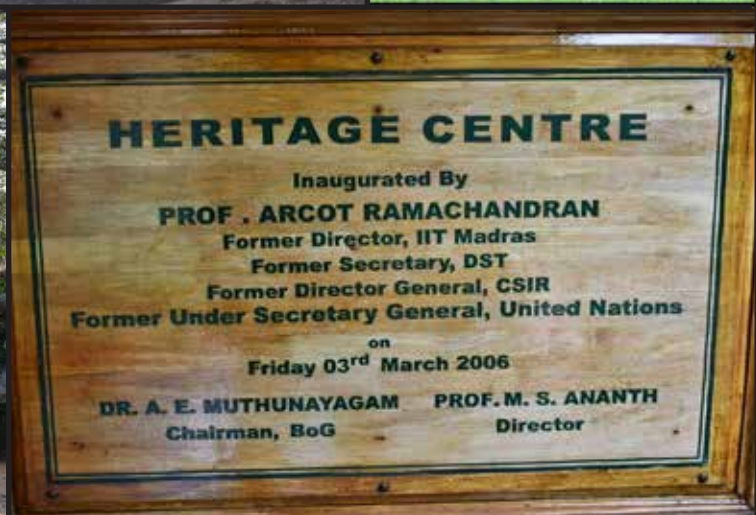


HERITAGE CENTRE

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The Heritage Center is a treasure trove of information and a repository of materials of heritage value and historical significance to IIT Madras. It includes the collection of artifacts include photographs, campus publications, newspaper clippings, the foundation stone that was laid at the inauguration of the institute in 1959 and so forth. It also houses an exhibition center and a small theater along with a green reading space with scenic views of the campus.

The Center was conceptualized in the year 2000 and was formally inaugurated by Dr. Arcot Ramachandran, former Director IIT Madras on 3rd March 2006. It is located on the ground floor of the administration building.

The following activities were conducted by the Heritage Center in 2022:

International conference 'Archiving the Contemporary'

Heritage Centre had organised an exhibition as part of the international conference 'Archiving the Contemporary'. The conference was organised by the Archive Project of IIT Madras, the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences and AITIA, the International Research Network at Exhibition Hall, IC&SR building, IIT Madras on 6th April 2022.



Thiru. Har Sahay Meena, I.A.S., Principal Secretary / Commissioner of Archives and Historical Research, Government of Tamil Nadu with staff of Heritage Center.



From left to right: Thiru. Har Sahay Meena, I.A.S., Principal Secretary / Commissioner of Archives and Historical Research, Government of Tamil Nadu, Egmore, Chennai, Prof. Roland Wittje, Faculty In Charge, Archive of IIT Madras, Dr. S. Ponnarasu, Archive Project Leader, Archive of IIT Madras and Mr. Kumaran Sathasivam, Operational Head of Heritage Centre, IIT Madras



Mr. Kumaran Sathasivam, Operational Head of Heritage Centre presenting at the Conference.



Heritage Centre Team and Archive Team, IIT Madras

Development of website



The revamped website of Heritage Centre <https://heritage.iitm.ac.in/> was made live in July 2022.

The website now also has a very interesting way to enable its users to view the Heritage Center with a 360-degree view. This entitles the user to view the Center as if being physically in the Center itself!

Creation of metadata

The team has been working to create metadata of the photographic collection of the Heritage Centre. This invaluable compendium of photographs which carry invaluable memories for all those who have passed through the portals of the institute have been preserved for viewing. These photographs are also saved digitally so that they can be accessed from anywhere. This exercise is being carried out to categorically segregate and save this information in a structured manner so that it can be accessed easily.

Oral History Project

What best way to know more about the Institute than hearing it from those who are associated with this campus.

Recorded conversations are held with the Alumni, staff and others associated with the Institute to learn in depth about the history and growth of the departments and about IIT in general. We have recorded more than 60 Oral History Interviews so far. The videos also have subtitles so that it reaches a wider audience.

To watch videos of the Oral History project - [Click Here](#)



Revamping of Heritage Centre

Renovation works are currently being carried out at the Heritage Center to accommodate the expanding collection of items. The work that was started in January 2022 is estimated to be completed by December 2022.



Glass display towards the entrance of the Administration building



Central dome work



Entrance of the Heritage Centre





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