Member of the Dean's Advisory Council in the School of Informatics of Indiana University, Member of the Executive Committee of MCCIA, Chairman of the Board of Governors of IIT Patna, Chairman of the Board of Governors of VJTI, Mumbai and is the interim Chairman of the Board of Governors at IIIT Allahabad. In addition, he is on the governing board of the College of Engineering, Pune and on the board of Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune.

Anand is also a founder member of Inter Institutional Inclusive Innovations Center (i4C). i4C is an independent, non-profit entity which acts as a platform to pro-actively scout, showcase and handhold technology innovations, especially aimed at the base of the pyramid. With members of his family, he has established DeAsra Foundation (<http://www.deasra.in>), a non-profit entity which focuses on creating self-employment at scale. DeAsra has supported more than 200,000 nano entrepreneurs.

Dr Anand Deshpande has made it to two exclusive lists, the Forbes Global List of Billionaires and the Forbes Asia Philanthropy List.

After transitioning from the role of CEO at Persistent, Anand is committed to making a broader impact and is focused on data, higher education, and entrepreneurship.

Anand is married to Sonali and they have a daughter and a son.