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IIT Bombay Participates in Prime Minister's Interaction on Responsible and Inclusive AI

Mumbai | January 13, 2026: It was a privilege for IIT Bombay to be represented in a meaningful interaction with the Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi, alongside young innovators and leaders from India's artificial intelligence ecosystem.

Prof. Ganesh Ramakrishnan, faculty at IIT Bombay, presented BharatGen and participated in the discussions together with Rishi Bal, CEO of BharatGen. The interaction focused on the future of AI in India, with emphasis on building large-scale, responsible, and inclusive AI systems that reflect India's linguistic diversity and societal needs.

BharatGen, a national initiative anchored in academic research and ecosystem collaboration, is working towards developing India-first generative AI models that are open, trustworthy, and deeply rooted in Indian languages and culture. It is guided by a multi-institutional consortium led by IIT Bombay, bringing together academic research, engineering expertise, and ecosystem partnerships.

The discussion highlighted the importance of strong collaboration between premier academic institutions, mission-driven technology initiatives like BharatGen, and national leadership in shaping AI that serves public good at scale. The exchange reaffirmed the role of IIT Bombay in contributing cutting-edge research, interdisciplinary expertise, and leadership to national AI efforts, while strengthening partnerships that translate research into real-world impact.

IIT Bombay remains committed to advancing research and innovation that align with India's longterm technological and societal priorities.

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The Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, set up in 1958 as the second IIT, is recognised worldwide as a leader in the field of science and engineering education and research. The Institute was granted the status of 'Institution of Eminence' by the Ministry of Education (the then Ministry of Human Resources Development) on July 9, 2018. IIT Bombay is reputed for the quality of its faculty, cutting-edge research, industry relations, and the outstanding caliber of students graduating from its undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. The Institute has 17 academic departments, 64 other academic entities (Centres/ Programmes/ Academic facilities/ Hubs/ Externally funded centres and Labs), and three schools. Over the last six decades, more than 75,000 engineers and scientists have graduated from the Institute. It is served by 756 faculty members, with 121 women faculty, and about 150 visiting and part-time faculty, considered not only amongst the best within the country but also highly recognised in the world for achievements in the field of education and research. On June 19, 2025, IIT Bombay was ranked 2nd in India and 129th in the world in the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings for 2026.

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