

## **Arvind Karandikar**

Arvind Karandikar is a Mechanical Engineer from the College of Engineering, Pune.

He is presently working as Consultant to International Finance Corporation (IFC) for solar energy sector. He is also a Committee Member in K J Somaiya College of Engineering, Mumbai and also Faculty in Gujarat Energy and Research Management Institute (GERMI), Govt. of Gujarat and NCPRE, IIT Bombay.

He has over two decades of experience in diverse fields, holding several responsible positions including that of Manager, Senior Manager, Sales and Marketing Manager, Regional Head, CEO and Director.

His in-depth knowledge of the Global Solar Industry has empowered him to promote Renewable Energy Sources in India. He was an active member of CEO Working Group that recommended Changes to the MNRE (Ministry of New and Renewable Energy) Government of India.

He is renowned for his pioneering work in the field of solar energy applications like Worked on the complete supply chain of solar energy sector • Manufacture of wafers, cells and modules • Practical application of solar power in a variety of uses •

He was also Involved in designing, implementing and maintaining diverse application projects such as First Thin-Film solar power plant in India, • Largest Solar Pumping program in Maharashtra, • First 'Roof Integrated Photovoltaic' (RIPV) project in Madhya Pradesh and many more.

He has visited exhibitions and programs abroad in the countries like Germany, UK, Switzerland, USA etc. to keep abreast of the trends as well as to improve his professional knowledge.