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**IIT Bombay Champions Strong-Governance, High-Impact and Tech-Led Vision  
at its Annual CSR Conclave 2025**

**Mumbai, June 20, 2025:** IIT Bombay held its annual CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) Conclave 2025 on June 6, 2025, at its Powai campus. Centred on the theme “Fuelling Technology for Nation Building”, this year’s Conclave brought together over 500-plus attendees, including 230-plus corporate delegates, along with visionary industry pioneers, philanthropic changemakers, academic trailblazers, faculty and students for a day of dialogue and collaboration.

The Conclave underscored two powerful ideas defining IIT Bombay’s CSR strategy:

(1) meaningful, measurable societal impact underpinned by strong governance and (2) the development of technology for nation-building.

This spirit of purpose was echoed by a compelling keynote address by Prof. Shireesh Kedare, Director, IIT Bombay, who highlighted that with clear engagement pathways, rigorous protocols and a commitment to transparency, the Institute has built a CSR ecosystem that inspires trust. “Our strong governance framework and robust compliance mechanisms give corporate partners the confidence they seek”, he said. “We’re structured to move with the pace, accountability and professionalism that CSR collaborations demand”.

The Director’s message mirrors the larger momentum IIT Bombay is building through its CSR partnerships. FY 2024–25 was a landmark year as the Institute signed 81 new CSR partnerships. Over 140 companies supported a wide range of initiatives, including several R&D projects, building research and academic infrastructure, establishing Centres of Excellence, funding faculty chairs and setting up student scholarships. IIT Bombay looks forward to collaborating with more companies to align their CSR vision with scalable, technology-led solutions for society.

This vision came alive with the unveiling of the Annual CSR Catalogue 2025—a comprehensive showcase of 276 cutting-edge, ready-to-roll projects. Spanning sectors such as healthcare,

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sustainability, education, women's empowerment, rural development, skill development, social policy and last-mile delivery, the catalogue offers in-depth insights into ongoing initiatives and partnership opportunities with corporates, fostering greater collaboration, transparency and long-term impact.

The Chief Guest Mr. Ashank Desai, tech entrepreneur, philanthropist and the Institute's Distinguished Alumnus, delivered a powerful address that framed a bold and urgent vision for the country's future.

"India must lead the global economy in both GDP growth and scientific innovation. That's how we become a truly developed nation by 2047", he said. Mr. Desai asserted that the country's progress hinges not just on innovation, but on how quickly and effectively it translates into real-world impact. "We can't afford to move in months and years anymore", he said. "Speed and size of impact—that's what matters now". Mr. Desai also called on corporate India to reimagine CSR not as a matter of compliance or charity, but as a long-term investment in its scientific ecosystem. "If IIT does well, society benefits—directly or indirectly. That, too, is giving back", he noted.

The Conclave also featured two high-impact panel discussions (one on how philanthropic capital can support the journey of innovation from lab to market and another on strengthening industry-academia collaboration) and focussed sessions on AI and GenAI, sustainability, healthcare innovation and grassroots impact. Attendees were invited to explore lab tours, research showcases and tech exhibits designed to spark dialogue and inspire partnership. A dedicated segment also featured a 'Felicitation Ceremony for Recognising CSR Champions'.

As the day drew to a close, the message was clear: CSR is no longer a secondary activity. It is central to India's development story and IIT Bombay is ready to take that story forward.

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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 calibre of students graduating from its undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. The Institute has 17 academic departments, 35 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 751 faculty members 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. On March 12, 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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