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## **Dr. R. A. Mashelkar Inaugurates Rahul Bajaj Technology Innovation Centre at IIT Bombay**

**Mumbai | June 10, 2022:** The Rahul Bajaj Technology Innovation Centre (RBTIC) at the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay was inaugurated today by the Chief Guest Dr. R. A. Mashelkar, former Director General, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), in the presence of Shri Niraj Bajaj, Chairman, Bajaj Auto Limited, Director of Bajaj Group of companies and CMD of Mukand Limited and Director of IIT Bombay Prof. Subhasis Chaudhuri. Several members of the Bajaj family also attended the function.

The foundation stone of the Rahul Bajaj Technology Innovation Centre was laid on November 14, 2018 by the then Chairman of Bajaj Groups, late Shri Rahul Bajaj. His generous donation has helped the Institute to build a Centre that brings together all of Innovation, Entrepreneurship and R&D activities, under one roof, in a modern building 'RBTIC'.

Congratulating the Institute for completion of the new RBTIC building, Dr. Mashelkar in his inaugural address said, "*Rahul Bajaj was known for his bold visionary thinking and a big compassionate heart. I am sure that RBTIC, inspired by this legendary icon of our times, will be a thriving platform for nourishing NextGen innovation led world class game changing entrepreneurs*".

**Director of IIT Bombay Prof. Subhasis Chaudhuri** presented before the guests an overview of the Institute and its growth over the years. In his address, Prof. Subhasis Chaudhuri said, "*Technology innovation being the key to the progress of the country, IIT Bombay lays a lot of emphasis on innovation and I am sure that the vision of late Shri Rahul Bajaj will take us much further in our journey towards meeting that goal*".

**Speaking on the occasion, the Chairman Bajaj Auto Limited, Promoter/ Director of Bajaj Group of companies and CMD of Mukand Limited, Shri Niraj Bajaj said** "*On behalf of the Bajaj Family our heartiest compliments to IIT Bombay and its team for building such an iconic technology innovation centre. Shri Rahul Bajaj's dream of establishing state of the art research and innovation facility for igniting the minds of budding students and for the benefit of society at large has come true. Innovation, entrepreneurship and R&D were always close to his heart. Future belongs to the young. Our best wishes to them and RBTIC (Rahul Bajaj Technology and Innovation centre)*

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*which will support them. Once again our most humble gratitude to IIT Bombay for honouring Late Shri Rahul Bajaj by naming this centre after him".*

The inauguration ceremony celebrated late Shri Rahul Bajaj's immense contributions to IIT Bombay in the presence of his family members.

**About late Shri Rahul Bajaj:**

Late Shri Rahul Bajaj, through years of mentorship during his tenure as the Chairman of Board of Governors of IIT Bombay, played a very important role in shaping IIT Bombay as an 'Institute of Eminence' and as a leading global technology institute. Innovation, Entrepreneurship and R&D were close to his heart.

**About the RBTiC building:**

The newly constructed RBTiC building is a ground +7 floor building with a single level basement. It is a multi-department academic building with an overall area of 19901.11 sq. The building is designed to have semi-open spaces welcoming the outdoors and integrating it with the interior spaces, making the building lively and conducive to creative output. The building is provided with ample space to accommodate a large welcoming lobby, 2 large exhibition halls, few academic and conference spaces, classrooms, and office spaces. The terrace of the building has provision for installation of solar panels.

One-floor-space in the building is pre allotted to the Society for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (SINE), Industrial Research and Consultancy Centre (IRCC) and IDC School of Design.

The event was well-attended by faculty, staff and students. The entire event was broadcast live on the YouTube link: <https://www.youtube.com/c/IITBombayOfficialChannel>

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