

Press Note**Chanakya University Welcomes Dr. S. Somanath as Chancellor; Announces Reconstitution of Board of Governors**

Chanakya University is proud to announce that **Dr. S. Somanath**, Eminent Scientist and Former Chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), will assume office as the **Chancellor of Chanakya University on June 12, 2025**.

A visionary leader who has played a pivotal role in India's space missions, including the iconic Chandrayaan projects, Dr. Somanath's appointment marks a significant milestone in the university's pursuit of excellence, innovation, and nation-building.

Along with this, as per the provisions of Chanakya University Act, the Board of Governors is also reconstituted. The Board will be **chaired by Dr. S. Somanath** (Chancellor, Chanakya University).

The members of the Board of Governors include Industry and academic leaders such as **Sri Kris Gopalakrishnan** (Chairman, Axilor Ventures; Co-founder, Infosys), **Sri T.V. Mohandas Pai** (Chairman, Aarin Capital Partners), **Dr. Shamika Ravi** (Member of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council nominated by the UGC), **Prof. B. Mahadevan** (Former Professor, IIM Bangalore), **Prof. M.K. Sridhar**, (Padma Shri Awardee and President, Centre for Educational and Social Studies, Bengaluru) **Prof. Nandini N.** (Former Professor, Bangalore University), **Sri Nagaraj Reddy** (Secretary, Centre for Educational and Social Studies). **Principal Secretary**, Department of Higher Education, Government of Karnataka, will be an Ex-Officio Member.

This new leadership team reflects the university's deep commitment to building a world-class academic institution rooted in Indian knowledge systems, global vision, and societal transformation.

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