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Ashwani Kumar, India's Minister of Science and Technology, delivers a public lecture at MIT on June 15 from 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Free and open to the public:

**MIT Stella Conference
77 Massachusetts Avenue
Third Floor, Room 7-338
Cambridge, MA 02139**



The Massachusetts Institute of Technology is honored to welcome India's Minister of Science and Technology, Ashwani Kumar on campus June 15 for the B&LK Securities MIT India Forum.

The Honorable Minister will speak from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. that day. His talk is titled "The Changing Face of Science and Technology Policy in India." The Honorable Minister will speak for 30 minutes, accept questions from the community, and then join the audience for a light reception that follows.

Minister Kumar has referred to 2010 - 2020 as India's "Decade of Innovation" and he will discuss his role in advancing India's recent policies to stimulate and encouraging scientific and technological development in India. He will also offer his thoughts on the outlook for the science and technology sector in the future.

Elected to Parliament in 2011 and appointed Minister of Science and Technology in 2012, Minister Kumar was previously a practicing attorney in the Indian Supreme Court and a Congress national spokesperson. He comes from a family with a long history of distinguished political service, the son of a former Speaker of Punjab Assembly.

The B&K Securities MIT India Forum is open to the general public and begins at 4:00 p.m. in the Stella Conference Room (Room 7-338), which is located on the third floor of MIT's main building at 77 Massachusetts Avenue (Great Dome Entrance), and is accessible by elevator or stairs.

The B&K Securities MIT India Forum is part of the MIT India Initiative, an Institute-wide effort to look at new ways of fostering MIT's century-long ties with India. Future Forums will continue on a quarterly basis, and may examine such topics as India's rapid economic transformation, R&D manufacturing in South Asia, and social enterprise.

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