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**IIT Bombay to Name Newly Reconstructed Hostel 4 Dining Hall,
the Institute's Largest Dining Facility,
in Honour of Distinguished Alumnus Dr. Pramod Chaudhari**

Mumbai, December 16, 2025: IIT Bombay is proud to acknowledge the latest act of generosity by Dr. Pramod Chaudhari, Founder Chairman, Praj Industries Limited, whose philanthropic leadership continues to strengthen both academic and residential life at the Institute. His recent contribution has made possible the creation of a new, modern dining space at the 800-capacity Hostel 4 Dining Hall the hostel where he lived during his undergraduate years. In recognition of his lifelong engagement and enduring commitment to the Institute, IIT Bombay has named this newly reconstructed facility in his honour. It now stands as the largest dining hall on the IIT Bombay campus.

This contribution builds on Dr. Chaudhari's longstanding dedication to advancing IIT Bombay's mission. Over the years, he has supported several transformative initiatives, including the Parimal and Pramod Chaudhari Centre for Learning and Teaching, which fosters pedagogical innovation; the Pramod Chaudhari Alumni Continuing Education Centre, which advances lifelong learning for alumni; the Bio Processing Laboratory; endowed Chair Professorships; and the DBT-Pan IIT Programme.

Through these initiatives, Dr. Chaudhari continues to play a pivotal role in enriching both the academic environment and the student experience. His generosity stands as an inspiring example of alumni leadership shaping the future of IIT Bombay.

As part of its broader transformation agenda, the Institute is making significant investments to enhance the student living and learning experience by recognising that holistic education extends well beyond the classroom. Modern hostels, dining facilities, and community spaces play a critical

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role in nurturing student well being, collaboration, and a strong sense of belonging on campus. Dining halls, in particular, remain vital shared spaces where friendships are built, ideas extend beyond classrooms, and community life takes shape daily. Alumni support has been instrumental in enabling this transformation, helping the Institute enhance the overall residential experience for future generations.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Chaudhari said, "I am deeply touched by the honour my alma mater has paid me. Especially since my desire to contribute to society was heavily influenced by my time at IIT Bombay, where I was exposed to ideas of social responsibility and philanthropy. Among the experiences that most shaped my values at the Institute, those in Hostel 4 remain closest to my heart. I still remember the many meals shared, the warmth and dedication of the staff, and the countless conversations with friends and batchmates that bonded us forever. The dining hall was a place of community, camaraderie, and togetherness. Seeing the newly reconstructed space and knowing it will continue to nurture student life gives me great joy, and I hope it remains a home for laughter, learning, and lifelong memories for generations to come".

Reflecting on Dr. Chaudhari's wide-ranging contributions, Prof. Shireesh Kedare, Director, IIT Bombay, said, "We are deeply grateful to Dr. Chaudhari for his generosity and lifelong commitment to IIT Bombay. His philanthropic support over the years has enriched the Institute in countless ways. The reconstructed Hostel 4 Dining Hall will be a fitting complement to the enduring spirit of engagement and community that Dr. Chaudhari exemplifies".

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

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faculty, cutting-edge research, industry relations, and the outstanding caliber of students graduating from its undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. The Institute has 17 academic departments, 47 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 756 faculty members, with 121 women faculty, 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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