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**IIT Bombay Hosts a three-day International Conference on
“Role of IPR in Promoting Indigenous Knowledge System (IKS) and
Viksit Bharat”**

Mumbai | November 28, 2025: – Indian Institute of Technology Bombay successfully hosted a three-day International Conference on “Role of IPR (Intellectual Property Rights) in Promoting Indigenous Knowledge System (IKS) and Viksit Bharat” between 26–28 November 2025. The conference brought together leading experts from industry, academia, policymakers, practitioners, innovators, and representatives of indigenous communities to discuss the role of IPR in safeguarding and leveraging indigenous knowledge for nation’s development.

Eminent personalities like Dr. A.P.J. Singh (Director General-RRRLF, Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India), Padma Shri Girish Prabhune, Dr. Gajanan Dange, Prof. Prafulla Agnihotri (Director, IIM Sirmour), Prof. Ujwala Chakradeo (Vice Chancellor, SNDT Women’s University), Dr. Dinesh Patil (Jt. Controller of Patents & Designs, Govt. of India), and Adv. Ganesh Hingmire addressed the gathering through their plenary and keynote talks. In addition, panel discussions on Geographical Indicators and strategies for the integration of IKS into India’s innovation ecosystem for shaping the vision of Viksit Bharat were the highlights of the conference. International and national delegates presented papers (75+) on Indigenous Knowledge Systems, IPR Frameworks, Technology and Digital Transformation, Community Empowerment through IPR, and Policy and Institutional Support.

Professor Shireesh Kedare, Director of IIT Bombay, emphasized that India’s rich traditional knowledge and heritage hold immense potential in achieving the goal of Viksit Bharat. He further mentioned that strengthening IPR mechanisms will ensure fair benefit-sharing, prevent misappropriation, and catalyse innovations.

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The conference deliberations highlighted that a holistic blend of scientific advancements and indigenous knowledge, with IPR mechanisms serving as a bridge between modern entrepreneurship and traditional wisdom, is one of the essential steps in the journey towards Viksit Bharat 2047.

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 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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