Profile of Dr. KRIS GOPALAKRISHNAN

Dr. Kris Gopalakrishnan was born in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. Dr. Gopalakrishnan holds Master's degrees in Physics and Computer Science from the Indian Institute of Technology Madras. In January 2011, the Government of India awarded Dr. Gopalakrishnan, the Padma Bhushan, the country's third-highest civilian honour. He was awarded the honorary Doctorate of Science (DSc) by the University of Kerala in August 2019.

Dr. Gopalakrishnan served as the Vice Chairman of M/s. Infosys Technologies Limited from 2011 to 2014 and the Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of Infosys from 2007 to 2011.

Dr. Gopalakrishnan started his career as a Software Engineer for Patni Computer Systems in 1979 and rose to the position of Assistant Project Manager in 1981. In 1981, he co-founded Infosys Technologies Limited with six people, including N.R Narayan Murthy. Recognized as a global business and technology thought leader, he was voted the top CEO (IT Services category) in Institutional Investor's inaugural ranking of Asia's Top Executives and selected as one of the winners of the second Asian Corporate Director Recognition Awards by Corporate Governance Asia in 2011. He was elected president of India's apex industry chamber Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for 2013-14, and served as one of the co-chairs of the World Economic Forum in Davos in January 2014. Since his retirement, he has personally invested in 65 startups through his business incubator Axilor Ventures and 10 venture funds.

Dr. Gopalakrishnan serves on the Board of Governors of Okinawa Institute for Science and Technology (OIST), Japan and is the Chairman, Board of Governors of Indian Institute of Information Technology, Bangalore. He is the Chairman of the Vision Group on Information Technology of Karnataka Government and the Chairman of CII Startup Council.

He is a trustee of the Infosys Science Foundation and a member of ACM, IEEE and IEEE Computer Society, as well as the chief mentor of Startup Village. He is closely associated with IISc Bangalore and IIT Madras and has contributed significantly towards research, particularly in Neurocomputing and Data Science.

He is a Fellow of Indian National Academy of Engineers (INAE) and an Honorary Fellow of Institution of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineers (IETE) of India.