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IIT Bombay Hosts Commencement 2026 to Celebrate the Graduating Batch ~ 2500 students (likely to graduate) attended the ceremony with their batch mates and family

Mumbai | May 2, 2026: The Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT Bombay) hosted the Commencement 2026 today at the Institute's Convocation Hall, celebrating achievements of the students expected to graduate in the current academic year. Dr. Samir V. Kamat, Secretary, Department of Defence Research & Development (DD R&D) and Chairperson, Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO), Ministry of Defence, Government of India, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and delivered the Commencement Address.

The Chief Guest, Dr. Samir V. Kamat, Secretary, DD R&D and Chairperson, DRDO, Ministry of Defence inspired the passing out batch by sharing, "Learning is a lifelong process. To succeed in life, you must be flexible, adaptive, willing to collaborate, ready to take calculated risks, continuously upgrade your skills, and remain resilient through failures. The source of strength is science and technological sovereignty is essential for a nation to retain its ability to take independent decisions. It is the responsibility of the younger generation to ensure that India remains technologically self-reliant," he added.

Prof. Shireesh Kedare, Director of IIT Bombay, presented the Institute's Report for the academic year 2025–26, highlighting that IIT Bombay maintains its position as the top-ranked university in India and among the leading institutions globally. Prof. Kedare said, "*We are transforming education from teaching-centric to learning-centric, where students actively participate, collaborate, innovate and connect classroom knowledge with society and industry. Research should not stop at 'know-how'; it must evolve into 'do-how' - creating technologies, products and solutions that are relevant to society, industry and national development. IIT Bombay is a melting pot of*

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ideas, cultures and talent, where students learn not only academic excellence, but also collaboration, sensitivity and integrity. We are concentrating on frontier domains such as AI, sustainability and biomedical technologies so that India can emerge as a global leader in critical technology areas.”

Emphasising the importance of “Knowing, Doing and Being,” the Chairperson of the Board of Governors of IIT Bombay Dr. K. Radhakrishnan, said, “*While knowledge and professional excellence are vital, character, conviction, courage and the ability to adapt to change will define true leadership and lasting contributions to society, the nation and humanity. Your hard work and intrinsic learning skills will pay off and your long odyssey will commence soon. Our nation wants you to help build its future as you wisely choose to create your own. Each one of you can strive to leave behind a legacy and be valuable to society, to our nation, and to humanity at large.*”

IIT Bombay introduced this event ‘Commencement’ in 2023 so that the students celebrate their journey through IIT Bombay along with all their batch-mates and family members while they embark on a new phase in their lives.

In the afternoon session, approximately 2500 students — including around 1257 undergraduates, 1042 postgraduates and 189 PhD scholars — were invited to the dais to be congratulated by the Director, marking a memorable moment for the graduating class.

The ceremony was attended by members of the Board of Governors, faculty members, graduating students and their families. It was also broadcast live on IIT Bombay’s official YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/c/IITBombayOfficialChannel>

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The Commencement ceremony continues to serve as an important milestone in the journey of IIT Bombay students, allowing them to celebrate their achievements and the bonds formed during their time at the Institute, as they step forward into new chapters of their lives.

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.