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## **IIT Bombay Hosts Translational Research SATU Network Meeting 2025, Strengthening Regional Collaboration in Innovation and Academic Partnership**

**Mumbai, November 14, 2025:** The Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT Bombay), serving as the Chair University of the South and Southeast Asia and Taiwan Universities (SATU) Presidents' Forum, successfully hosted the Translational Research SATU Network Meeting 2025 from November 9 to 13, 2025. A total of 41 participants from 22 universities across 9 countries attended the event. The multi-day gathering brought together academic leaders, researchers, and innovation ecosystem partners from the region to advance dialogue and collaboration in translational research, entrepreneurship, and policy development.

The program opened on November 9 with the arrival of delegates and a welcome dinner at the Padmavihar Guesthouse Main Dining Hall, where guests wore their national dress in a gesture of cultural solidarity. Formal sessions commenced on November 10 at the Rahul Bajaj Technology Innovation Centre. Following registration and a group photograph, delegates were welcomed by Professor Shireesh Kedare, Director of IIT Bombay and received opening remarks from Professor Ravindra Gudi, Deputy Director (Finance, Infrastructure & Administration). Professor Milind Atrey, Deputy Director (Academics, Research & Translation), delivered an introduction to IIT Bombay's innovation, entrepreneurship, incubation and translational research ecosystem.

Delegates then engaged with a series of presentations highlighting IIT Bombay's innovation landscape, including contributions from the Desai Sethi School of Entrepreneurship, the Society for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (SINE), the TIH Foundation for IoT and IoE and the ASPIRE IITB Research Park. Participants were also introduced to the IDEAS Program and heard experience-sharing presentations from student teams. The afternoon included a guided visit to the ASPIRE IITB Research Park and culminated in an international panel discussion on academic and research collaboration across South and Southeast Asia and Taiwan. Experts from India, Indonesia, the Philippines, Vietnam, Taiwan, and Sri Lanka contributed to the discussion, moderated by

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Professor Nishant Sharma. In the evening, delegates attended a classical Indian dance performance featuring Kathak, Bharatanatyam and Odissi.

On November 11, the program opened with a session on translational research in India featuring leaders from Atomberg and ImmunoACT. This was followed by a panel discussion on the entrepreneurship ecosystem in Asia and Taiwan, moderated by Professor Santosh Gharpure with experts from Thailand, India and Taiwan. A policy and outreach session then brought perspectives from IIT Bombay, the TIH Foundation for IoT and IoE and Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman, focusing on commercialization pathways and regional engagement.

Later, delegates participated in a World Café activity facilitated by Professor Trupti Mishra and IIT Bombay faculty, generating collective insights that were synthesized into presentations proposing a whitepaper and a strategic roadmap for the SATU network. The day concluded with wrap-up remarks from Professor Sudarshan Kumar, Dean of International Relations at IIT Bombay, who emphasized the significance of the gathering, stating:

“The SATU Network Meeting 2025 has demonstrated the tremendous potential of our region when we come together with purpose and vision. The conversations over these days—grounded in shared challenges and collective ambition—have strengthened our resolve to build deeper research partnerships and expand pathways for innovation. IIT Bombay is proud to support this collaborative momentum and we remain committed to working with all SATU member institutions to translate knowledge into meaningful societal impact”.

During the meeting, IIT Bombay also announced that it will host the SATU Semiconductor Gathering on March 17–18, 2026. This forthcoming event will focus on both the academic perspective and the “triple helix” innovation ecosystem, further expanding the scope of collaborative engagement among SATU member institutions.

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The Translational Research SATU Network Meeting 2025 successfully strengthened academic and research ties across South and Southeast Asia and Taiwan, reinforcing SATU's mission to promote regional cooperation, innovation and high-impact translational research. As the Chair University, IIT Bombay reaffirmed its commitment to advancing these shared goals and supporting the continued growth of the SATU network.

## **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 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.

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