

Infosys Science Foundation Appoints Dr. Kaushik Basu as the Jury Chair for Social Sciences Prize

Takes over from Prof. Amartya Sen who will nurture the new Prize category – Humanities

Bangalore, India – April 10, 2012: The [Infosys Science Foundation](#) today announced the appointment of [Dr. Kaushik Basu](#), Chief Economic Advisor to the Government of India and C. Marks Professor of International Studies and Professor of Economics at Cornell University, as the Jury Chair for the Infosys Prize in Social Sciences. Dr. Basu takes over this role from [Prof. Amartya Sen](#), Thomas W. Lamont University Professor, and Professor of Economics and Philosophy, Harvard University. Prof. Sen will now be the Jury Chair for the newly introduced Prize category - Humanities. Dr. Basu earlier served as a member of the jury panel for the Infosys Prize for Social Sciences in 2011.

Commenting on his appointment, Dr. Basu said, “A Prize, once it gets a reputation for being awarded with a single-minded focus on excellence, is not just a tribute to past achievements but also a catalyst for future creativity and it can play a transformative role in society. In its short history, the Infosys Prize has been able to drive attention to scientific research in the country. I am honored to be given this opportunity to play a role in assisting the Infosys Science Foundation to take this initiative forward and nurture new ideas and insights in Social Sciences”.

Dr. Basu is the recipient of several awards including The National Mahalanobis Memorial Medal (1989), the UGC – Prabhavananda Award for Economics (1990), the Padma Bhushan Award (2008) and D.Litt. (Honoris Causa) for “Outstanding Contribution to the Field of Economics”, University of Lucknow, (2010).

The introduction of Humanities as a new category from the Infosys Prize 2012 onwards was announced at the Infosys Prize presentation ceremony in January 2012 to encourage research being undertaken in other fields, apart from physical, biological and social sciences.

The Humanities category, chaired by Prof. Amartya Sen, will cover Philosophy, History, Archaeology, Legal Studies, Linguistics and Literary Studies. The Social Sciences category will continue to cover subjects including Economics, Political Science, International Relations, Anthropology, Sociology and Psychology.

“Infosys Science Foundation has been doing wonderful work in drawing attention to and encouraging research in various areas including the natural sciences, mathematics as well as the social sciences. The Humanities as a cluster of subjects – Literary Studies, Philosophy, History, Art, Legal Theory – complement these sciences and have an important role in broadening human lives, like science has, but they work through very different channels. Having a prize in Humanities will add incentive for younger people in the country to pursue these subjects. I am delighted that the Infosys Science Foundation is moving in this direction,” said Prof. Amartya Sen.

On the occasion of this announcement, Mr. S. Gopalakrishnan, Executive Co-Chairman Infosys and President - Infosys Science Foundation said, “The Infosys Prize has come a long way since its inception in 2009 and has gained critical acclaim from various sections of society. The jury chairs selected for each category of the Prize have achieved highest standards in their respective work areas. We are confident that their association with the Infosys Prize will help us reward outstanding scientists and researchers for the contributions

to their respective fields and society at large. We are pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Kaushik Basu as the new Jury Chair for the Infosys Prize for Social Sciences, and are also thankful for the continued support from Prof. Amartya Sen as we work towards encouraging bright young minds to adopt careers in research”.

About the Infosys Science Foundation

The Infosys Science Foundation is a not-for-profit trust set up in February 2009 by Infosys and some members of its board. The Infosys Prize, awarded under the aegis of the Foundation, honors outstanding achievements of researchers and scientists across five categories of scientific research, including Engineering and Computer Science, Life Sciences, Mathematical Sciences, Physical Sciences and Social Sciences. The Infosys Science Foundation has added a new award category in Humanities effective 2012. The new category will cover Philosophy, History, Archaeology, Legal Studies, Linguistics and Literary Studies. The Social Sciences category will continue to include Economics, Political Science, International Relations, Anthropology, Sociology and Psychology.

Each award carries a cash prize of INR 50 Lakh, a 22 karat gold medallion and a citation certificate. The Infosys Science Foundation is funded by a corpus which today stands at INR 100 crore, contributed by the Trustees of the Infosys Science Foundation and Infosys Limited. The laureates of the Infosys Prize are chosen by individual jury panels, comprising international jurors who evaluate the candidates against international research.

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