



# Arun Jain

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Arun Jain is the Founder of Polaris Group and Chairman & Managing Director of Intellect Design Arena Limited, the world's first full spectrum Banking and Insurance Technology Products Company. Intellect powers over 240 leading Global Banks and Financial Institutions, with a revenue of INR 1087 Cr (USD 169 Mn) and an employee base of over 5000. Arun commenced his entrepreneurial journey by setting up Nucleus Software Workshop in 1986, Polaris Software in 1993 and Intellect in 2011.

As an evangelist of Design Thinking, his brainchild - FinTech 8012, the World's First Design Center at Chennai dedicated to Financial Technology came into being. An avid practitioner, Arun also evangelizes Design Thinking through public workshops, branded as UnMukt. It is one-of-its-kind flagship workshop where participants explore and immerse in Design Thinking. With the constant drive to better the community around him, he instituted Mission Samridhi – a social impact enterprise dedicated to holistic human development in India through the unique philosophy of Celebrate-Connect-Catalyse, Ullas Trust – a social impact organisation working towards igniting less privileged young minds into realizing their true potential, Start-Up Nukkad – a unique initiative for budding Entrepreneurs to understand their purpose and mentor their curiosity and School of Design Thinking – focusing on shaping thinking of young minds and professional through Design The Thinking™ philosophy.

Arun has been bestowed with numerous accolades including the 'CII Lifetime Achievement Award', 'Lifetime Achievement Award at the Design Thinking Conclave & Awards 2018', 'Indo-ASEAN Business Initiative Award', 'Pathfinders – Award for Excellence in IT & ITES recognized by Times Group', 'ICICI Venture - CII Connect Entrepreneur Award', 'Lions Clubs International award for Youth Empowerment' etc. He holds/has held prestigious positions in Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Madras Management Association (MMA), Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT) and the Indo American Chamber of Commerce (IACC).

Arun holds a degree in Electrical Engineering from the Delhi College of Engineering.