

IIT Bombay hosts Commencement 2026 to celebrate the graduating batch, 2500 students attend the ceremony

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The Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT Bombay) hosted the Commencement 2026 today at the Institute's Convocation Hall, celebrating achievements of the students who are 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.





Addressing the students, Dr. Kamat said that technological sovereignty was essential for a nation to retain its ability to take independent decisions. "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 said.



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. "We are transforming education from teaching-centric to learning-centric, where students actively participate, collaborate, innovate and connect classroom knowledge with society and industry. IIT Bombay is a melting pot of 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," Prof. Kedare said.



Talking about 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.”

IIT Bombay introduced ‘Commencement’ in 2023. 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.

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