



# **CONVOCATION DAY AWARDS & PRIZES REPORT 2021**





**Office of Alumni & Corporate Relations**

Indian Institute of Technology Madras

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The Indian Institute of Technology Madras is known both nationally and internationally for excellence in technical education, basic and applied research, innovation, entrepreneurship, and industrial consultancy. IIT Madras has been ranked as No. 1 institute in India in both 'Overall' and 'Engineering' Categories in NIRF 2021. IIT Madras has bagged the Top Rank in 'Overall' Category and No. 1 in 'Engineering' University in the year 2021.



IITM aims to provide sustainable solutions to societal problems- solutions which are made possible by contributions from alumni & well-wishers. The office of Alumni & Corporate Relations is striving under the guidance of Professor **Mahesh Panchagnula**, Dean Alumni & Corporate relations.

Recognizing academic excellence and rewarding the students, research scholars and faculties has been a tradition at IIT Madras for a long time. Institute Day, Convocation Day, AlumNite etc., are the occasions where such awards are presented. We have many awards funded by alumni as an endowment and the returns from the endowment are given as a prize to the students and faculties.



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# AMERICAN EXPRESS TOP ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

DONOR: AMERICAN EXPRESS INDIA PVT LIMITED

**Criteria:** This award is instituted in the year 2020. Awards consist of a Silver Medal of 2" dia and cash award of Rs.15000/- to the student with best academic performance of Inter Disciplinary Dual Degree Programme in Data Science branch.

## **Awardee Details:**

The following Student is awarded for "American Express Top Achievement Award":

Awardee Name	Roll No.	Degree
MAYUR VIKAS JOSHI	ME16B148	DUAL DEGREE

## **Recipient Voice**



"I am extremely honored and humbled to receive the American Express Top Achievement Award. I am earnestly grateful to IIT Madras for this recognition. I would like to thank my parents and family for their endless love, support, and encouragement. They have always had faith in me. I would like to thank all the professors who taught me invaluable lessons both inside and outside the classroom. I am also thankful to my friends - the friends who always motivated me to work hard, friends who have been invaluable mentors to me and the same friends who made IIT Madras a home away from home. I promise to live up to the expectations and standards set by this award."

- Mayur Vikas Joshi

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# AMERICAN EXPRESS AWARD

**DONOR: AMERICAN EXPRESS INDIA PVT LIMITED**

**Criteria:** This award is instituted in the year 2020. A Silver Medal of 2” dia and cash award of Rs.15000/- only for a women student with the best academic record amongst the B. Tech [4 years] students and Dual Degree [5 years].

## **Awardee Details:**

The following Student is awarded for “**American Express Ambition Award for Women for Excellence in B.Tech.**”:

<b>Awardee Name</b>	<b>Roll No.</b>	<b>Degree</b>
SWETHA SRINIVASAN	EP17B011	B. TECH

## **Recipient Voice**



“Thanks a lot for the recognition. This truly means a lot and motivates me to push the boundaries and put my best foot forward in all my ventures.”

- Swetha Srinivasan

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**Criteria:** This award is instituted in the year 2020. A Silver Medal of 2” dia and cash award of Rs.15000/- only to the women students with the best academic record among M. Tech. and M.Sc. programme.

## **Awardee Details:**

The following student is awarded for “**American Express Ambition Award for Women for Excellence in M. Tech, M S & M Sc.,**”:

<b>Awardee Name</b>	<b>Roll No.</b>	<b>Degree</b>
PAVITHRA N	MM19M021	M. TECH

## **Recipient Voice**



“I am happy to receive the award. It encourages me to do well in upcoming challenges in my career. Thanks so much!!!”

- Pavithra

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# BHAGYALAKSHMI AND KRISHNA AYENGAR AWARD

**DONOR: SRI SUDHIR SITARAM KRISHNA [1976/BT/ME]**

**Criteria:** This award is instituted in the year 2012. Best Research work of M.S./Ph.D. scholars (who are expected to receive the degree in 2021 convocation) and project work of final year B. Tech/Dual Degree/M. Tech/MBA/M. Sc. Students in the following areas: (i) Solar & alternative energy application; (ii) Energy efficiency; (iii) Pollution abatement (air, water, noise, etc.) & (iv) Infrastructure improvements (road, water, power, sewer, etc.)

## **Awardees Details:**

The following Students are awarded for “**Bhagyalakshmi and Krishna Ayengar Award**”:

<b>Awardee Name</b>	<b>Roll No.</b>	<b>Degree</b>
NIPPATLAPALLI NARASAMMA	CE16D031	PH. D
ABHISHEK SHARMA	EE19M003	M. TECH

## **Recipients Voice**



“Bhagyalakshmi and Krishna Ayengar Award-winning is an Awesome experience. I feel this is a great motivational tool for a researcher to concentrate on potential research work. I feel great and honored for receiving this award and for becoming a part of the versatile Bhagyalakshmi and Krishna Ayengar Award family. It has given me the inspiration to continue this legacy and encourage the best researchers. As an Alumni of IIT Madras, I take this pride forward and keep doing useful, and potential research work. I wholeheartedly thank Bhagyalakshmi and Krishna Ayengar Award family for recognizing my research work.”

- *Nippatlapalli Narasamma*



“I received the award for my M Tech project work titled ' UNDERSTANDING OF EPOXY NANOCOMPOSITES FOR INSULATION STRUCTURES IN POWER APPARATUS AND FOR EMI SHIELDING'. Please accept my heartfelt thanks and gratitude for the award bestowed upon me. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank my guide, Dr R. Sarathi, Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering for his continuous guidance and support throughout the project work.”

- *Abhishek Sharma*

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# PROF. G V N RAYUDU (IIT MADRAS) PRIZE

DONOR: PREMKUMAR GOGINENI

**Criteria:** This prize is Instituted in the year 2014. Award consist of a Silver Medal of 2" dia and cash award of Rs. 15000/- to Dual Degree [B. Tech & M. Tech] student with the best academic record in Mechanical Engineering.

## **Awardee Details:**

The following Student is awarded for “**Prof. G V N Rayudu Memorial Prize**”:

Awardee Name	Roll No.	Degree
MAYUR VIKAS JOSHI	ME16B148	DUAL DEGREE

## **Recipient Voice**



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- Mayur Vikas Joshi

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# HEMA BALASUBRAMANIAN EXCELLENCE AWARD

**DONOR: SHUBA KUMAR [1994/BT/MT]**

**Criteria:** This prize is Instituted in the year 2012. Award consist of a Silver Medal of 2" dia and cash award of Rs. 15000/- to Dual Degree B. Tech student with the best academic record in Engineering Physics.

## **Awardee Details:**

The following Student is awarded for “Hema Balasubramanian Excellence award”:

<b>Awardee Name</b>	<b>Roll No.</b>	<b>Degree</b>
SWETHA SRINIVASAN	EP17B011	B. TECH

## **Recipient Voice**



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- Swetha Srinivasan

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**PROF. K A V PANDALAI PRIZE**  
**DONOR: P. BALASUBRAMANIAN [1973/MT/IM]**

**Criteria:** This prize is Instituted in the year 2012. Award consist of Silver Medal of 2" dia and cash award of Rs. 15000/- to the M. Tech student with the best academic record in Ocean Technology & Management.

**Awardee Details:**

The following Student is awarded for "Prof. K A V Pandalai Prize":

Awardee Name	Roll No.	Degree
ROSHAN SINGH	OE19M021	M. TECH

**Recipient Voice**



"I am tremendously happy to receive the Prof. K A V Pandalai Prize award. This is among the most significant events of my student career, and I shall look at this day with great fondness. I assure you that this award will serve as a great motivator for all my future projects. I will strive to tread the path shown by my moral compass, while making the world a better place to live. I would also like to duly recognize my professors who taught me courses, and my friends for offering free therapy for all these years. And finally, to my parents on whom my success rides."

- Roshan Singh

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# DR. K. GOPINATH & PADMINI GOPINATH PRIZE

DONOR: K. GOPINATH [1970/MT/ME]

**Criteria:** This prize is Instituted in the year 2020. Award consist of a Silver Medal of 2” dia and cash award of Rs. 15000/- to the best academic record in Dual degree Automotive Engineering stream of Engineering Design Department.

## **Awardee Details:**

The following Student is awarded for “**Prof. K. Gopinath & Mrs. Padmini Gopinath Prize**”:

Awardee Name	Roll No.	Degree
V C RAGHURAM	ED16B057	DUAL DEGREE

## **Recipient Voice**



I am honored to receive the Prof. K. Gopinath & Mrs. Padmini Gopinath Prize for achieving the best Academic record in Dual degree Automotive Engineering stream of Engineering Design Department. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the donors for awarding this prize. I feel exhilarated and am at a loss of words. I consider this to be a truly special moment in my life. This award has strengthened my spirits and has inspired to work harder to reach greater heights. I would also like to thank this institution and all the professors who have helped me throughout my journey in this institution. Finally, I am grateful to my family and friends for their love and support.

- Raghuram

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## **DR. N R DAVE PRIZE**

**DONOR: NANDAKUMAR DAVE [1965/BT/CE]**

**Criteria:** This prize is Instituted in the year 2012. A Silver Medal of 2” dia and cash award of Rs.15000/- to the Dual Degree [B. Tech & M. Tech] student with the best academic record in Civil Engineering.

### ***Awardee Details:***

The following Student is awarded for “Dr. N R Dave Prize”:

<b>Awardee Name</b>	<b>Roll No.</b>	<b>Degree</b>
ANMOL AGARWAL	CE16B117	DUAL DEGREE

### ***Recipient Voice***



I am immensely grateful to receive the Dr. N R Dave prize, I thank him from the core of my heart for endowing this prize and recognizing the hard work of the students of Civil Engineering. It means a lot to me. I cherish it with a sense of pride, affection, and gratefulness for all my teachers and mentors at IIT Madras and more specifically at the Civil Engineering Department, who made me able to reach up to this level.

- *Anmol Agarwal*

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# **PREMA & NAGARAJA SETTY PRIZE**

**DONOR: PRASAD SETTY [1992/BT/CE]**

**Criteria:** This prize is Instituted in the year 2014. Award consist of a Silver Medal of 2" dia and cash award of Rs. 15000/- to Dual Degree [B. Tech & M. Tech] student with the best academic record in Engineering Design.

## **Awardee Details:**

The following Student is awarded for "Prema and Nagaraja Setty Prize":

<b>Awardee Name</b>	<b>Roll No.</b>	<b>Degree</b>
AKASH MITRA	ED16B002	DUAL DEGREE

## **Recipient Voice**



"I am very much honored to have received the Prema and Nagaraja Setty Prize for best academic performance in Dual Degree Engineering Design. Please convey my utmost gratitude to the donor for this prize."

- Akash Mitra

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**DR. S. S. SRIKANTA PRIZE**  
**DONOR: P. BALASUBRAMANIAN [1973/MT/IM]**

**Criteria:** This prize is Instituted in the year 2014. Awards consist of a Silver Medal of 2" dia and cash award of Rs. 15000/- to the M. Tech student with the best academic record in Clinical Engineering in Biotechnology.

**Awardee Details:**

The following Student is awarded for "Dr. S. S. Srikanta Prize":

Awardee Name	Roll No.	Degree
MUSKAN KHETAN	BT19M018	M. TECH

**Recipient Voice**



“Thank you to the donor and IIT Madras for motivating me to perform better in my future endeavors.”

*- Muskan Khetan*

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## **PROF. J. SOBHANADRI PRIZE**

**DONOR: JANDHYALA GOWRI KRISHNA [1983/PHD/PHY]**

**Criteria:** This award was instituted in the year 2014. Award consists of a Silver Medal of 2" dia and cash award of Rs. 15000/- to the Dual Degree [B.S. & M.S.] student with the best academic record in Physics.

### ***Awardee Details:***

The following Student is awarded for “**Prof. J. Sobhanadri Prize**”:

<b>Awardee Name</b>	<b>Roll No.</b>	<b>Degree</b>
ROHAN RAJGOPALAN IYER	PH16B007	DUAL DEGREE

### ***Recipient Voice***



“I am honored to receive this award from the donor. I thank you from the bottom of my heart. This will greatly help me in my career, this award has also encouraged and motivated me to pursue my goal.”

- Rohan Rajgopalan Iyer

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**SRI. S V BALAKRISHNAN PRIZE**  
**DONOR: VISWANATHAN B. [1977/BT/CE]**

**Criteria:** This prize is Instituted in the year 2012. Award consist of a Silver Medal of 2" dia and cash award of Rs. 15000/- to the M. Tech student with the best academic record in Catalysis Technology (Chemical Engineering).

**Awardee Details:**

The following Student is awarded for "Sri. S V Balakrishnan Prize":

Awardee Name	Roll No.	Degree
HARISH KUMAR K S	CA19M002	M. TECH

**Recipient Voice**



"I am extremely honored and thankful for being the recipient of Sri. S V Balakrishnan Prize for the academic year 2021 in M. Tech Chemical Engineering (specialization in Catalysis Technology)."

- Harish Kumar

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# **SRI. V. SRINIVASAN MEMORIAL PRIZE**

**DONOR: S GOPAL [1971/BT/EE]**

**Criteria:** This prize is Instituted in the year 2013. Award consist of a Gold-Plated Silver Medal of 2” dia and cash award of Rs.15000/- to the Dual Degree [B. Tech & M. Tech] student with the highest CGPA.

## **Awardee Details:**

The following Student is awarded for “Sri. V. Srinivasan Memorial Prize”:

<b>Awardee Name</b>	<b>Roll No.</b>	<b>Degree</b>
E SANTHOSH KUMAR	CS16B107	DUAL DEGREE

## **Recipient Voice**



“I am extremely honored to be receiving the Sri. V. Srinivasan Memorial Prize for the year 2021. I am earnestly grateful for the recognition I have received for my academic performance and am sure this award will motivate me to strive harder in the future. Thank you.!”

- *Santhosh Kumar*

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**DR. SUSAN CALVIN PRIZE**  
**DONOR: NAGARAJAN R [1981/BT/CH]**

**Criteria:** This prize is Instituted in the year 2020. Award consist of a Silver Medal of 2” dia and cash award of Rs. 15000/- to the best academic performance in Robotics branch of Inter Disciplinary Dual Degree Programme.

**Awardee Details:**

The following Student is awarded for “**Dr. Susan Calvin Prize**”:

Awardee Name	Roll No.	Degree
SHASHANK R	ME16B164	DUAL DEGREE

**Recipient Voice**



“I sincerely thank the donor for recognizing an accolade for the best academic performance in robotics interdisciplinary dual degree. This prize has exhorted me in dreaming big and given me the confidence of achieving higher goals in the newly emerging and rapidly developing field of engineering. Further, this award has added immense value to my current research carrier in robotics, thereby, paving my way towards a bright future as a researcher. Hence, I am deeply thankful to the donor and Indian Institute of Technology Madras to have awarded me with the Dr. Susan Calvin prize. I hereby promise to keep up my competency in the field and continue glowing bright.”

- Shashank

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## THE DIVASHRI AWARD

**DONOR: SHRIKUMAR SURYANARAYANAN [1982/BT/CH]**

**Criteria:** This prize is Instituted in the year 2012. Award consist of a Silver Medal of 2" dia and cash award of Rs. 15000/- to Dual Degree with the best academic record in Biological Sciences (Biotechnology).

### **Awardee Details:**

The following Student is awarded for "The Divashri Award":

Awardee Name	Roll No.	Degree
MOHAMMED FAIDH A	BS16B005	DUAL DEGREE

### **Recipient Voice**



"I thank the donor heartily for constituting this award. In what is largely an engineering institution, awards like these go a long way in encouraging the small population of undergraduate science students studying in IIT Madras."

- Mohammed Faidh

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