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IIT Bombay celebrates National Engineers' Day 2026 by conferring
- IIT Bombay International Award for Excellence in Research in
Engineering and Technology
- Dr. P.K. Patwardhan Technology Development Award 2025
- C1973 Faculty Award for Research Excellence
- Prof. S.L. Mehndiratta Award and
- Best Zonal Work Award

Mumbai, September 15, 2026: The Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT Bombay) celebrated National Engineers' Day on its campus today, paying tribute to the legendary engineer, statesman and Bharat Ratna awardee, Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya on his birth anniversary.

The programme began with the garlanding of a portrait of Sir M. Visvesvaraya, followed by a solemn tribute to his remarkable contributions to engineering and nation-building.

Prof. Shireesh Kedare, Director, IIT Bombay, extended his greetings to the engineering community and said, *"Engineers do things which are important for society to function. We have great examples of engineers in India like Dr. Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya to Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. Today, as we have a challenge to do things sustainably, engineers must discover innovative ways of doing things and collaborate with all stakeholders in the society to go sustainable."*

The Chief Guest, **Mr. S.N. Subrahmanyam**, Chairman and Managing Director, Larsen & Toubro Limited, in his address said, *"The world is full of tremendous opportunities — in energy transition, digital transformation, artificial intelligence, robotics and localisation. The opportunities before young engineers today are truly exciting. Research, technology, application, scale and impact will increasingly shape the future. Knowledge gives capability, character gives credibility, and execution creates impact. Encourage young engineers to seize these opportunities, build enterprises, harness technology to solve real problems, and contribute meaningfully to the nation"*.

The celebrations also witnessed the conferring of IIT Bombay's most prestigious awards including **International Award for Excellence in Research in Engineering and Technology; Dr. P.K. Patwardhan Technology Development Award 2025; C1973 Faculty Award for Research Excellence, Prof. S.L. Mehndiratta Award and the Best Zonal Work Award**. These awards recognise outstanding contributions to research, technological innovation, engineering and institutional development.

The **Dr. P.K. Patwardhan Technology Development Award 2025** was conferred on **Prof. Arnab Dutta**, Department of Chemistry and **Prof. Vikram Vishal**, Department of Earth Sciences, for their innovative research and development work on "Integrated CO₂ Capture and Conversion

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Technology". The award was presented on the recommendation of an award committee approved by the Director, IIT Bombay.

This year's **International Award for Excellence in Research in Engineering and Technology** was conferred on **Professor Joel Yang**, Professor, Associate Head of Pillar for Research (Engineering Product Development), Director (Cleanroom), OPTICA Fellow, and Cheng Tsang Man Chair Professor, Singapore University of Technology and Design.

[Instituted by Mr. Sandeep Naik and Mr. Shantanu Rastogi, the award recognizes researchers for impactful contributions in engineering and technology over the past decade]

The recipients of the **C1973 Faculty Awards for Research Excellence (FARE)** are:

Category: Engineering Sciences and Design

- Prof. Eswar Rajasekaran, Civil Engineering
- Prof. Srineesh V K, Civil Engineering
- Prof. Sujoy Bhore, Computer Science and Engineering
- Prof. Swaprava Nath, Computer Science and Engineering
- Prof. Anupama Kowli, Electrical Engineering
- Prof. Soham Mujumdar, Mechanical Engineering
- Prof. Gurminder Singh, Mechanical Engineering
- Prof. Manish Pande, Metallurgical Engineering and Materials Science

Category: Basic Sciences

- Prof. Chidambar Kulkarni, Chemistry
- Prof. Nitin Kumar, Physics
- Prof. Harsha Hutridurga, Mathematics
- Prof. Sakthi Saravanan Chinnasamy, Earth Science

Category: Applied Sciences, Humanities, Management

- Prof. Snehal S. Awate, Shailesh J. Mehta School of Management
- Prof. Ramkumar Rajendran, Centre for Education Technology

[The C1973 Faculty Awards for Research Excellence aim to promote and recognise original research by young faculty members at IIT Bombay. The awards span Engineering Sciences and Design, Basic Sciences, Applied Sciences, Humanities and Management, reflecting the Institute's diverse spectrum of academic disciplines. The initiative encourages faculty members to conduct and publish impactful research in reputed peer-reviewed journals, thereby strengthening IIT Bombay's visibility as a leading research-driven institution.]

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The **Prof. S.L. Mehndiratta Award 2025** was conferred on **Prof. Rahul Purwar**, Department of Biosciences and Bioengineering, in recognition of his contributions to gene therapy, CAR-T cell therapy, cancer immunology and biomarker research.

[The award was instituted and funded by Prof. S.L. Mehndiratta, a distinguished former faculty member and former Head of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering at IIT Bombay.] Under the **Best Zonal Work Award** category, the **Outstanding Young Engineer Award 2025–26** was conferred on **Mr. Aditya B. Mundhe** (Estate Office) and **Mr. Mansingh B. Mehra** (Electrical Maintenance Division) in recognition of their outstanding contributions to the development of campus infrastructure.

IIT Bombay also congratulated faculty members listed as having been elected **Fellows of the Indian National Academy of Engineering (INAE)**: **Prof. R.S. Jangid** (Department of Civil Engineering), **Prof. Suyash Awate** (Department of Computer Science and Engineering), **Prof. Shireesh B. Kedare** (Department of Energy Science and Engineering), **Prof. Shobha Shukla** (Department of Metallurgical Engineering and Materials Science) and **Prof. Mahesh Tirumkudulu** (Department of Chemical Engineering).

The Institute congratulated **Prof. Avik Bhattacharya** of the Centre of Studies in Resources Engineering, **Prof. Debabrata Maiti** of the Department of Chemistry and **Prof. K. Ramasubramanian** of the Centre for Traditional Indian Knowledge and Skills on them being elected as **Fellows of the National Academy of Sciences, India**.

The programme concluded with a reaffirmation of IIT Bombay's commitment to advancing excellence in engineering education, research and innovation, and to contributing to the nation's technological progress in the spirit of National Engineers' Day.

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 34 Academics Divisions (including Departments, Academic Centres, Schools, Academic Advisory); 29 Research Centres (including Externally Funded Centres and Labs) and 9 Section 8 Companies (includes Society). Over the last six decades, more than 78,000 engineers and scientists have graduated from the

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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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