

Union Minister Nitin Gadkari Highlights IITs' Valuable Contribution to India's Progress

Minister underscores the role of research, technology, and students in nation-building and urges them to become job creators

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Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Shri Nitin Gadkari, emphasized the significant contribution of IITs, their students, and research initiatives to India's development during the TechFest organized at IIT Bombay on Monday, 22 December 2025.

Shri Gadkari stated that technical issues faced in government operations are promptly communicated to IITs. The solutions provided by IITs enjoy wide acceptance, reflecting the institution's credibility across the country. He also described IITs as a vital 'Knowledge Capital' of India.



Highlighting the importance of resources, knowledge, and technology for the nation's future, the Minister observed that the potential of any country can be assessed through research and planning conducted today with a forward-looking perspective. He noted that the Prime Minister has set the goal of building a Five Trillion Dollar Economy, in which research and technology will play a key role. Shri Gadkari stressed the need to convert knowledge into tangible assets.

The Minister also highlighted government initiatives on alternative fuels, including the production of bio-bitumen from paddy residue, which has been used to construct a one-kilometre road. The next focus is on hydrogen production from crops and waste, with efforts underway to develop hydrogen-powered vehicles. He emphasized the importance of creating industries based on natural resources, where IIT students can play a crucial role in shaping the country's future.



Shri Gadkari further urged students to become job creators rather than job seekers, contributing actively to the nation's growth.

The event was attended by Prof. Shirish Kedare, Chairman of IIT Bombay, former Chairman Dr. Sharad Saraf, Prof. Suryanarayan Hulla, and other dignitaries.

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