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Originally from Aurangabad, Mukund has completed his Masters from the Bharati Vidyapeeth's Poona College of Pharmacy. He started his career from NCL, Pune. After which he gained valuable experience in the Pharma fraternity over the next 5 years. This included working with MNCs in Product Research & Development, Platform Technology, Intellectual Property and Education. With this diverse background he founded Mettle Innovations in 2010.

Mettle Innovations works extensively in Strategic Management and niche market development. Their focus areas are Human Milk Banking, Renewable Energy Resource management and Region-specific Innovative technology development. Mettle Innovations has extensive operations spread all across India and over 5 countries internationally. Mettle Innovations is coming up with a new range of Make in India Innovations specially designed for the healthcare sector in collaboration with UK based Medicare Colgate Ltd. Mukund's latest venture Anugram Technologies Pvt ltd, which works in rural cultural indexing is a novel way of indexing and showcasing our rich cultural heritage.

Mukund is an empanelled Mentor for "Start-up Master Class" organized by NASSOM. He is a consultant for NAFARI, Pune. He is well known for his interdisciplinary strategic interventions. His articles are regularly published and well appreciated on various platforms.

Mukund Deshpande is a life member of Vidnyan Bharati (Western region), National Executive Committee member for Grass-root innovation IISF, National Executive Council Member for NGOs Network, VIBHA VAANI. He was Convener for the recently organized '3rd Vishwa Ved Vigyan Sammelan', an international conference on the confluence of traditional knowledge systems and Modern Science.