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IIT Bombay Celebrates National Education Day

Prof. Krithi Ramamritham Award for Creative Research 2024 and IIT Bombay Research Awards 2024 Presented on the Occasion

MUMBAI, 11th November 2025: Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT Bombay) celebrated National Education Day on November 11, 2025 commemorating the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, India's first Education Minister. The Institute marked the occasion with a special ceremony to honour outstanding faculty achievements. **Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar, Former Chairman, University Grants Commission (UGC), graced the event as the Chief Guest.**

On this occasion, **Prof. Krithi Ramamritham Award for Creative Research 2024** and **IIT Bombay Research Awards 2024** - which include Research Publication Awards, Impactful Research Award, Research Disseminations and Early Research Achiever Awards, were presented to select faculty members.

The Institute's Director Prof. Shireesh Kedare in his address said, "We must move from a system of teaching to one of learning — where students not only absorb knowledge but also realize their own capacities. True education lies in cultivating the excitement to explore, which eventually leads to research and innovation".

Addressing the audience, **Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar,** Former Chairman, University Grants Commission (UGC) encouraged students and faculties to be critical thinkers, curious and lifelong learners. I believe the young, aspiring people in our country will lead India towards a sustainable, secure, and peaceful future by 2047.

The **Research Publication Awards 2024** were conferred upon five faculty members including Prof. Hrishikesh Gadgil, Department of Aerospace Engineering; Prof. Santanu K. Ghosh, Department of

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Biosciences and Bioengineering; Prof. Rajarshi Chakrabarti, Department of Chemistry; Prof. Swagata Basu, Department of Civil Engineering and Prof. Vikram Vishal, Department of Earth Sciences.

The **Impactful Research Award 2024** was presented to Prof. Manish Kumar, Department of Civil Engineering.

The **Research Dissemination Award 2024** was presented to Prof. Pradip Kalbar and Prof. Swatantra Pratap Singh, both from the Environmental Science and Engineering Department.

The **Early Research Achiever Award 2024** were presented to Prof. Srinivasan Ramakrishnan, Department of Chemistry; Prof. Swathy Manohar, Department of Civil Engineering and Prof. Gurminder Singh, Department of Mechanical Engineering.

The **Prof. Krithi Ramamritham Award for Creative Research 2024** was awarded to **Prof. Sujoy Bhore,** Department of Computer Science and Engineering.

These recognitions celebrate exemplary contributions by faculty across diverse domains of science, engineering and technology.

This award ceremony is conducted every year on the occasion of National Education Day to recognise the achievements of the faculty members.

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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 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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