



About Arun Fernandez:

Blink Foundation's 'Brain' and 'Soul,'. Arun's experiences as a Dyslexic motivated him to make the world a more inclusive and compassionate place for children with learning disabilities. Even as a youngster, Arun was determined that Dyslexia would not define him. Despite his obstacles, he persisted in completing two master's degrees at Chennai's Loyal College. He was soon assigned to the same college as a lecturer. In 2014, he landed a coveted position with a renowned logistics firm in Hong Kong.

However, Arun could not douse the burning desire to provide a better future for SLD children. He gave a presentation titled "Transcending Differences" at the University of Notre Dame in the USA. In 2015, he founded the Blink Foundation , Blink Research and Services Pvt Ltd and 3R Research and Technology Publishing Private Ltd, organizations which focused on screening, identification, awareness campaigns, lab-based remedial education, and the development of SLD content.

Soon, Dr APJ Kalam, India's former President, felicitated him for his contributions. His work was also recognized by the IIM Bengaluru which incubated him as a social venture under its NSRCEL wing. In 2018, DLearners, an online platform with components such as DLearners Parents (a free, home-based screening tool), DLearners Enablers (for special educators), and DLearners Intervention (remedial intervention), was launched under his leadership. Over the years, his efforts have positively benefited over 24k children and 1 lakh parents.

Arun feels he has a long way to go and that it is society's collective responsibility to acknowledge the silent cries of Different Learners. His goal is to develop cutting-edge remedial technology solutions for SLD to contribute to a more inclusive future in which policy changes drive remedial learning within mainstream school curricula.

Best,

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