

Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Pune

Press Release:

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Minister of Science and Technology & Earth Sciences visit to IITM

1-Feb 2016; IITM Pune: Honorable Union Minister of Science and Technology & Minister of Earth Sciences Dr. Harsh Vardhan **visited IITM** on 1st February **2015**. He was welcomed by Dr M. Rajeevan, Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences. Dr R. Krishnan, Director IITM briefly presented different research and development activities taken up by various ongoing MOES projects at IITM.

While addressing the IITM Employees, Dr Harsh Vardhan appreciated the work being done by the Institute in the area of Climate and Weather sciences, Monsoon prediction etc. He expressed that IITM is having a huge potential in determining the future of India in terms of socio and economic development. Further he added that IITM is having potential capabilities and facilities, which can really play an important role of a BHAGYA VIDHATA of the country.

He emphasized on the strengthening of existing advanced manpower training program of the Centre so that bright and talented young minds can be attracted to this specialized area. He advised IITM apart from its main focus on research, should also focus on new initiatives for betterment of community, dream for bigger achievements and to work on the lines of transformation of research to the socio economic interventions and reaching out the climate and weather services to 9 crore endusers such as farmers, fishermen, etc. Efforts should be made to train the entrepreneurs who can take the message of science to common people.

Dr Shailesh Nayak, Former Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences and Dr R.R. Kelkar, Former Director General, India Meteorological Department were also present during the occasion. Vote of thanks was delivered by Director, IITM. Dr Harsh Vardhan interacted with the media representatives and addressed their queries related to Earth Sciences issues during this occasion.

He also visited the High Performance Computing System HPC “Aditya”. HPC was showcased by Dr M. Rajeevan, Secretary, MOES and Dr Suryachandra Rao, Project Director HPC & Mission Mission. The program was came to an end with an interaction of all Project Directors of IITM.

PHOTOGRAPHS:



1) Hon'ble Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan while addressing to IITM Employees



2) Interaction with Media representatives during Press Briefing by Hon'ble Minister



3) Hon'ble Minister during HPC visit at IITM