



New ISRO Chairman Dr. V. Narayanan

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Dr. V. Narayanan will succeed **S. Somanath** as [Indian Space Research Organisation \(ISRO\)](#) Chairman and Secretary of the [Department of Space \(DoS\)](#), starting 14th January 2025, for a two-year tenure.

- **Narayanan's Role in ISRO's 2025 Missions:** As ISRO Chairman, Narayanan will oversee the launch of [NVS-02](#) for India's navigation system, lead the **unmanned [Gaganyaan mission](#)** with [Vyommitra](#), and the [Indo-US NISAR satellite](#) launch in March 2025.
- **Contributions of Dr. S. Somanath:** Led [Chandrayaan-3](#), [Aditya-L1](#), [XpoSat](#), and [INSAT missions](#).
 - Spearheaded [Small Satellite Launch Vehicle \(SSLV\)](#), [Re-usable Launch Vehicle \(RLV-LEX\)](#) and [Gaganyaan abort missions](#).
 - As Secretary of DoS, initiated [National Space Policy 2023](#), [IN-SPACe](#), and fostered collaboration with ISRO and private ventures.
- **ISRO:** Formed on 15th August 1969, succeeded **Indian National Committee for Space Research (INCOSPAR)**, which was established in 1962 under [Dr. Vikram Sarabhai](#) to advance space technology for national development.
 - In 1972, India formed the **Space Commission** and established the **DoS**, bringing ISRO under its control.
 - The Secretariat of DOS and ISRO headquarters are located at Antariksh Bhavan in Bangalore.

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