

Our work is guided by needs of society: IIT-I dir

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At the institute's 17th foundation day celebration, Indian Institute of Technology Indore director Prof Suhas Joshi here on Tuesday said that their work is guided by the needs of society, with a clear focus on developing solutions that reach and empower people at the bottom of the pyramid.

"Through education, research and technology, we strive to create meaningful impact and contribute to inclusive and sustainable nation-building," he said.

Joshi reflected on the Institute's evolution from a young institution to a nationally and internationally recognised centre of learning. He emphasised IIT Indore's commitment to academic excellence, sustainability, industry engagement and socially relevant research, aligned with national priorities.

Joshi said, "Over the past seventeen years, IIT Indore has evolved into a vibrant academic and research ecosystem rooted in excellence, integrity, and innovation."

The event brought together faculty, staff, students, alumni and distinguished guests to re-



Felicitation ceremony during IIT Indore's foundation day celebrations on Tuesday

flect on the Institute's journey and its growing role in national development.

The celebrations highlighted IIT Indore's strong emphasis on research-driven innovation and technology translation. A technology showcase presented advanced research outcomes and indigenous solutions developed at the Institute, demonstrating its contribution to emerging areas of science, engineering, and interdisciplinary research.

The event was attended by Dr Sharad Kumar Saraf, chairperson, IIT Jammu, & chairman and managing director of Technocraft Group of Industries and Saket Chaturvedi, chief executive officer (MiG Complex) at Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), Nashik as the guests of the day. In their addresses, the dignitaries lauded IIT Indore's rapid

growth, strong research ecosystem and its role in nurturing future-ready talent, while encouraging continued collaboration across academia, industry, and society.

Saraf interacted with the deans and head of the departments and advised them to follow their instinct. He also addressed the audience and said that whilst it may seem appropriate to pursue higher studies abroad, it should be the endeavour to give back to the country as it's our Karma and work on the challenges and opportunities which will take the nation in leadership position.

As part of the Foundation Day celebrations, the institute strengthened its research infrastructure with the inauguration of new laboratories and innovation spaces, including TEM Lab and Pragyan Innovation Transit Lab, underscoring

IIT Indore's continued focus on strengthening research facilities and translational innovation. This reinforces its focus on cutting-edge experimentation, skill development and startup incubation. The Institute also reaffirmed its commitment to environmental sustainability through green initiatives on campus.

Recognising excellence within the institute, IIT Indore

conferred awards on faculty, staff, and alumni for outstanding contributions in research, technology development, professional service, and innovation. Young alumni achievers were also honoured for their accomplishments and impact across diverse fields.