



Senapathy 'Kris' Gopalakrishnan is a global business and technology visionary who has contributed significantly to the expansion of the global IT services industry. He co-founded Infosys 1981 and served as CEO and Managing Director. Under his leadership, Infosys grew exponentially, converting into a multinational corporation with a significant global presence. Kris has been very active in promoting the Indian startup ecosystem and philanthropically supporting research in India on brain sciences, age-related disorders, and healthcare. Kris is the Chairman of Axilor Ventures, a venture fund and early-stage startup accelerator. He is also the Chairman of itihaasa Research and Digital, a non-profit think tank focused on the evolution of India's technology domains. He established the Pratiksha Trust, which focuses on promoting education and healthcare, and has made substantial contributions to initiatives in India that seek to foster entrepreneurship and technology-driven innovation. Since 2009, he has also served on the board of trustees for the Infosys Science Foundation, where he is presently the president. Kris Gopalakrishnan chairs the Governing Board of India's National Mission on Cyber-Physical Systems (NM-ICPS) and provides strategic direction and oversight to drive the mission's objectives, foster collaborations between academia, industry, and government, and promote research and development in Cyber Physical Systems. He is also a member of the Board of Governors of the Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology (OIST) and the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the IIIT, Bangalore. He is both the Chairman of the Karnataka Government's Vision Group on Information Technology and the Chairman of the CII Centre of Excellence for Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Startups.

Kris Gopalakrishnan has received numerous accolades and recognition throughout his tenure for his contributions to the IT industry and society. Kris Gopalakrishnan was awarded India's third-highest civilian honour, the Padma Bhushan, in January 2011. In 2011, he received the second Asian Corporate Director Recognition Award from Corporate Governance Asia. Institutional Investor named him the best CEO in the IT Services category, and he earned the second Asian Corporate Director Recognition Award from Corporate Governance Asia. In 2009, he was selected to Thinkers 50, an elite list of global business thinkers.

He is a Fellow of the India National Academy of Engineering and Indian Institution of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineers. In 2019, he received honorary doctorate from the University of Kerala and the IIT Madras Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Kris Gopalakrishnan was born in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala on 5 April 1955. Kris Gopalakrishnan obtained an MSc (Physics) in 1977 and MTech (Computer Science) in 1979, both from IIT, Madras.

Kris Gopalakrishnan's voyage from co-founding Infosys to his current position as Chairman of the NM-ICPS exemplifies his dedication to fostering innovation, technology, and entrepreneurship in India.