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*Aldel Education Trust Excellence
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*As a Young Entrepreneur
To Mr. Naveen Aranha*



Citation

You turned entrepreneur at the age of 20, starting your first venture SIDS in 1977.

SIDS was a web development agency that was ahead of its time and the HR College graduate that you were, quickly found yourself capitalizing on a massive first-mover advantage and working with leading media companies, business houses and brands – being the first to get them online.

Five years on, the Internet was a crowded hotspot and you decided it was time to create a niche for yourself and your business. While exploiting your early learning and success from the Digital space, you and your core team (which included your soon-to-be-wife Danielle) decided to infuse your passion for sport – by creating a sports technology and data start-up called Sportz Interactive. The vision of the B2B business was to provide innovative data, content and technology solutions to enhance the sports fan experience!

Today, 15 years on, Sportz Interactive is a 320-person industry leader. The company boasts an unrivalled client base which includes the likes of tech giants such as Google, Microsoft, Facebook and Yahoo; media conglomerates such as Star India, Sony, Fox, NDTV and The Times of India and many sporting bodies and leagues including the ICC, UEFA, the India Super League and Pro Kabaddi amongst several others.

Over the past decade and a half, you architected several structural enhancements to ensure your business was growing and staying ahead of the curve. These included an equity-linked partnership with a Rupert Murdoch-owned sports business; the appointment of a highly pedigreed CEO from IIT and Stanford; and most recently, private equity-linked investments to drive larger international growth.

Today, it would be fair to consider you – a pioneer of the Internet industry in India and most certainly a visionary of the sports tech world globally.

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