

## Brief Profile of Dr. Aravind Chinchure



Aravind Chinchure is a Ph. D. in Physics with 20 years of experience in R & D, innovation, intellectual property, venture investment, business strategy, policy and teaching. He is an inventor, innovator, worked with large MNC & Indian companies, successfully built a startup and mentors entrepreneurs based in India and abroad. He has worked on diverse technology areas in the field of materials, chemistry, physics, electronics, renewable energy and information technology.

Currently, Aravind is **Chair Professor of Innovation and Entrepreneurship** at the Symbiosis International University, Pune. He successfully designed India's first 2-year full-time residential MBA course on Innovation & Entrepreneurship. He is now in the process of building a Centre for Entrepreneurship & Innovation at Symbiosis focused on education, research, incubation and policy. Till recently, he was working as "Asst. Vice President – Innovations" at Reliance Innovation Leadership Centre (RILC), Pune headed by a global thought leader Dr. R.A. Mashelkar. Prior to joining RILC, he has worked at Honeywell Technology Solutions, Bangalore, General Electric (GE) Global Research Centre, Bangalore, Kammerlingh Onnes Laboratory, Leiden University, Netherlands, and Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), Mumbai. He was a visiting research student/scientist at the University of Oxford, Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, Southampton University, UK, Institute of Applied Physics (IAPD), Dresden, Max-Planck Institute, Stuttgart & Dresden, Fraunhofer Institute, Leipzig, Germany, and Paul Scherer Institute (PSI) Zurich. He is recipient of international fellowships from European Union, Dutch Academy of Sciences, Max-Planck Institute, TIFR and Department of Science & Technology (India). Currently, he is working with leading universities and organizations based in USA, Canada, and Germany on developing new models of innovation, collaborations and partnerships.

Aravind is a Fellow of Society for Technology Management (STEM), Member of the Sectoral Innovation Council of Ministry of Trade and Commerce, Government of India, Member of Confederation of Indian Industries' (CII) national committees on Innovation, IP and entrepreneurship, Member of advisory council of Gujarat Innovation Society, Member of Advisory Committee of India Cyber Connect (ICC) and several other organizations. He is also a Jury Member of corporate innovation awards.

Aravind has received Innovation Excellence Award from Indira International for his contribution in spreading awareness on innovation across India. As a leading innovation & entrepreneurship evangelist in India, he has addressed close to 10000 students across India and 2500 staff of various companies to create awareness on innovation, intellectual property and entrepreneurship. He is a regular speaker at various events in India and abroad on the topic related to innovation, entrepreneurship, intellectual property, technology management and R&D. He has authored 28 research articles published in international journals in the area of condensed matter physics and has filed 4 patents as lead and co-inventor in different geographies including US, Europe, Japan in the area of fuel cells.