

# CELEBRATING YOUR GENEROSITY MR. RAM SHRIRAM



**Indian Institute of Technology Madras**  
Office of Alumni and Corporate Relations



## Prof. KAMAKOTI VEEZHINATHAN Director, IITM

IIT Madras continues to retain her top position for the seventh consecutive year, in the National Institute Ranking Framework, thanks to the world class research of its faculty and students. The contribution and support of *Alumni and well-wishers like you* has crucially helped this standing and stature. Our achievements in research, education, innovation and entrepreneurship have also earned us the recognition of an 'Institute of Eminence' as well as the top position in the Atal Innovation Ranking from the Government of India. The institute is making an indelible mark with her '*research with impact*' in several areas including quantum computing, drinking water technology, industrially relevant mathematical models for governance, rendering cancer-cure more effective. Our centres of excellence, the Center for Innovation, *Nirmaan* – the pre-incubator, the Incubation Cell, technology centres such as '*IITM-Pravartak*' and others, work in unison for not just *our nation's* building, but *societies world-wide*. We aspire to be locally impactful and globally relevant through all these efforts.

Towards exploring new research frontiers, a Department of Medical Sciences and Technology is being launched to conjoin medicine and engineering. Similarly, a School of Sustainability is on the horizon to research sustainable practices in the Global South. The campus is moving towards 'carbon-net-zero' goal through water conservation by 100% recycling, efficient garbage disposal, and electrification of vehicles. The traditional education system is undergoing a paradigm shift, with our online Bachelor of Science programme in Data Sciences and the National Programme of Technology Enhanced Learning, that have won Gold in the 'Lifelong Learning' category and Silver in the 'Best Online Programme' category of the Wharton-QS Reimagine Education Awards 2022 respectively. *Your alma mater* is leading this revolution from the front.

Such achievements are not possible without the deep-rooted faith and support of alumni and well-wishers such as yourself. We are indebted to you for your generous, bountiful, and impactful contributions. On behalf of IIT Madras, I offer you our deepest gratitude for continuing to strengthen the Institute. Together with your support, we are confident of building an IIT Madras that is more inclusive, diverse, and enabled by an ecosystem to be nationally relevant and globally recognised. Thank you!



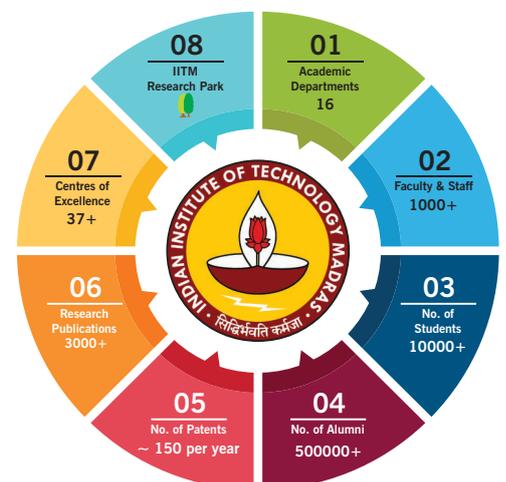
IIT Madras has consistently performed in an excellent manner over the years. World class systems have been created and maintained to uphold and strengthen key performance indicators of the Institute.

### A FEW SUCH PRESTIGIOUS ACHIEVEMENTS ARE:

Ranked first among engineering institutes in the NIRF rankings.

Ranked first in the Atal Innovation rankings.

Declared as an Institute of Eminence during its Diamond Jubilee celebrations.





## Prof. MAHESH PANCHAGNULA

Dean, Alumni & Corporate Relations, IITM

Dear Mr Ram Shriram,

I express my heartfelt gratitude to you for your generous support to IIT Madras. We appreciate your passion in supporting the causes you do, and I assure you that your contributions will be optimally utilised. This report has been compiled by your 'Donor Relationship Manager', to convey how your largesse has touched lives and made a difference at IIT Madras. In keeping with the rapid, contemporary strides in science, technology we

have set ambitious goals for ourselves - your continued enthusiasm and support will help us greatly in these endeavours.

IIT Madras that you left behind as a graduating student is very different from the IIT Madras of today. It is far more diverse in its set of pursuits, greener and more research-focused. And yet, it remains unchanged from your time that, it is still the best Institute in the country, and attracts the best students that India has to offer to come and make a mark. I also cordially invite you to visit *your* campus to see for yourself, the impact of your contribution, and the growth and transformation the Institute has undergone over the years.

We can never express our gratitude enough for all that you have done - *Thank You!*



**GIVING IS NOT JUST ABOUT  
MAKING A DONATION -  
IT'S ABOUT MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

Ram Shriram started Sherpalo in January, 2000, with the goal of applying his wealth of operating and company building experience to promising early stage ventures. As a technology industry insider for over 30 years he has worked in companies large and small across all functional areas and through fluctuating business cycles.

He is always eager to roll up his sleeves and work closely with founding teams on the challenging issues that confront and sometimes confound early stage ventures.

## RAM SHRIRAM



Ram's knowledge of and advice on issues ranging from raising venture capital, key management hiring, making the right product choices and defining and adapting the business model to changing market conditions has helped many start-ups secure early customer wins, build momentum from a standing start, and generate international growth.

## HIS CAREER JOURNEY

					
Founder	Vice President (Business Development)	Member of the Netscape executive team	Founding Board Member	Board Member	Board Member

				
Board Member	Board Member	Board Member	Supporter	Supporter

## HIS LOVE FOR PHILANTHROPY

*Life is fleeting, and permanence in this world is something we all strive for. The best way to achieve permanence is through philanthropy.*

**- Ram Shriram**

# THE INCREDIBLE STORY OF RAM SHRIRAM



## ONE OF GOOGLE'S FIRST INVESTORS



#3 in the Forbes Midas List in 2008 & 2009. Ram was recognized as being among the top tech dealmakers by Forbes.

#6 in Top Ten kingmakers in Tech by Business 2.0 magazine, in 2007.



## AWARDED THE ELLIS ISLAND MEDAL OF HONOR IN 2020.

The Ellis Island Medals are presented annually to American citizens, both native-born or naturalized, those who have made it their mission to share their wealth of knowledge, indomitable courage, boundless compassion, unique talents and selfless generosity with those less fortunate.



# RAM SHRIRAM MERIT SCHOLARSHIP IMPACT CREATED OVER THE YEARS



## STUDENTS BENEFITED

YEAR	NUMBER
2017-18	67
2018-19	74
2019-20	81
2020-21	116
2021-22	130
2022-23	144

## 'THANK YOU' NOTES FROM SOME BENEFICIARIES



*"I thank Mr. Ram Shriram for helping students to achieve their goals. I am very grateful for selecting me for the great initiative of the 'Ram Shriram Scholarship'. It is giving financial support to my educational expenses and minimizing financial burden on my parents. It motivates students like me to achieve their goals in future. Thank you, sir!!"*

Roll No	Name	Year
CS21B062	Pachikura Pothuraju	2021-2025



*"Scholarship donors are generous and caring people who unselfishly give to support the educational endeavours of students like me. I am very grateful to Mr. Ram Shriram for this scholarship. It is very kind of you to provide scholarship even during pandemic times. I can't possibly repay you. I can never thank you enough, but this is a start. You took common courtesy to an uncommon level. We, students like me, are very grateful to you.."*

Roll No	Name	Year
CS19B020	Gurram Sathvika	2019-2023



*"A 'Thank You' is not enough for you, Sir. This Scholarship means a lot to my family and me. I am very grateful to you, Sir, for selecting me as one of the recipients. This Scholarship not only removes the financial burden but also gives me mental relief to focus more on my studies!"*

Roll No	Name	Year
CS21B042	Kosireddy Sampath Kumar	2021-2025



*"I am very grateful to Mr. Ram Shriram Sir for providing support in the form of this scholarship. We really appreciate your help, and the money couldn't have arrived at a better time!"*

Roll No	Name	Year
CS21B031	Guntupalli Asish Sai	2021-2025



*"I'm truly grateful for receiving this scholarship from Mr Ram Shriram. Merit-Based scholarships like this, have not only helped me financially but also kept me motivated to pursue my goals. I'm really thankful to Mr Ram Shriram and all the people who made this programme possible for supporting students in IITM and this also encourages me to keep this culture continuing after I become an alumni. Thanks !!"*

Roll No	Name	Year
CS20B031	DJ Hemesh	2020-2024



*"I am very grateful to Mr. Ram Shriram for providing me with this scholarship. I will keep working hard and make sure that every penny counts. Your act of giving back to society inspires me to work for the betterment and upliftment of humanity. Once again, thanks for this opportunity...!"*

Roll No	Name	Year
CS21B059	Nikhil Narula	2021-2025



*"I am very thankful for the donor Mr. Ram Shriram. It is very kind of you to provide the scholarship. It really helped me and my family a lot to pay institute fee, and it really motivates me to study further and harder. These kinds of scholarships really help students to concentrate on studies. I really thank you and your work for giving students this good opportunity.."*

Roll No	Name	Year
CS21B025	Doddam Sasi Kumar Reddy	2021-2025



*"Respected sir, thank you for selecting me for availing this scholarship. It has been of enormous help during these trying times, and it motivates me to become a person that can aid students similarly in the future. I am grateful for this financial aid; it will be a huge support for my education and will allow me to pursue my goals without worry. It encourages and motivates me to give my best in every task I attempt to achieve, and I hope to make the most of this opportunity."*

Roll No	Name	Year
CS21B065	Pranita Vasudeva Rao	2021-2025



*"I am very grateful for the Ram Shriram scholarship. Not only did the scholarship help with my financial situation as we emerged from the pandemic, but it also fostered my confidence in my intelligence, that is considerable enough to earn my scholarship. I thank Mr. Ram Shriram for providing me with such a scholarship."*

Roll No	Name	Year
EE21B059	Jagarlamudi Jayachandra	2021-2025

# RAM SHRIRAM'S SUPPORT TO THE IIT MADRAS ONLINE BSc PROGRAMME

IIT Madras, offers the world's first 4-year Bachelor of Science (BS) Degree in Data Science and Applications with options to exit earlier in the Foundation, Diploma or BSc degree levels. The classes are taught by experienced IIT Madras faculty and industry experts that can be accessed by learners from anywhere. The programme is very popular, and more than 16000 students are enrolled in it. More information is available here

<https://onlinedegree.iitm.ac.in/>

Students whose parents have an annual income less than Rs. 5 Lakh are being supported by the Ram Shriram scholarships.

## SUPPORT FROM MR RAM SHRIRAM TO THE FOUNDATION LEVEL PROGRAMME

Number of Students who are being supported: 100

37 Students have completed the Foundation Level course and 63 are still pursuing the course.

### HERE ARE SOME TESTIMONIALS FROM THESE STUDENTS.



*"Thank you sir. I feel very blessed and grateful. I am from Madanapalli in Andhra Pradesh. Your scholarship is helping me a lot. I don't need to stress my parents to pay my fee every time. The scholarship you are providing is favouring me in all ways."*

- Sravani V, Madanapalli, Andhra Pradesh

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*"Sir, your scholarship is a great help for all of us. Financial help motivates us to continue our studies. Thank you so much. Please shower your blessings always. We are your proud students."*

Manitha TP, Chennai, Tamil Nadu

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## SUPPORT FROM MR RAM SHRIRAM TO THE DIPLOMA LEVEL PROGRAMME

Number of Students who are being supported: 140

12 Students have completed the Diploma Level course and 128 are still pursuing the course.

Here are some testimonials from these students.



*"This scholarship is helping me to cover my tuition costs. It gives me motivation to work harder so that one day I can have a Firm of my own which can provide scholarships to the then needy students. Thank you for your support to the future minds of India."*

Harsh Tripathi, Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh

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Khushi, Delhi

*"I don't have any words, I'm short of words right now. Even 'Thank you' seems so little in front of the amount of help and support I got due to this scholarship. It is like you gave a homeless person a big home, like a thirsty person got a tank of water and a promise that you will never be thirsty again in your life."*

*This is something huge and I respect this kind of kindness of the entire team and the foundation as well. This is a real help, and the course is amazing with excellent professors. This scholarship came at a time when I was thinking about the amount to be paid for the diploma. I may even have dropped out of this course just because of the money problem.*

*This course happened only because of the scholarship. My sincere thanks to this foundation."*

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*"This scholarship is helping me and my family economically, as it helps to cover my educational expenses. This allows me to concentrate and study with no worries. Your generous contribution has allowed me to pursue my diploma in data programming at IIT Madras. Ram Shriram scholarship has paid for my educational expenses and will help me to focus on my academic pursuits. Without your donation, I wouldn't have been able to raise the funds necessary to fulfil my ambition of becoming a programmer. Thank you for your continued support."*

- Aiswarya C M, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala

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*"This scholarship is the only reason why I am able to pursue this degree. Whoever is the sponsor of this scholarship, I am heartily thankful and grateful for him. I will definitely make sure that some day I will be able to pay him back with my services. Thank you so much sir for selecting me for this scholarship. Sir, it will be really great for me if sometime I could meet you in person. I am very thankful for your kind heartedness because you selected me for this scholarship. I will be always grateful to you. And I hope to meet you some day and learn from you. Once again thanks a lot sir."*

- Govind Soni, Jaipur Rajasthan

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*"Thank you Mr. Ram Shriram for funding my education. It is only due to this scholarship I am able to continue my education. Initially I was doing a part time job for funding my education. Doing a job and pursuing education simultaneously is very difficult. After getting this scholarship I resigned from that job. Now I can focus only on studies."*

- Gyan Vardhan Tyagi, Hapur, Uttar Pradesh

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## MR RAM SHRIRAM'S DONATION OF LAPTOPS

Mr Ram Shriram also graciously donated a large sum towards **donation of laptops** for deserving students undergoing the online BSc programme. The amount so donated **would help 100 students located all over India** possess laptops, something they perhaps could not have afforded easily otherwise. The office of the National Programme for Technology Enhanced Learning (**NPTEL**) at IIT Madras selected these students, and arranged to have their laptops delivered to them in their city of residence.

As a representative gesture of this pan-India laptop-donation activity, **five students** were invited to IIT Madras on **03 Nov 22**, to receive their laptops in person, at an event organized by the office of Alumni and Corporate Relations. Prof. Mahesh Panchagnula, Dean Alumni & Corporate Relation, Prof. Andrew Thangaraj, Head of the NPTEL and BS Online Programme and Prof. Vignesh Muthuvijayan, along with other officials were present on the occasion.

The video of the laptop donation event, along with the 'Thank You' messages from the students can be viewed at

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Prof. Andrew Thangaraj and Prof. Vignesh Muthuvijayan, have also conveyed their personal messages for Mr. Ram Shriram. Prof. Andrew Thangaraj's message can be viewed at

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Please click here to view Prof. Vignesh's message

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Prof. Mahesh Panchagnula, Dean Alumni & Corporate Relations, presenting a laptop to Mr. Logadeepan, one of the students of the BSc Online Programme, on 03 Nov 2022



The five proud recipients who received their '**Ram Shriram Laptops**' in person, with Prof. Mahesh, Prof. Andrew Thangaraj, Head NPTEL, Prof. Vignesh and other officials



Dear Mr Ram Shriram, you will be happy to note that the **NPTEL has won 'Gold'** in 'Lifelong Learning' Award Category and the **IIT Madras BS Programme** in Data Science and Applications **has won Silver** in the 'Best Online Programme' Category of the Wharton-QS Reimagine Education Awards 2022 ! Thank you again for the magnanimous support for the Programme!

# WE ARE GRATEFUL TO YOU!

**MR. RAM SHRIRAM**

Thank you for your sustained generosity to IIT Madras over the years. Contributors such as yourself enable our students and Professors to dream big and work towards a better and brighter future. We hope you are proud of your relations with IIT Madras and how it has remained steadfastly committed to academic and research excellence. You and your family have been instrumental in facilitating this significant growth.

Our efforts to nurture the culture of academic excellence that is the hallmark of IIT Madras - quality education, cutting-edge research, and unfettered creativity shall continue. We are privileged and humbled to have you and your family walking with us along this trail. We wish you and your family the best always in all walks of life!



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