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Special Economic Zone



Aravind Melligeri, Executive Chairman, & CEO of Aequs, is dedicated to creating enduring value through innovative strategies. His visionary and distinctive approach has elevated India's competitive advantage in Aerospace manufacturing focused on increasing in-country value addition to the highest.

Aravind believes in the pivotal role of continuous innovation and uninhibited collaboration in modern manufacturing. Over the past decade and half, he has established a vertically integrated aerospace ecosystem, **India's 1st notified Precision Engineering SEZ**, at Belagavi in North Karnataka, India. This ecosystem earned the prestigious "**Global Airbus Innovation Award**" in **2016** and under his leadership, Aequs, expanded globally with operations in India, North America, and Europe.

Driven by a passion for India's economic growth, Aravind diversified Aequs into the consumer vertical in 2016, spearheading the development of **India's first 400-acre toy manufacturing ecosystem**, and a **Consumer Goods Cluster in 2021**. Apart from homeware products the Consumer vertical also manufactures precision machined components for the electronics industry.

His vision aims to transform India into a global manufacturing hub spanning various industries. Aravind has degrees from the National Institute of Technology, Karnataka, and the Pennsylvania State University. He has received accolades such as the 'Young Achiever Award' by the Indo-American Community, the 'Super Entrepreneur 2019,' by the Machinist (India) Magazine, and the News18 Business Leader & Excellence Award 2022. In 2023, he was conferred with the title of 'Outstanding Engineering Alumnus' in recognition of his distinguished career and exemplary leadership abilities, by PennState College of Engineering.