

**Dr. Sethuraman Panchanathan**  
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The Honorable Sethuraman Panchanathan is a computer scientist and engineer and the 15<sup>th</sup> director of the U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF). NSF is an \$8.5B independent federal agency and the only government agency charged with advancing all fields of scientific discovery, technological innovation, and STEM education.

Dr. Panchanathan has a distinguished career in science, technology, engineering, and education that spans more than three decades. He served as executive vice president of the Arizona State University Knowledge Enterprise, where he also founded the Center for Cognitive Ubiquitous Computing. Prior to becoming director of NSF, Panchanathan served on the National Science Board for six years and has also served on and chaired numerous high-level research and innovation organizations. He is a fellow of the National Academy of Inventors, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Association for Computing Machinery, and other prestigious science and engineering organizations. Dr. Panchanathan's scientific contributions have advanced the areas of human-centered multimedia computing, haptic user interfaces, person-centered ubiquitous computing technologies for empowering individuals with a range of abilities.

**Phonetic Pronunciation**

Sethuraman [SAY-too-rah-men] Panchanathan [Ponch-a-NOTH-en]