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### **IIT Bombay Director Delivers Inaugural Address at Indian Chemical Council Annual Awards Seminar 2025**

**MUMBAI | September 19, 2025:** The Indian Chemical Council (ICC) hosted its 16th Annual Seminar on Recognizing Excellence of Performance in Various Facets of the Chemical Industry at The Taj Lands End, Mumbai.

Prof. Shireesh Kedare, Director of the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, delivered the inaugural address as the Guest of Honour. The session also featured opening remarks by Mr. Kartik Bharat Ram, President, ICC & Joint Managing Director, SRF Limited, followed by the keynote address by Shri Deepankar Aron, IRS, Joint Secretary – Chemicals, Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals, Government of India.

In his address, Prof. Kedare emphasized the importance of cutting-edge innovation for the future success of the Indian chemical industry and underscored the critical need for industry and IIT Bombay to collaborate closely on this goal. He highlighted IIT Bombay's facilities such as the Research Park and the Sophisticated Analytical Instrumentation Facility, and reaffirmed the Institute's commitment to developing top talent for the sector.

The Director's remarks drew appreciation from industry leaders. In subsequent discussions, several chemical companies expressed interest in working with IIT Bombay on R&D projects, while ICC leadership and the Joint Secretary, Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals, expressed their support for building a closer partnership with the Institute on chemical sector initiatives.

Prof. Sanjay Mahajani, Prof. Rajeev Pandya, and Prof. Rahul Nabar from the Department of Chemical Engineering accompanied the Director and represented IIT Bombay at the event. The Indian Chemical Council (ICC) is the apex national body representing the interests of the chemical industry in India for over 80 years.

#### **About IIT Bombay:**

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

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then Ministry of Human Resources Development) on July 9, 2018. IIT Bombay is reputed for the quality of its faculty and the outstanding calibre of students graduating from its undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. The Institute has 17 academic departments, 31 Centres/ Programmes/ Academic facilities and three schools. Over the last six decades, more than 70,000 engineers and scientists have graduated from the Institute. It is served by more than 756 faculty members, with 121 women 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. In June 2025, IIT Bombay was ranked 2nd in India and 129th in the world in the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings for 2026. In March 2025, IIT Bombay was ranked 28th in Engineering and Technology in the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings by Subject for 2025.

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