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**IIT Bombay to Host the Grand Finale of National Robotics Competition & Innovation Challenge, Showcasing India's Brightest Young Minds**

**Mumbai, Maharashtra | March 27, 2026:** The Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) Department at IIT Bombay will host the highly anticipated Grand Finale of the e-Yantra Robotics Competition (eYRC) and Innovation Challenge (eYIC) on March 27th and 28th.

Funded by the Ministry of Education (MoE), Government of India, Project e-Yantra has been a driving force in aligning engineering education with the National Education Policy (NEP 2020) by fostering "Project-Based Learning" and creating student innovators capable of local disruption.

This year's Grand Finale promises to be a spectacular display of youth-driven technology. The highlights of the 2024-25 competition include:

- **Elite Participation:** 223 top-tier students representing 51 colleges (out of 1047) from across the country (including 25 eLSI colleges) will converge at the IIT Bombay campus.
- **Intense Competition:** Attendees will witness 41 teams battling it out in the complex "Theme Run" and 19 teams demonstrating their indigenous tech solutions in the Project Exhibition.
- **Empowering Diversity:** Recognizing the need for inclusive growth in technology, e-Yantra is officially launching concerted efforts to increase Women in Robotics participation, providing a much-needed platform for female tech innovators.
- **eLSI Infrastructure Pilot:** The event will feature poster presentations from a pilot program involving 5 colleges working to build robust educational infrastructure through focused "Technical Sprints."

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In addition to the high-stakes competition, the two-day event will feature an insightful Keynote address and a Panel Discussion with industry and academic experts.

### **Tech Demonstrations:**

The media and public are invited to experience state-of-the-art technology firsthand at the e-Yantra showcase stall. Live demonstrations will include a Quadruped robot, advanced Robotics ARMs, the eYan self-balancing Robot, Tomato sorting machine and innovative applications of Reinforcement Learning (RL) in games and educational platforms.

Schedule Link: <https://portal.e-yantra.org/finale>

The e-Yantra project is a Robotics outreach program funded by the Ministry of Education, Government of India, and hosted at the CSE department of IIT Bombay. Since its inception, the project has enabled over 2 Lakh students in core technical skills such as Robot Operating System (ROS), Drone Control, Machine Learning, Embedded Systems, and more, reaching over 3200 institutes across India and internationally, with over 590+ labs established in colleges as centres inculcating a local problem solving and innovation culture.

### **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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