

Raman institute can use our infrastructure: Isro chief

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Bengaluru: Indian Space Research Organisation (Isro) chairman S Somanath on Monday announced that its labs and establishments are open to researchers from Raman Research Institute.

Speaking at an event held to mark RRI entering its 75th year, he asked the researchers to use Isro's infrastructure. "I offer you at this time to connect with Isro and its laboratories across the country and to find ways to connect with scientists and engineers working there to build systems," he said. He also encouraged them to take up research across domains in the days to come.

"Isro will be more focused on research and development for advanced technology, and change is coming... This means that the connections bet-

ween Isro and other scientific organisations and academic institutes of the country have to be strengthened," he said.

Although RRI is creating scientists worthy of being awarded the Nobel Prize, the honour is still eluding them, Somanath felt.

He iterated that Isro's operational activities have now

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been asked to be routed through a different domain called New Space India Ltd and Isro will be more focused on research and development for advanced technology.

Along with fundamental research initiatives, Srivari Chandrashekar, secretary, department of science and technology (DST), in a video message, said he would like to see RRI conduct research that has

great benefits to society, like in the areas of health and varied industries. He called upon the faculty of RRI to continue striving towards making India a global centre for research and innovation.

A senior-level delegation from DST visited RRI recently and explored the initiatives it can take in the quantum communication part of security and other quantum-enabled technologies, he said.

Talking about space science activities at RRI, S Seetha, former programme director of Isro Space Science Programme, and emeritus scientist at RRI, said the institute is developing the polarimetry instrument in X-rays (POLIX). This will study bright X-ray objects in the sky and understand the impact of magnetic field and scattering process in these sources.