



Shilip Kumar

President, Henkel - India

Shilip Kumar was appointed President of HENKEL in India effective June 01, 2016, in addition to his current responsibility as Business Director – IMEA for Transportation & Metal (AT) SBU. Based out of the Henkel India head office in Navi Mumbai, he is responsible for steering the company through its next growth phase.

He joined Henkel in 2011 as Business Director for AT in India with the responsibility of integrating the operations of AT across 3 legal entities, including 2 Joint Ventures, to leverage the scale of the business in the country. He led the India Innovation Center – Pune project. The Center was commissioned in October 2013 and has since contributed significantly to the success of the Adhesive Technologies business in India. He was promoted as Business Director for AT in the then newly created region of India Middle East Africa (IMEA) in April 2013, and has since successfully led the profitable growth of the business. He relocated to the IMEA regional HQ at Dubai in January 2015.

Shilip started his career in 1989 with the Management Consultancy Division of A.F Fergusson & Co. followed by stints with Asian Paints and Rohm & Haas. His most recent assignment prior to joining Henkel was with Dow Chemicals as the Business Director for Dow Coating Materials in South Asia. He was part of the “startup” team at Rohm & Haas in India, which developed the business from scratch to a multi-million USD business including setting up of local green field manufacturing in the country.

He holds a Bachelor’s degree in Mechanical Engineering and a MBA from Universities in India. Born and brought up in Mumbai, he resides in the city with his wife Anjali, a psychologist who works with children with special needs, and his daughter Sneha, a graduate student in Literary & Cultural Studies.