61st Convocation/Degree Distribution Function, Department of Mechanical Engineering, IIT Bombay

Date: August 20  
Day: Sunday  
Time: 9:00AM -12:30 PM  
Venue: Convocation Hall

Schedule:
9:00-10:00 AM : Reporting to Reception Desk and Pass Distribution;  
10:00 AM-12:30 PM : Degree Distribution Function.  
(The session will be live-streamed on youtube and a link will be made available here soon).

Chief Guest: Ankit Mehta, CEO, IdeaForge Technology Ltd.

Important note to degree receiving students: You must have received the links to confirm your participation of the event on your email. If that is not the case, please check your Spam/Bin folders, or contact Nishikant.meshram@iitb.ac.in for resending the link. All the students and parents will be seated inside the convocation hall throughout the degree awarding ceremony. A limited number of seats will be available for the existing students as well.

About the Chief Guest:

Ankit Mehta is the CEO and Whole-Time Director of ideaForge, a drone manufacturer for defense, homeland security, and industrial applications. He has been associated with ideaForge since its incorporation and has extensive experience in the drone industry. Ankit holds a Bachelor of Technology degree in Mechanical Engineering and a Master of Technology degree in Mechanical Engineering with specialization in Computer Aided Design and Automation from the Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay. Together with his team, Ankit has led ideaForge to become one of the global leaders among dual-use (Civil & Defense) drone manufacturers. In 2022, Drone Industry Insights ranked ideaForge as the 7th top dual-use (civil & military) drone manufacturer globally. ideaForge serves both domestic and international markets with a wide range of products that have feature-based differentiations such as weight class, endurance class, altitude range, payload types, and more. Notably, ideaForge is one of the few original equipment manufacturers ("OEMs") worldwide to have its own proprietary autopilot sub-system and ground control station software. The organization excels in integrating complex technologies to optimize the performance, reliability, and autonomy of its products. In addition to being listed as one of the top 35 entrepreneurs under the age of 35 in India by
Entrepreneur Magazine in 2017, Ankit was recognized as the Young Achiever of the Year by the Ascent Foundation in 2017. ideaForge has received several prestigious awards, including the Best Product Design Company in A&D at the Deftronics Awards in 2017 by IESA and the Marico Innovation Foundation's award for Business Innovation in 2018. Furthermore, Ankit and his Co-founders were honored with the Young Alumni Achiever Award by IIT Bombay in 2020. Ankit plays a prominent role in defining and standardizing UAV regulations in India as a member of the Drones Task Force, BVLOS BEAM Committee, and the UTM Committee. He actively provides neutral policy suggestions to positively impact the entire industry. Ankit is also the Co-Chair of the FICCI Committee on Drones.