

Dr. Pramod Chaudhari features in the Director's Circle of IIT Bombay

Mumbai, 25th Dec 2022: Dr. Pramod Chaudhari, Founder Chairman of Praj Industries has been featured in the Director Circle of IIT Bombay, recognized as 'Institution of Eminence' by the Ministry of Education. This honour is in recognition of Dr. Chaudhari's contribution towards furthering the cause of education & technology in closed collaboration with his alma mater.

The esteemed 'Director's Circle' of IIT Bombay features personalities who have made impactful contributions to support institute's mission of being amongst the top science and technology institutes worldwide by 2030. Alumni's philanthropic gifts to IIT Bombay have played a crucial role in the continued growth of the Institute. Sustained support from fervent and spirited alumni has played an instrumental role in helping IIT Bombay maintain its position as India's premier institute worldwide.

Dr. Pramod Chaudhari is a graduate of Mechanical Engineering from 1971 batch of IIT Bombay. He founded Praj Industries in 1983 and over past decades he has led Praj to be India's most accomplished industrial biotech company globally. Widely acclaimed as ethanol man, Dr. Chaudhari is winner of prestigious George Washington Carver Award 2020 and William C Holmberg award 2022, regarded as top global honours in the bioeconomy.

Dr. Pramod Chaudhari has strong on-going association with IIT Bombay having established the Alumni Continuing Education Centre (PCACEC) for facilitating the lifelong learning of alumni in 2021. PCACEC explores the untapped areas for Research and Technological advancement and its relevance to the application in respective fields. Dr. Chaudhari has also set up the Centre for Learning and Teaching (PPCCLT) in 2019 for adopting global best practices in teaching & Learning. In addition, he has helped set up of Laboratory for Cell Culture, two chair professorships as well as one award for Academic Excellence

Speaking about Director's Circle, Prof. Subhasis Chaudhuri, Director, IIT Bombay said, "It is our honour and privilege to recognise Dr. Pramod Chaudhari as a "Director's Circle" donor. Over the years, Dr. Chaudhari has emerged as one of IIT Bombay's key donors by supporting several important initiatives at the Institute. These include the Alumni Continuing Education Centre, the Teaching and Learning Centre, and the Laboratory for Cell Culture in addition to the chair professorships in areas of energy science and green chemistry, amongst others. We are sincerely thankful and grateful to Dr. Chaudhari for his generosity"

Speaking about this development, Dr. Pramod Chaudhari said, "I am humbled by the gesture of IIT Bombay. My formative years at IIT have a big role in whatever little I am able to achieve. I am happy to note that the initiatives taken by Praj are shaping up as envisaged. I am certain that all of us coming together will be a great success and will be instrumental in attaining further laurels for IIT, Bombay."

Since its inception in 1958, more than 70,000 engineers and scientists have graduated from IIT Bombay. Currently More than 20,000 students from undergraduate till doctoral program are pursuing academic interest under guidance of around 700 faculty members considered not only amongst the best within the country but are also highly recognized in the world for achievements in the field of education and research.

About IIT Bombay

Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, the second IIT to be set up in 1958, is recognized worldwide as a leader in the field of engineering education and research. The Institute was granted the status of 'Institution of Eminence' by the Ministry of Education on July 9, 2018. IIT Bombay is reputed for the quality of its faculty and the outstanding calibre of students graduating from its undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. The Institute has 15 academic departments, 32 centres, two schools and four Interdisciplinary programmes. Over the last six decades, more than 62,500 engineers and scientists have graduated from the Institute. It is served by more than 692 faculty members considered not only amongst the best within the country, but are also highly recognized in the world for achievements in the field of education and research. The Institute is recognized as one of the top centres of academic excellence in the country. Over the years, there has been dynamic and rapid progress at IIT Bombay in both academic and research activities, with a parallel improvement in facilities and infrastructure to match with the best institutions in the world.

About Praj Industries Limited:

Praj, India's most accomplished industrial biotech company, is driven by innovation, integration, and delivery capabilities. Over the past four decades, Praj has focused on the environment, energy, and agri-process industry, with 1000 ++ customer references spanning 100+ countries across all five continents. Bio-Mobility™ and Bio-Prism™ are the mainstays of Praj's contribution to the global Bioeconomy. The Bio-Mobility platform offers technology solutions globally to produce the renewable transportation fuel, thus ensuring sustainable decarbonization through a circular bioeconomy. The company's Bio-Prism™ portfolio comprises technologies to produce renewable chemicals and materials, promises sustainability while reimagining nature. Praj Matrix, the state-of-the-art R&D facility, forms the backbone for the company's endeavours towards a clean energy-based Bioeconomy. Praj's diverse portfolio comprises Bio-energy solutions, Critical process equipment & skids, Breweries, Zero liquid discharge systems and High purity water systems. Led by an accomplished and caring leadership, Praj is a socially responsible corporate citizen. Praj is listed on the Bombay and National Stock Exchanges of India.

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