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IIT Bombay Celebrates Van Mahotsav 2026

Mumbai | 29th August 2026: As part of its continued commitment to environmental sustainability and ecological conservation, the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT Bombay) celebrated **Van Mahotsav 2026** on **Saturday, 29th August 2026**, at the Hostel No. 15 playground in the Institute campus.

On the occasion, Director of IIT Bombay **Prof. Shireesh Kedare**, highlighted the Institute's efforts towards creating a green and environmentally responsible campus. He said, *"Tree plantation is not merely an annual activity but a long-term commitment to preserving biodiversity, mitigating climate change and nurturing an environmentally conscious community. Every sapling planted today is an investment in a healthier and more sustainable future".*

During the event, participants including members of campus community collectively planted 100 tree saplings comprising species such as *Banyan (Peepal)*, *Praijatak*, *Shirish*, *Sita Ashoka*, *Moha*, *Kinjal*, *Chandan*, *Neem*, *Gunj*, *Hirda* and *Bibba*. With this year's plantation drive, the cumulative number of trees planted under the Institute's Van Mahotsav initiative over the years has crossed 50,000. The Horticulture Section of the Estate Office also distributed varieties of plant seeds to all present.

Among those who participated in the plantation driver were Deputy Director (Academics, Research and Translation (ART)) **Prof. Milind Atrey**; Deputy Director (Finance, Infrastructure and Administration (FIA)) **Prof. Ravindra Gudi**; Dean (Infrastructure, Planning and Support (IPS)) **Prof. Vedagiri Perumal**; Associate Deans (IPS) **Prof. Prakash Nanthagopalan**, faculty, students, staff members of IIT Bombay, teachers and students of Kendriya Vidyalaya and Campus School.

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Cultural performances by the students of Campus School and Kendriya Vidyalaya highlighted the importance of trees in our lives.

The event was organised by the **Horticulture Section** of the Estate Office, IIT Bombay, which undertakes the maintenance and nurturing of the saplings planted during Van Mahotsav throughout the year, ensuring their healthy growth and survival.

About IIT Bombay:

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 40 Academics Divisions, 29 Research Centres and 9 Section 8 Companies. Over the last six decades, more than 78,000 engineers and scientists have graduated from the Institute. It is served by 770 faculty, including 121 women faculty (plus 241 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 18, 2026, IIT Bombay was ranked 2nd in India and 134th in the world in the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings for 2027.

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