



## **BIODATA**

**Name** : Shri VilasRao Deshmukh  
**Father's Name** : Shri Dagadoji Venkatrao Deshmukh  
**Mother's Name** : Shrimati Sushila Devi  
**Date of Birth** : 26 May 1945  
**Place of Birth** : Babhalgaon, Distt. Latur (Maharashtra)  
**Marital Status** : Married on 29 May 1975  
**Spouse's Name** : Shrimati Vaishali Deshmukh  
**Children** : Three sons

### **Educational Qualifications:**

B.Sc., B.A., LL.B. Educated at Garware College, Pune University, Pune and I.L.S. Law College, Pune (Maharashtra)

### **Permanent Address:**

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### **Positions Held:**

1974-79 Member, Zilla Panchayat, Osmanabad 1974-76 Sarpanch, Babhalgaon Village Panchayat, Taluka Latur 1974-79 Deputy Chairman, Latur Taluka Panchayat Samiti 1980-1995 and 1999-2009 Member, Maharashtra Legislative Assembly 1982-85 Minister of State, Department of Rural Development Home, General Administration, Agriculture, Transport, Education, Technical Education, Sports and Youth Affairs, Information and Publicity, Government of Maharashtra 1986-95 Cabinet Minister, Rural Development, Agriculture, Cooperation, Dairy Development & Fisheries, Public Works, Industries, Education and Technical Education, Sports and Youth Welfare, Co-operation, Transport, Parliamentary Affairs, Government of Maharashtra 18 Oct. 1999-18 Jan 2003 Chief Minister, Maharashtra 11 Nov. 2004-7 Dec. 2008 Chief Minister, Maharashtra (second term) Aug. 2009 Elected to Rajya Sabha May 2009 - Jan. 2011 Union Minister of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises 19 Jan. 2011-12 July 2011 Minister of Rural Development and Minister of Panchayati Raj (Additional charge) 12 July 2011 onwards Minister of Science and Technology and Minister of Earth Sciences.

**Social and Cultural Activities, Literary, Artistic and Scientific Accomplishments and other Special Interests :**

Started Manjara Cooperative Sugar Factory, Latur, in 1987; it was inaugurated by the then Prime Minister, Shri Rajiv Gandhi; the factory transformed the socio-economic conditions of the people and has received many National and State Awards; it is the flagship Institute for the development of Latur.

**Sports, Clubs, Favourite Pastimes and Recreation :**

Volleyball, table tennis and cricket, classical music, reading books on history and current affairs

**Countries Visited :**

Japan, Thailand, Singapore, Philippines, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Switzerland, Germany, France, U.K. and U.S.A.

**Other Information :**

Worked for the implementation of the five-point Programme of the Youth Congress; credited for the empowerment of Zilla Panchayats and strengthening of the Panchayati Raj System; introduced separate policies for empowerment of the women and the youth; launched the Sant Ghadge Baba Gram Swachhata Abhiyan in Maharashtra; credited for implementation of interest subsidy scheme for farmers; launched the Tanta Mukti Abhiyan in Maharashtra; Member, (i) Indian National Congress since 1972 and (ii) Congress Working Committee, 2008; President, Osmanabad District Youth Congress, 1975-78; elected Director, (i) Latur Agriculture Market Committee, 1976, (ii) Osmanabad District Centre Cooperative Bank, 1979 and (iii) Maharashtra State Cooperative Bank, 1979.