



Dr. Shravanti Rampalli joins Ignite Life Science Foundation as Chief Executive Officer

Welcoming her to **Ignite**, Dr. Pankaj Chandra, Chair of the Foundation's Board said: 'Dr. Shravanti has taken over from Dr. Swami Subramaniam as Chief Executive Officer from November 1st, 2024. Shravanti has the experience and the skills to take **Ignite** to the next level. We will count on her to promote **Ignite**'s mission of improving the impact of Indian life sciences research.'

Dr. Chandra also stated: 'We wish to recognise the sterling contribution of Dr. Swaminathan Subramaniam who lays down office after setting high standards and under whose leadership various projects were initiated. Swami will continue to be with us as Director and member of the Scientific Advisory Board.'

Dr. Shravanti Rampalli is a distinguished scientist with extensive expertise at the intersection of Epigenetics and Stem Cell Biology. She earned her PhD in 2006 from the National Centre for Cell Science (NCCS), Pune, followed by advanced postdoctoral training at the Ottawa Health Research Institute and McMaster University in Canada. In 2011, Shravanti launched her career as Assistant Professor at the Institute for Stem Cell Science and Regenerative Medicine (inStem), Bangalore, where she established a pioneering research program in Stem Cell Biology. In 2020, she moved to the CSIR-Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology (CSIR-IGIB) to further explore her interests in the molecular basis of stemness. Her substantial contributions to the field are evidenced by a record of publications in high-impact journals, patents, and prestigious awards recognizing her scientific excellence and pedagogical contributions.

Beyond her research, Shravanti also served as Head of Business Development at CSIR-IGIB, where she applied her scientific insights and leadership skills to foster institutional growth. Her Executive MBA from the Indian School of Business further underscores her expertise in strategic management and positions her as a leader at the interface of science and business.

Dr. Shravanti said that she was excited by the opportunity to assume this new role as **Ignite** is a unique organisation committed to the cause of making science work for India by harnessing the best of scientific talent with the support of forward-looking philanthropists and CSR support from organisations. 'I am inspired by **Ignite**'s purpose and am thrilled to join **Ignite Life Sciences** on this exciting journey. I am optimistic that there will be greater support from all quarters to **Ignite**'s mission in enhancing the country's scientific ecosystem and bring much needed change in the Indian research landscape,' she added.