

59 Years Of Pursuit Of Excellence : IIT Bombay Celebrates Foundation Day

Institute releases special commemorative postal stamp,
Diamond Jubilee logo and unveils plaque of the new guest house 'Padmavihar'



Dignitaries along with the recipients of awards on Foundation Day

IIT Bombay celebrated its 59th Foundation Day. The foundation stone for the internationally-recognized Institute was laid by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, then Prime Minister of India on March 10, 1959. IIT Bombay was the second IIT to be established in the country and the first one to be established with a foreign aid received from UNESCO. Since then, the Institute has grown from strength to strength and is now counted amongst the best engineering institutions across the globe.

The ceremony commenced with a welcome address by the Director of IIT Bombay Prof. Devang Khakhar highlighting key milestones achieved by the Institute in

59 years and announcing the beginning of Institute's Diamond Jubilee year (March 10, 2018 to March 10, 2019). Welcoming the guests, he said, *"The biggest change in the Institute is the trend of faculty from different Departments collaborating to form large multidisciplinary centres to address particular areas. I am happy to announce that we have placed an order for a new supercomputer 'Space Time' that will provide a visible leap forward in our computer capabilities"*.

He also spoke about increased industry interactions, international engagements, entrepreneurship and increased alumni engagements.

On the occasion, the Chief Guest for the function, Honourable Governor of Maharashtra Shri CH. Vidyasagar Rao unveiled the plaque for new Guest House Padmavihar in the presence of the Guest of Honour Dr. Anil Kakodkar, Ex-Chairman, Board of Governors, IIT Bombay.

The fitting epitaph to (kick start) the Diamond Jubilee year was the release of Institute postal stamp and the Diamond Jubilee logo by the Chief Guest Shri CH. Vidyasagar Rao during the function. In his inaugural address, Shri CH. Vidyasagar Rao said, *“Like the ‘Make In India’, we must implement ‘Teach In India’ programme to associate best faculty with our institutions”*.

Calling IIT Bombay the real diamond in the crown of India, the Chief Guest urged the Institute to prepare a road map for itself. A Nobel price for India is long over-due, and if any institution can deliver it for India, it is IIT Bombay. It is necessary that research funding and student funding are enhanced substantially. Let

IIT Bombay be the nucleus to facilitate a vibrant start-up ecosystem,” he said.

The Institute celebrated 59th anniversary of its inception today by honouring 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’ and ‘Prof. H.H. Mathur Award for Excellence in Research in Applied Sciences’ were given away by Shri CH. Vidyasagar Rao. Dr. Anil Kakodkar, Ex-Chairman, Board of Governors, IIT Bombay and the Guest of Honour for the function gave away the Distinguished Alumnus Awards and Young Alumnus Achiever Awards.

The Institute had long felt the need to recognize the alumni of IIT Bombay, who have excelled in their field of work and made the Institute proud. With this intention, the Distinguished Alumnus Awards (DAA) have been instituted.

Distinguished Alumnus Awards - 2018



Mr. Rameshwar Kumar Maini,
(BTech, 1967, Civil Engineering)
President, CEO and Chairman of the Board of Zentech Technical Services Inc. of Houston, Texas, USA



Mr. Jayant Damodar Patil
(MTech, 1978, Mechanical Engineering)
Director and Senior Executive Vice President (Defence Business), Larsen and Toubro Limited (L&T)



Prof. Subodh G. Mhaisalkar
(BTech, 1984, Metallurgical Engineering and Materials Science)
Tan Chin Tuan Centennial Professor in the School of Materials Science and Engineering and Executive Director, Energy Research Institute Nanyang Technological University (NTU)



Prof. Praveen Kumar
(BTech, 1987, Civil Engineering)
Lovell Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois, USA



Dr. T. V. Raman
(MSc, 1989, Mathematics)
Research Scientist at Google



Ms. Shalini Govil Pai
(BTech, 1990, Computer Science and Engineering)
General Manager for Android TV at Google



Dr. Kishore Seendripu
(BTech, 1990, Metallurgical Engineering and Materials Science)
CEO, President and Chairman of the Board of Maxlinear, Inc.



Prof. Geeta Narlikar
(MSc, 1992, Chemistry)
Professor at Department of Biochemistry and Biophysics in the
Lewis and Ruth Cozen Chair I at the University of California,
San Francisco



Prof. Viral V. Acharya
(BTech, 1995, Computer Science & Engineering)
C V Starr Professor of Economics at the Department of Finance at
New York University Stern School of Business. He has assumed
charge of Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India



Mr. Nitesh Tiwari
(BTech, 1996, Metallurgical Engineering)
Film writer and director

Prof. S.C. Bhattacharya Award for Excellence in Pure Sciences 2017



Prof. Krishna P. Kaliappan, Department of Chemistry

Prof. H.H. Mathur Award for Excellence in Applied Sciences 2017



Prof. Amit Agrawal, Department of Mechanical Engineering



Prof. B. Ravi, Department of Mechanical Engineering

Young Alumnus Achiever Awards – 2018

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.



Mr. Vibhore Goyal
(Dual Degree (BTech + MTech), 2005, Electrical Engineering)
Director & Co-Founder of CoCubes Technologies Pvt. Ltd.



Mr. Harpreet Singh Grover
(Dual Degree (BTech + MTech), 2005, Electrical Engineering)
Director & Co-Founder of CoCubes Technologies Pvt. Ltd.



Mr. Nishant Patni
(BTech, 2007, Electrical Engineering)
Founder of Hello English

Congratulating the awardees, Ex- Chairman of Board of Governors, IIT Bombay Dr. Kakodkar said, "IIT Bombay must play a leadership role in terms of research, technology development and innovation."

IIT Bombay students had organised a pre-event “Raagadarshan” to start the Diamond Jubilee celebrations of IIT Bombay on a high note on March 9, 2018. “Raagadarshan” - An evening of musical dialogue included eminent Hindustani vocal maestro Padmashri Pt. Ajoy Chakrabarty and his able disciples Mr. Purbayan Chatterjee (on sitar), Mr. Kaustuv Kanti Ganguli (vocal), Pt. Yogesh Samsi (on tabla) and Mr. Ajay Joglekar (on harmonium).

About New Guest House Padmavihar

Padmavihar is a new addition of guest house facilities to IIT Bombay. It has 88 twin rooms and 48 suite rooms. It has a large dining hall for about 280 guests, kitchen with modern equipments, mini dining hall and alumni lounge. As one of the green initiatives, it is equipped with a grey water tank for recycling water and solar water heating system.



About Institute Postal Stamp:

‘MY STAMP’ is the brand name for personalized sheets of postage stamp of India Post. The postal stamp sheet consists of 12 stamps. It has two images of the Institute’s Main building, a historical landmark of the Institute. The backdrop of the stamp sheet is an ariel view of the Institute with the Powai lake.

About Diamond Jubilee Logo:

- To represent the epitome of knowledge and to exude a sense of sophistication, a very subtle and effective perceptual shift ambigram is used for the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations logo. The characters in the circle indicates ‘60’ while the consolidated word interprets ‘bombay’. Though the second letter ‘o’ is incomplete, closure occurs and viewers’ perception completes the shape, making it memorable.

- The circular element at the beginning and the “emerging circles” indicate technological advancement and gives an impression of celebration.

- Colour ‘Orange’ is used to represent sunshine, creativity, determination while Grey is used to represent sophistication.

- Putting practical use of the understandings acquired at the university is reflected through the tagline_ ‘Achieving Excellence Together’.



The logo is designed by Mr. Shashidhar Reddy, alumnus of Industrial Design Centre, IIT Bombay and the tag line ‘Achieving Excellence Together’ is by Mr. Vikrant Raj, alumnus of Chemical Engineering, IIT Bombay.