



Mr. Mahesh Pratap Shinde

Sr. GM, ERC Head – VATS (CV)

Tata Motors Ltd. Pune

- Member Improvement:

Bridging the gap between Industry, Academia, knowledge and technology for the growth and development of the Engineering fraternity and, thereby, society and nation. This is achieved by organising, participating and actively contributing to various technical events, conferences, seminars and webinars for SAE members and non-members. (e.g. Mobility conference, automotive seminars & webinar series, SAE Western Section group events, etc.,)

- Student member improvement (Collegiate Clubs):

Guide, mentor and participate in student club formation their activities and events. Encourage to increase and continue SAE membership footprint post completion of their education. Groom student members to take up more responsibilities for future.

- School Children improvement (AWIM):

Active involvement in activities specifically designed for school children such as Road safety program. AWIM, holding primary lectures. Additionally, volunteering as Jury/technical evaluator for SAE/SIAT papers, delivering mobility keynotes in national and international forums, hold 9 patents and 10 other IPRs.



Mr. Harshit Merchant

Managing Partner,

Delta Valuers & Appraisers LLP

He completed BE in automobile engineering in 1991. He is also a double master in the Valuation of Plant and Machinery(Gold Medallist) and real estate. He has been involved in BAJA SAENDIA since its inception and runs the entire dynamics events and endurance race. His contribution to BAJA has established its dominance as one of the toughest events in the world. Non Compromising with students, his perseverance in pushing their abilities to the limit has ensured that India Teams participating abroad become winners.

He was earlier a member of SAE International since 1999 and later on SAEINDIA. He wishes to serve on the committee to contribute towards safer mobility on Indian Roads and enhancing the skill set of our students opening several employment avenues, hitherto unexplored.



Mr. Prakash Sardesai

Head, Application Engineering & Business Development

Sud-Chemie India Pvt. Ltd..

I have been an Automotive professional for the past 45 years, having worked with TATA motors, ARAI, BASF Catalysts India Pvt Ltd.

Vice Chairman of SAEINDIA Western Section and MC member of SAEINDIA in the past and currently Chair,MPD board, SAEINDIA.

I would like to add value to the members by organising cutting age technology courses, webinars and automotive conferences to improve domain sector.

I would like to improve focus of mobility professional development in Off-Highway as well as aerospace areas.



Ms. Amar Variawa

Country Director, Michelin

- Member Improvement:

Organised a half-day session on 'Tyre Technology' in collaboration with SAEINDIA Western Section and ARAI. Plan for membership event in Michelin.

- Student member improvement (Collegiate Clubs):

Organised various events in the Gujarat division through LDCE for student membership improvement.

- School Children improvement (AWIM):

Organised AWIM in Aurangabad in Vestas Factory to encourage young mind.

SAE Member since 2010. He is currently active as an MC member in SAEINDIA

He is Vice-Chairman for SAAEINDIA – Gujarat Division

He was also the marketing Chair for FISITA 2018 World Automotive Congress.

He was a part of BAJA, AWIM events while working in John Deere and Vestas.

Founder member of SAEINDIA Off-Highway Board. Designed and executed events like FINE, SINE, etc.

He was instrumental in creating 200+ professional members in John Deere in 2010.



Mr. Krishnat Patil

Head – CPSS

John Deere India Pvt. Ltd.

He has 24+ yrs of Industry experience mostly in the automotive and off-highway sector. He is currently leading the CPSS group in John Deere India. He is very active in SAEINDIA activities at different levels and participated in SAE membership drives in colleges and industry level.

He had participated in BAJA competition as a judge at Indore as well as participated in multiple AWIM events as a judge.

He was the convener of SAEINDIA TIFAN in 2018. He promoted TIFAN in rural colleges and collaborated with MPKV University and brought the college as an event host. He was the OC member for the next two editions of TIFAN. Currently mentoring OC team of TIFAN and member of SAEINDIA Western Section GB for 2018-2020.

He is very much active in SAEINDIA Off-Highway forum and has participated in events like SINE and leadership conclave meetings.



Prof. Prakash B Joshi

Founder, Joint Managing Trustee

MIT Group of Institutions, Pune.

Establish MIT Collegiate club in the year 1997. This is the first collegiate club in the western section and was given a branch status in 2001 by SAE International considering the excellent performance of this club.

Associated with SAEINDIA for more than 23 years.

Elected as Vice-President of SAEINDIA for the period 2020-22.

Was the recipient of GURU award which was presented in Feb 2020 at New Delhi. The award was instituted by SAEINDIA foundation.

Mentor for BAJA, SUPRA, TIFAN activities.

Under my guidance, our college has secured rank one in BAJA Virtual competition.

Was Chairman of Faculty Development Committee and successfully conducted FDP at MIT Pune, COEP Pune and SGSITS, Indore.