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Dr. Ajay Deshpande is an Environmental professional with more than 27 years hand-on experience in Environmental Pollution Control and Governance, Environmental Policy and Planning, Urban and Industrial Environment Management, Environmental Safeguards and Sustainable Development. He has 360 degree experience of working in various capacities in the field of environment including consulting organisation, environment regulator, development organisation and environmental review/justice.

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Dr. Deshpande, previously, worked for more than 4 years as Expert Member with National Green Tribunal (NGT), India (<u>www.greentribunal.gov.in</u>) (2013-17) which is only third dedicated environmental justice delivery system and has original, special and appellate jurisdictions in the matters related to environment. He has worked with environmental regulator, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) (<u>www.mpcb.gov.in</u>). He is also Adjunct Professor at IIT- Mumbai and is involved in academic activities at several institutes. He is also working on several committees of State and Central government on environmental governance and research.