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IIT Bombay Celebrates 67th Foundation Day

**Prof. S.C. Sahasrabudhe Lifetime Achievement Award (2025-26)
conferred on Prof. Rajiv Dusane**

**‘Prof. S.C. Bhattacharya Award for Excellence in Pure Sciences’ for 2025
conferred on Prof. K.G. Suresh**

**‘Prof. H.H. Mathur Award for Excellence in Applied Sciences’ for 2025
conferred on Prof. R.S. Jangid**

11 Distinguished Alumnus Awards and 7 Young Alumni Achiever Awards

MUMBAI, March 10, 2026: The Indian Institute of Technology Bombay celebrated its 67th Foundation Day on March 10, 2026 by honouring the contributions of its faculty members as well as alumni who have left their mark in their chosen fields of profession. The event marked more than six decades of academic excellence, pioneering research and global contributions in science, technology and innovation.

The Foundation Day function was graced by the Chief Guest **Prof. (Dr.) Balram Bhargava**, Padma Shri; National Academy of Sciences Meghnad Saha Distinguished National Chair; Immediate Past DG of ICMR; Immediate Past Secretary, Department of Health Research, GoI; Former Chief of Cardiothoracic Centre, AIIMS, New Delhi and Former President of National Academy of Sciences, India.

The Foundation Day ceremony began with a welcome address by the Director of IIT Bombay Prof. Shireesh Kedare, who highlighted the Institute’s remarkable journey, its continued pursuit of academic and research excellence. Prof. Kedare said, “ *When we review our journey and look ahead, the challenges are many. We need to change the way we teach and we do research. We need*

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to focus on exciting students to learn, be excellent in research and be relevant to industry and society”.

The Chief Guest of the function Dr. Balram Bhargava, in his address, said, *“As India approaches the 80th year of independence, our journey demonstrates how science, innovation and determination can transform national challenges into opportunities. From the Green and White Revolutions to breakthroughs in space, healthcare and digital technologies, India has shown that with the right mindset and commitment, we can achieve remarkable progress. Institutions like IIT Bombay play a pivotal role in nurturing this spirit of innovation and excellence and its alumni continue to carry India’s flag proudly across the world”.*

The celebration also featured the presentation of prestigious Institute Awards, recognizing excellence in teaching, research and contributions to society.

The IIT Bombay Prof. S.C. Sahasrabudhe Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes outstanding individuals whose pioneering spirit and demonstrated inventiveness throughout their careers has improved our society and inspired others. IIT Bombay conferred the **Prof. S.C. Sahasrabudhe Lifetime Achievement Award (2025-26)** on **Prof. Rajiv Dusane**, Department of Metallurgical Engineering and Materials Science, in recognition of his outstanding contributions as teacher, researcher and administrator, during the Foundation Day celebration.

The Institute honoured its select alumni for their achievements in diverse fields ranging from academics, research and entrepreneurship. The '**Prof. S.C. Bhattacharya Award for Excellence in Research in Pure Sciences (2025)**' was conferred on **Prof. K.G. Suresh**, Department of Physics for his outstanding contributions in the area of Magnetism in Intermetallics, Spintronics, Magnetic Skyrmions, Topological Materials. The '**Prof. H.H. Mathur Award for Excellence in Research in**

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Applied Sciences (2025) was conferred on **Prof. R.S. Jangid**, Department of Civil Engineering, for his outstanding contributions in the area of Seismic Base Isolation, Earthquake-Resistant Design, Stochastic Earthquake Analysis, Inerter-Based Control Devices.

The Institute recognised select alumni of IIT Bombay, who have excelled in their field of work and made the Institute proud with the Distinguished Alumnus Awards (DAA). The awardees this year include:

Prof. Y.S. Prakash

Prof. Srinivasan S. Iyengar

Prof. Prashant J. Shenoy

Mr. Kirat Patel

Mr. K.B.S. Anand

Dr. Sachin Katti

Dr. Abhay Pandey

Dr. Kalyan Handique

Dr. Mahesh Kumar

Dr. Subrata Rakshit

Dr. Ranjit Rath

The Young Alumni Achiever Awards (YAAA) are for alumni who have made outstanding achievements in their chosen field of work and are below 40 years of age. These awards were instituted in the year 2011. The awardees for this year's Young Alumni Achiever Awards include:

Prof. B. Aditya Prakash

Prof. Gauri Joshi

Mr. Sibabrata (Shibam) Das

Ms. Ashima Mittal

Prof. Aaditya Ramdas

Mr. Rohit Agarwal

Mr. Sneh Vaswani

In line with IIT Bombay's commitment to sustainability and cleanliness, the Institute Cleanliness Award was also presented during the event. The Cleanliness Award recognizes the dedicated efforts

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of various academic departments, Section 8 companies, hostels and non-academic sections/
buildings in creating and maintaining a Clean, Green and Happy Campus.

The winners, selected based on the committee's detailed assessment, were felicitated with a
Rotating Trophy and a Certificate of Appreciation during the Foundation Day ceremony.

Following were the winners in various categories:

A. ACADEMIC UNITS:

- 1st Position: Department of Earth Sciences
- 2nd Position: Department of Industrial Engineering and Operations Research
- 3rd Position: Department of Mechanical Engineering

B. NON-ACADEMIC UNITS:

- 1st Position: Hospitality Section
- 2nd Position: Gymkhana
- 3rd Position: Hospital

C. SECTION 8 COMPANIES/ EXTERNALLY FUNDED CENTRES/ LABS.:

- 1st Position: IITB-Monash Research Academy
- 2nd Position: Technology Innovation Hub Foundation for IoT and IoE
- 3rd Position: Green Energy and Sustainability Hub

D. HOSTELS:

- 1st Position: Hostel 01
- 2nd Position: Hostel 10
- 3rd Position: Hostel 18

E. ZONAL AREAS OF JUNIOR ENGINEERS:

- 1st Position: Er. Amol Deshmukh (Zone 13 - Lake Side Area)
- 2nd Position: Er. Ani. P. P (Zone 1 - Hostel Area)
- 3rd Position: Er. Prashant Bote (Zone 6 - Central Area)

The function was held in physical presence of the awardees, their family members, Institute
functionaries and invited dignitaries and was transmitted live on IIT Bombay's YouTube channel:
IITBombayOfficialChannel.

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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 81 academic divisions. Over the last six decades, more than 75,000 engineers and scientists have graduated from the Institute. It is served by 760 faculty, including 121 women faculty (plus 241 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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