

# IIT Indore's Malwa Chemical Conclave ignites collaborative action for 'Viksit Bharat'

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Indian Institute of Technology Indore in association Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) through its Student Chapter hosted the inaugural Malwa Chemical Conclave 2025 that marked a significant step toward strengthening collaboration among academia, industry and policy stakeholders to advance chemical engineering and allied sectors in the Malwa region.

The conclave featured industry leaders and policy representatives including Meghdeep Agrawal, vice

president, Safeflex International Limited; Kapil Jat, general manager, Jaideep Ispat (Moira Sariya & Pipe); Arpit Jain, director, Fenton Chemicals; and Shubhanjali Umrao, deputy director, Bureau of Indian Standards.

The event facilitated in-depth discussions on industry-driven challenges, emerging opportunities and the role of standards, innovation and sustainability in advancing the national vision of 'Viksit Bharat'.

This conclave marked the beginning of a sustained collaborative movement that aligns academic rigour with

the real industrial needs of the Malwa region, transforming local challenges into globally relevant engineering solutions.

In his address, IIT Indore director Prof Suhas Joshi emphasised the national importance of such platforms, stating "The Malwa Chemical Conclave reflects IIT Indore's commitment to translating academic excellence into meaningful industrial and societal impact. By strengthening collaboration between academia, industry and policymakers, we are contributing to the vision of a self-reliant and technologi-

cally empowered India under 'Viksit Bharat'."

The conclave also highlighted opportunities for prospective interns and PhD scholars at the Department of Chemical Engineering. The department currently offers BTech and PhD programmes in Chemical Engineering and will introduce an MTech programme in Chemical Process Design and Intelligence from the next academic year, starting July 2026. Plans are also underway to launch certification programmes and an Executive Master's programme for industry professionals.