



## Celebrating Your Generosity of

Mr. GDS Ramkumar and Mrs. Arunashree Bhamidipati



### Impact of your Giving in 2023



# Director's Message

**Prof. KAMAKOTI VEEZHINATHAN**  
Director, IITM



## Greetings,

IIT Madras continues to retain her top position for the eighth 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 has been 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 Program of Technology Enhanced Learning, that have won Gold in the 'Lifelong Learning' category and Silver in the 'Best Online Program' category of the Wharton-QS Reimagine Education Awards 2022 respectively. IIT Madras 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!

# Dean Alumni & Corporate Relation's Message

Prof. Mahesh Panchagnula



## Greetings,

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 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 is far more diverse in its set of pursuits, more green and more research-focused. And yet, it remains unchanged over these years, 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 !



## **GDS Ramkumar**

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GDS Ramkumar is a technology professional and entrepreneur with over 20 years of experience in developing innovative mobile applications and software. He co-founded the startup SnapTell in 2006 followed by Swell in 2012. SnapTell, which developed innovative visual search technologies, was acquired by Amazon subsidiary A9. Swell, which developed a podcast recommendation system, was acquired by Apple. Ramkumar is a proud alumnus of IIT Madras. He graduated with B. Tech Degree in Computer Science and was the recipient of the President of India gold medal. He holds a PhD in Computer Science from Stanford University.

The report will present a thorough assessment of the impact that your contributions have made towards the causes outlined below:

- 1** 1990 Batch Silver Reunion
- 2** Women Leading IITM
- 3** Endowment Fund
- 4** IITMF Operational Fund

# 1990 Batch Silver Reunion Innovation and Entrepreneurship Endowment Fund

1990 batch silver reunion endowment interest received from the donors of United States supporting E-Summit every year.



**E-Cell IIT MADRAS**  
Powering Entrepreneurship at IITM



## E-Cell

The Entrepreneurship Cell at IIT Madras has been at the forefront of entrepreneurship. At E-Cell, entrepreneurship is not just about the results but the pathway it took to reach there and the mentality that made it possible. E-Cell enables students and faculty to solve global challenges, nurture them and provide them with opportunities for excellence. It also aims to unlock students' latent inventive potential. Not only do we show them the doors of opportunity, but we also equip them to walk through it. We hope to build a network of entrepreneurial enthusiasts through our conferences, social events, lectures, speaker engagements, and workshops.

## The Big Bang Of Us

If you traveled back in time, you would notice many changes. For one, some time-travel theories would be proven right, and for another, the entire landscape of this institution would change. By landscape, we do not mean the trees and lakes that have been here for the past few centuries (you're only ever allowed to go back as far as 1998, I'm afraid) but rather, the people, their thoughts, and energies – you'd have a hard time finding similarities.

Perhaps most devastatingly, our Entrepreneurship cell (thank you very much) would be nowhere in sight, nor would there be phones-smart or otherwise, or even radios (Nope, radios were all the vogue in 1990; we hate them). That brings us to a beautiful story – how did IIT Madras, an institution so full of people against entrepreneurship in the past, end up becoming the face of Entrepreneurial India, the place of India's first Research Park of its kind?

We set our gaze on two boys pursuing, naturally, computer science degrees in 1998-99 and, in typical IIT-M style, running a business from their hostels secretly. When the news reached the ears of two professors – and this is a true story – they merely winked at the boys and let them go. One of those professors – Prof. L.S. Ganesan, went on to represent IIT Madras nationally in matters of entrepreneurship in the following years, but before all that came a forum the Entrepreneurship Encouragement

## E- Summit

With the startup culture in India booming, innovation is getting deep-rooted into our culture. Anyone who takes the unconventional path, thinks creatively, and creates groundbreaking innovations to solve problems, is a Changemaker. With such changemakers present at every corner of our country; Trailblazing impact can be created when they are brought together.

E-Summit 2023 with the theme of "Assemblage of Changemakers", is our annual flagship entrepreneurship fest filled with 4 conclaves – Youth Conclave, Innovator's Conclave, Startup Conclave, and Sustainability Conclave. These conclaves along with our Highlight Speakers and Networking opportunities are curated to serve the audience in all stages of their entrepreneurial journey.

Forum – making a brief appearance to foreshadow the existence of E-Cell (RIP Entrepreneurship Encouragement Forum).

As though a phoenix, the entrepreneurial spirit made a strong comeback in the institute after momentarily dying down – owing to one of the biggest booms nationally (except perhaps babies and electronics) – the dot-com companies. Once and for all, the dot-com companies established the importance of entrepreneurship and then began, C-Tides: Centre for Technological Innovation, Development, and Entrepreneurship Support – E-cell's precursor.

C-TIDES began by hosting small talks, then workshops, followed by competitions that were all received so well that their wider reach demanded a name change – less than a decade ago, C-TIDES officially became E-Cell. Evolving over years – here we are, hosting the third largest phenomenon in IIT-M – the E-summit, 2023.

E-Cell isn't the sole propagator of Entrepreneurial culture within IIT Madras. Nirmaan – a pre-incubator cell,

supports ideas with various resources to reach the incubation stage. When ready for the next step, the Incubation Cell of IIT Madras helps startups launch themselves at the IITM Research Park. Incubation cell nurtures new technologies and companies through their startup phase. It provides space and resources to these companies through a Research Park. They support the founders to survive in the competitive atmosphere by sharing resources like space, infrastructure, access to a business support system, mentoring, and training programs to improve their skill sets and to feed funds. The Rural Technology And Business Incubator (RTBI) works towards Doubling India's Rural GDP, facilitating affordable technology development appropriate to the rural context and enabling startup entrepreneurs to build rural inclusive business models.

The Center for Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CSIE) at IIT-Madras, founded in August 2010 with a focus on teaching and research related to social enterprise in India, aims to bring together the innovation and entrepreneurship aspects of IITM by creating knowledge and understanding that will be of relevance to the problems that the poor in India face. GDC

(Gopalakrishnan- Deshpande Centre for innovation and entrepreneurship) builds capacity in researchers from STEM universities, incubators, research institutions, and corporates to maximize the impact of deep-tech research through scalable startups. By enabling faculty and researchers in STEM universities across India to commercialize their research ideas and innovations, we help them go from lab to market.

The entrepreneurial division at IIT Madras has successfully transformed the startup ecosystems and, thus, the notion of becoming an Entrepreneur. E-Cell strives to empower entrepreneurship. It's a startup in itself that functions to provide. It is the beginning!

## The Key StartUp Ingredient : TEAM



### The Work Environment in startups

Startups are known for their dynamic and fast paced environments. The goals and deliverables in startups keep changing rapidly, reflecting the constant influx of feedback.

The scope for the precise definition of roles among the people in startups is limited by the number of available hands to carry out the jobs in the startup. As a consequence of the interplay of the dynamic startup environment and the blurry line of roles, people in startups wear multiple hats. One day they could be a part of ideating a new marketing strategy, while on another day, they would be working on collecting data and feedback from prospective customers.

The responsibility and autonomy one gets in startups are significantly higher when compared to traditional jobs. A decision an individual makes has the potential to grow the startup exponentially but also to close down the startup's operations. These high stakes are what make startups lucrative for some.

The startup work environment is not all roses. It is a highly competitive environment where decisions are made under high pressure. When building a startup, one needs to develop

'thick skin' - a phrase commonly used to describe that founders need to get used to getting rejected repeatedly and yet persevering. And working with a good team could help me overcome tough times

### Things to consider while making a team

#### 1. Complimentary Co-Founders

The most important thing among co-founders is trust. The co-founding team needs to have trust in each and every member. Trust that all of them are doing their very best for the startup. A part of this trust comes from shared values. This is partly why most founding teams are formed from a common social group. The next best thing is a founding team with complementary skill sets. However, skills can also be developed on demand.

#### 2. Motivation

A team member's motivation is crucial in a startup. The motivation should be such that it lets the person take ownership of the situation at hand. In most co-founder teams, equity is the driving motivation to be a part of the startup. Micromanaging team members could consume precious potential when human resources are limited.

#### 3. Know what to expect

A startup journey is, in almost all cases, a bumpy road of setbacks and rejections. Although the very nature of the journey is unpredictable, one needs to be prepared for the unexpected

#### 4. Communication

Startups are the result of a lot of collaborative effort. It becomes essential to communicate one's thoughts effectively. Albeit this comes with experience, it is important to remember to have those hard conversations with the team.

### Overview

Entrepreneurship education is defined as the development of attitudes, behaviours and capacities that can be applied during an individual's career as an entrepreneur. The notion stretches beyond merely teaching students to start a new business to incorporate other rich learning experiences that are gained from an educational environment. Collectively, these interventions promote "...desire, self-reliance, awareness of opportunity, adaptability to change and tolerance of risk and ambiguity by modifying attitudes, and instilling attributes, intentions, behaviours, knowledge and skills enabling individuals and groups to participate meaningfully in all aspects of life, create something of value, and gain financial independence, or personal satisfaction, or both". Entrepreneurship education is complex as demonstrated by the diversity of its goals and the multiplicity of the ways and contexts in which it is offered. As a result, entrepreneurship-related instructional programmes assume various forms and appellations.

Firstly, education "for" entrepreneurship is designed for individuals who want to start and run a business. Hence the curriculum of such a course emphasises cognate competencies. Secondly, education "in" entrepreneurship stresses the practical side of entrepreneurship. Therefore, participants in such to entrepreneurship education outcomes like increased entrepreneurship intention compared to those who exhibit less of those characteristics (Hansemark, 2003), hence the call to concentrate more resources on developing more tractable individuals. Notwithstanding the preceding arguments, there is counter-evidence, albeit ambivalent, which suggests that individual psychological traits are stable and therefore cannot be altered by exposure to external intervention measures (McCrae & Costa Jr., 1994; Cobb-Clark & Schurer, 2012). Other studies have questioned predictive power of personality traits on entrepreneurial intentions (Llewellyn & Wilson, 2003). However, it is important to note that these findings came from studies which over-concentrated on the big five personality attributes (Openness, Conscientiousness, Extraversion, Agreeableness and Neuroticism), and also did not precisely define the nature of entrepreneurial intentions under-consideration as many past studies were hampered by definitional ambiguities of the concept (Fayolle & Liñán, 2014; Liñán & Fayolle, 2015). Recent studies have suggested programmes learn by acting and behaving entrepreneurially. Focus is on the ability to move from idea recognition to creating value for customers. Thirdly, education "about" entrepreneurship as Hoppe, Westerberg, & Leffler say in their journal in 2017 "follows the academic tradition and poses the question: how can we explain and understand entrepreneurship?". Lastly, education "through" entrepreneurship seeks to equip participants with human competencies that encourage an entrepreneurial approach to the pursuit of societal goals. Thus, participants have to "live" entrepreneurship. In this regard, every member of society, whatever their station in life, is expected to eventually do things entrepreneurially.

## Inside the World Of Data Driven Entrepreneurship

The launch of Facebook in 2004 marked a new era in terms of the personal data available on the internet. It was pivotal in changing the way society remained connected. Information could be shared with family and friends in a single click through pictures, videos, and biodata. All was unicorns and rainbows till the distressing news of personal data leakage of about 553 million Facebook users. From this incident, several companies and consumers realized data is a valuable asset that requires proper care. Data privacy was then identified as a fundamental right.

Data, today, provides a vantage point in policy making and strategic planning in industries, militaries and government. Even though data provides more helpful outcomes to the consumer and enhances the ease of service delivery, it side-by-side creates a challenge to the privacy of the individual. In the past they may have said "Knowledge is power" but the new reality is that "Data is the new oil"

As a crucial resource, data transgresses almost every aspect of human life like food, traveling, entertainment and perception building. It is clear that any startup in any sector would have to handle data in one form or the other. In these quests, data gathering extends to the most private aspects of an individual which may be critical not merely to his dignity as a human but also to his security as a being. Therefore, the handling of data plays a monumental role in the growth of a startup. It helps them to understand the needs of their customers, identify market tendencies and make informed decisions. In most ways startups are more suited to utilize data, since they're generally more agile and able to act more quickly on data-driven insights.

**Customer Data** includes demographics, behavioral analysis, preferences and feedback. The data is utilized to comprehend customer needs, make targeted marketing campaigns and develop products that meet the needs of the customers.

**Financial Data** includes Revenue statements, cash flows and expenses. These are necessary to understand the spending and profitability of the startup.

**Operational Data** includes inventory, production and supply chain. This helps in keeping track of inventory that meets demand and optimizing processes.

**Marketing Data** includes customer acquisition cost, conversion rates, and engagement metrics. This data measures the effectiveness of their campaigns and further helps to optimize their marketing strategies.

According to projections, cybercrime is forecast to cost the global economy \$10.5 trillion by 2025, reflecting a 15% increase year on year. Consider the case of a single company- Uber. It announced on December 12th, 2022 that a hacker under the pseudonym "UberLeaks" obtained data of more than 70,000 employees. The company believed

this data breach was due to a third-party vendor, Teqativity, who had compromised their mobile device management system. This was not the first time this company was under attack! Firstly, in 2016, Uber was forced to pay \$100,000 to hackers to cover up for a security breach. Later in 2018, the company paid \$148 million in a settlement related to the incident with attorney generals. Uber again suffered a data breach in mid- September 2022, which led to the shutting down of their internal messaging service and engineering systems. This hacker also claimed that it could hack into the company's database. This pushed Uber into a legal battle with thousands of dollars as fees. It becomes imperative that with moving times, startups, especially the nascent ones, do realize that data security is key for organizations. Startups should have a comprehensive data security plan to keep their data secure. Understanding hackers' methodologies can mitigate the imminent threat of data loss. By monitoring trends and new technologies, cybersecurity professionals can prevent the potentially catastrophic damage of a large-scale data breach

## GOVERNMENT POLICIES

### Introduction to the Indian startup story

India is a growth story, from a nation steeped in poverty and economic stagnation to a nation heralded as a "Vishwaguru" or "global teacher". An important component of this story is the Indian Startup. India has nurtured startups in several fields, right from deep tech and artificial intelligence to healthcare and agriculture. These startups have not only reserved for themselves a significant market share, but have been instrumental in changing the landscape of several key sectors. They have even managed to create entirely new avenues and areas for growth. An important example is the ed-tech sector, which is currently dominated by startups such as Byju's, Unacademy, Vedantu, etc. Startups provide important services both to consumers and industries, thus improving the standard of living as well as industrial efficiency.

## STARTUP INDIA 2022

# The Impact Of Indian Startup On The Economy

**2nd Highest**

number of internet users in the world

**3rd Largest**

startup ecosystem in the world in terms of unicorns & total number of startups

**61%**  
internet Penetration

**\$131 Bn+**  
venture capital inflow since 2014

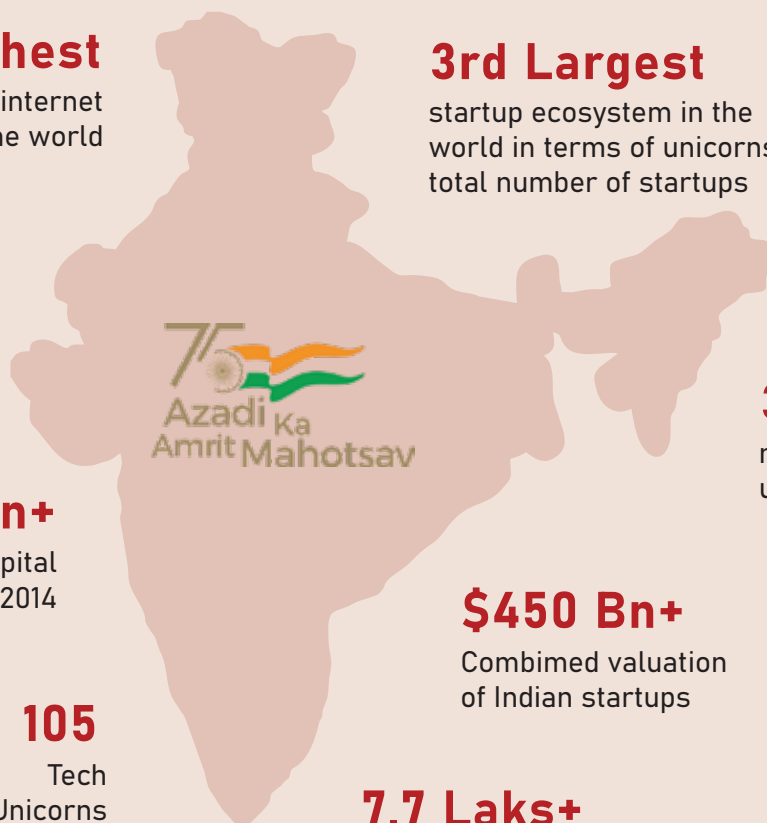
**105**  
Tech Unicorns

**7.7 Laks+**

Jobs created

**373 Mn+**  
rural internet users

**\$450 Bn+**  
Combined valuation of Indian startups





Apart from the economy, there have also been key contributions from startups in job creation, scientific and technological advancements, improving access to credit, modernising the informal sector, etc. Startups such as Agnikul Cosmos are involved in research and development in the key area of space technology. There are several startups in various stages involved in renewable energy technology and climate technology. In this light, it is imperative for the government to take proactive steps to provide opportunities and funding for startups. The government has taken sustained efforts to fund existing startups and provide

avenues for new startups. These efforts have resulted in increasing the number of recognized Startups from 452 in 2016 to 84,012 in 2022. According to Shri Piyush Goyal, the Union Minister for Commerce and Industry, start-ups will change the destiny of modern India in 25 years. Such is the importance given by the government to bolster and energise the startup sector. Two of the most important steps in this direction are the Startup India Mission and the Atal Innovation Mission, both launched in 2016.

## The Startup India Mission



Startup India is a flagship initiative of the Government of India, intended to catalyse startup culture and build a strong and inclusive ecosystem for innovation and entrepreneurship in India.

The important objectives of this mission include:

1. Improving the ease of doing business, especially for startups.
2. Setting up the Startup India Seed Fund Scheme (SISFS) to ensure easy availability of capital for early-stage entrepreneurial ventures.
3. Improving visibility by organising the Startup India Innovation Week and several other awards for the best upcoming startups, collectively under the National Startup Awards.
4. Granting startups income tax exemption for a period of three years.
5. Encouraging schemes for women entrepreneurs
6. Setting up of the Government e Marketplace (GEM) to facilitate startups to bid for government tenders and become a seller to the Government through the Government e Marketplace (GeM) and other channels
7. Creating a framework for government bodies to publish their business problems to explore potential solutions from startups. The startups in turn have a chance to win cash prizes, funding, incubation and other kinds of essential support.
8. Building an ecosystem of startups, accelerators and incubators
9. Launching the MAARG platform (Mentorship, Advisory, Assistance, Resilience, and Growth) on Monday, which would facilitate mentorship between startups and entrepreneurs across sectors, stages, and functions.
10. Fast-tracking of startup patent applications, including an 80 percent rebate in the patent filing fees and Panel of facilitators to assist in IP (Intellectual Property) applications
11. Providing the Startup India Kit, a handbook outlining the benefits provided under the Startup India Mission for startups.

### The Atal Innovation Mission

Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog is Government of India's flagship initiative to promote a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship in the country and was set up in 2016.

Its primary focus has been to inculcate a problem-solving and innovation-centric mindset in school students as well as creating an ecosystem of entrepreneurship in universities and research institutions. A few of its flagship programmes are:

1. Atal Tinkering Labs (ATL) to expose students to new-age technologies such as Internet of Things, 3D printing, robotics, etc. by establishing laboratories within schools
2. Atal Incubation Centres (AICs) established in various universities to foster and support innovation by incubating world-class startups.
3. The ATL Marathon is Atal Innovation Mission's flagship innovation challenge, where schools identify community problems of their choice and develop innovative solutions in the form of working prototypes.

Through the above initiatives, AIM aspires to make Atmanirbhar Bharat a reality through startups and inculcating an entrepreneurial mindset among students, with a core focus on technology and innovation.

The AIM and Startup India mission focused on startups solving important social and industrial problems. However, there are several startups involved in science and deep technology, especially space technology.

To cater to these startups, ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation) in collaboration with SocialAlpha has launched India's first lab-to-market platform for Space-Tech startups, known as SpIN.

**SpIN (SpaceTech Innovation Network)**

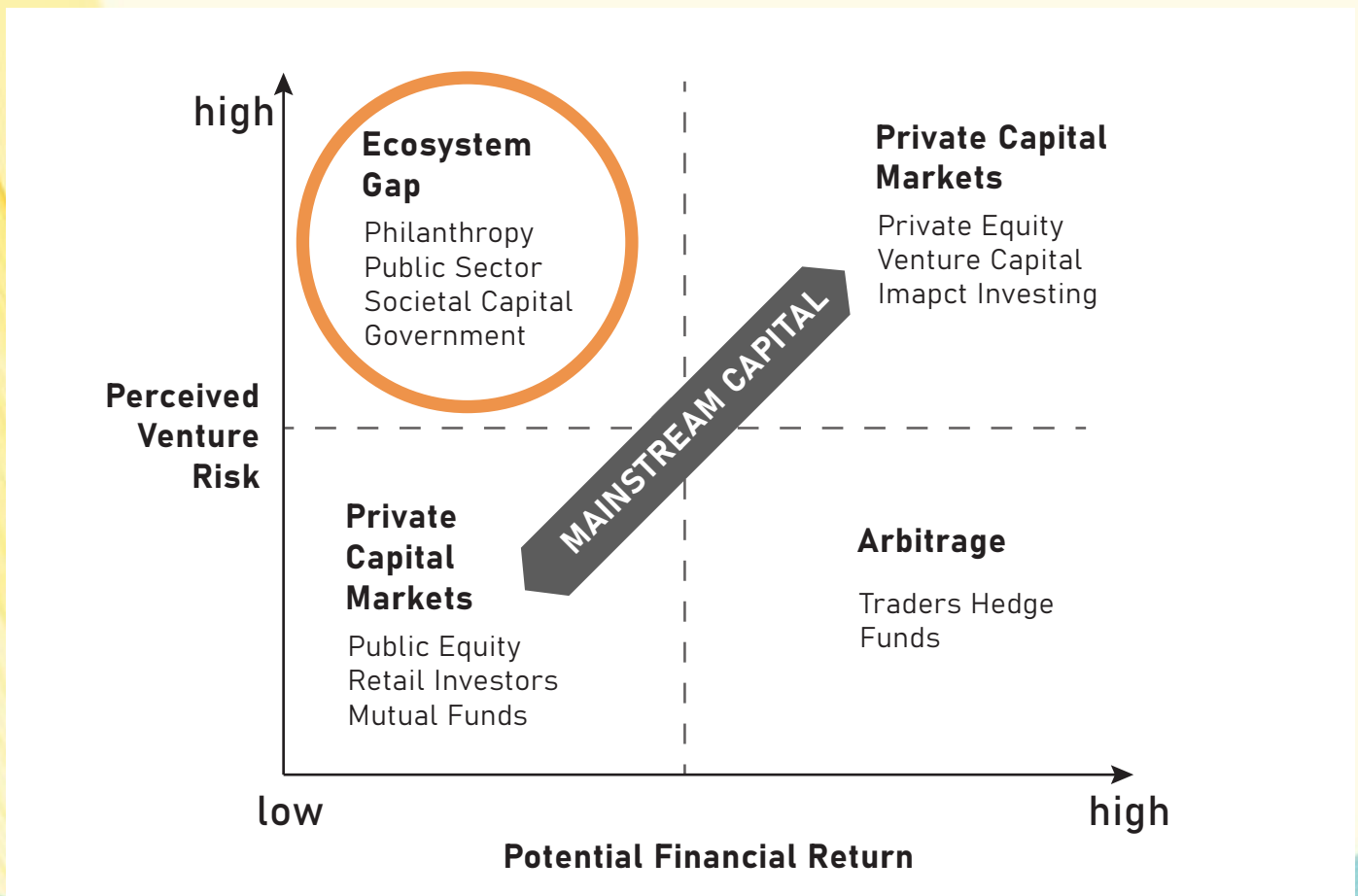
SpIN is a one-of-its-kind public-private collaboration for start-ups and SMEs in the space industry. This novel partnership is a significant step forward in providing further stimulus to India's recent space reform policies and will work towards identifying and unleashing the market potential of the most promising space tech innovators and entrepreneurs in India.

SpIN aspires to establish a network where startups, incubators, accelerators and investors, to bridge the gap between technological developments and economic feasibility.

SpIN's approach is to build 'Patient Capital', since deep-tech startups require years of per-sistent funding to become profitable. According to them, "There is little or no capital allocation to early stage science and technology based startups from impact investors. This is what we are changing.

"SpIN's primary objectives include promotion of innovation and entrepreneurship in Space-Tech from the grassroots level, accelerating access to product development and validation facilities for Space-Tech startups and creating a network of mentors and subject matter experts and sharing learning in the space, among others.

SpIN's focus areas include Data Science, Artificial Intelligence, Geographical Positioning Systems, Sensor Technologies, Material Processing, etc. which are vital to the functioning of the Space-Tech industry.

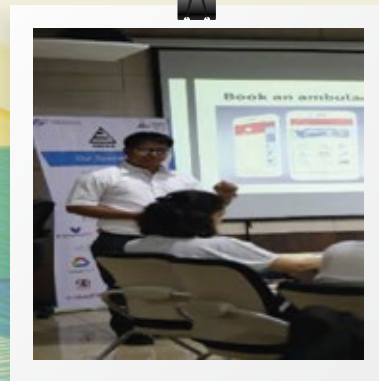
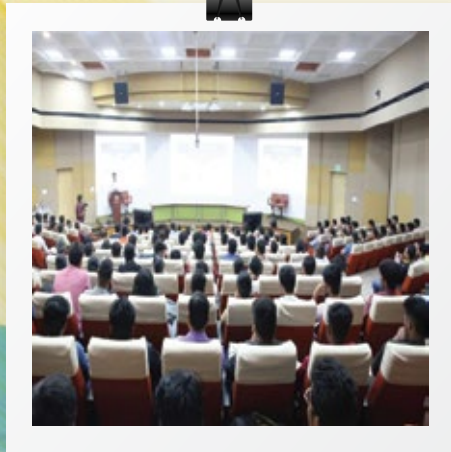
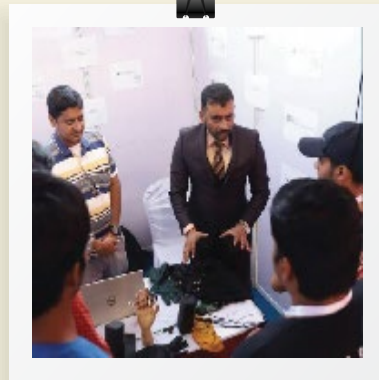
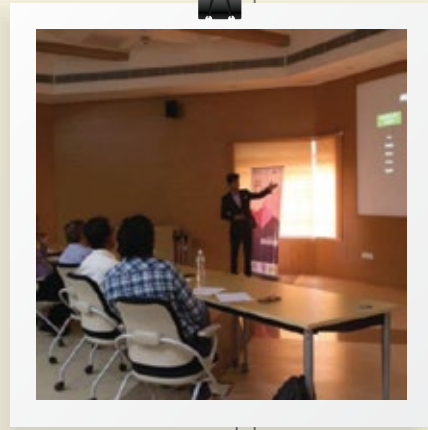
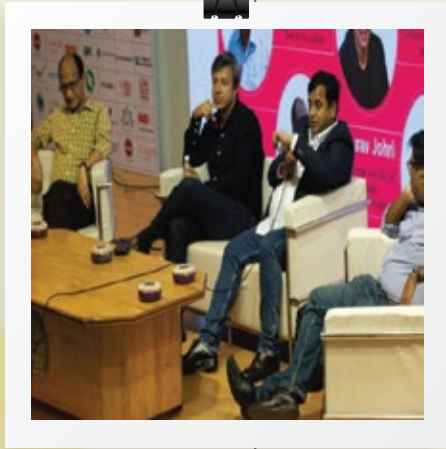


**Conclusion and Road Ahead**

India has grown leaps and bounds as a start-up hub in the recent past. The government has played an important role in ensuring that the startup ecosystem of the country remains healthy and thriving. There have been several other initiatives, most notably the establishment of 'startup warehouses' by NASSCOM in various Indian cities. However, there is still a pressing need for the government to do more, especially simplifying the various regulatory complexities that arise in founding startups. Availability of credit, and in

particular patient credit, is still a pressing issue for many startups. It could also be that the full scale of benefits the government could offer to startups has not been realised yet. There is an exciting future ahead for India and its startups, and it is imperative that the various components of the start-up ecosystem work hand in hand to achieve the true potential of Indian innovation.

## Glimpse of E-Summit



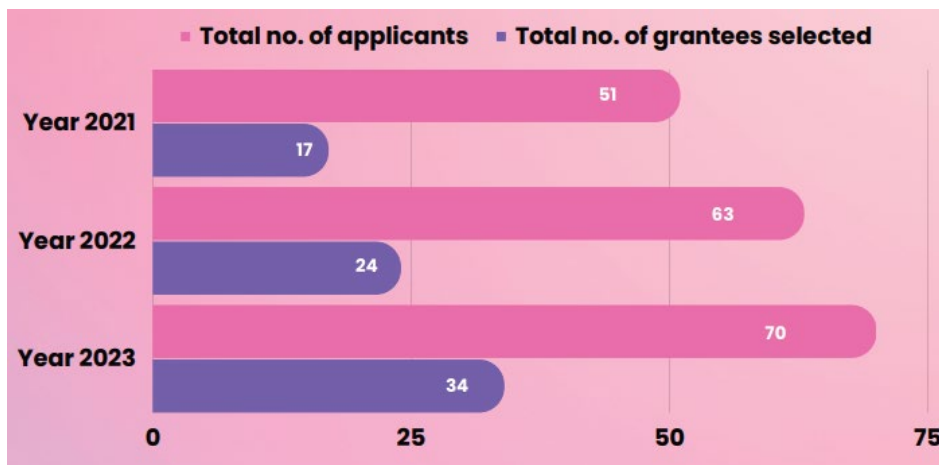
## TEAM E-CELL IIT MADRAS



# Women Leading IITM

Education is considered a milestone for women empowerment because it enables them to face various challenges, confront their traditional roles, and bring change to their lives.

IITM has made considerable progress in improving the number of women students/ faculty and creating opportunities for their success. IIT Madras launched the “Women Leading IITM” (WLI) program on March 8th, 2021, to uplift women’s leadership in science and technology. WLI is a program to nurture, develop and support women’s talent at IITM along with their study/professional careers.

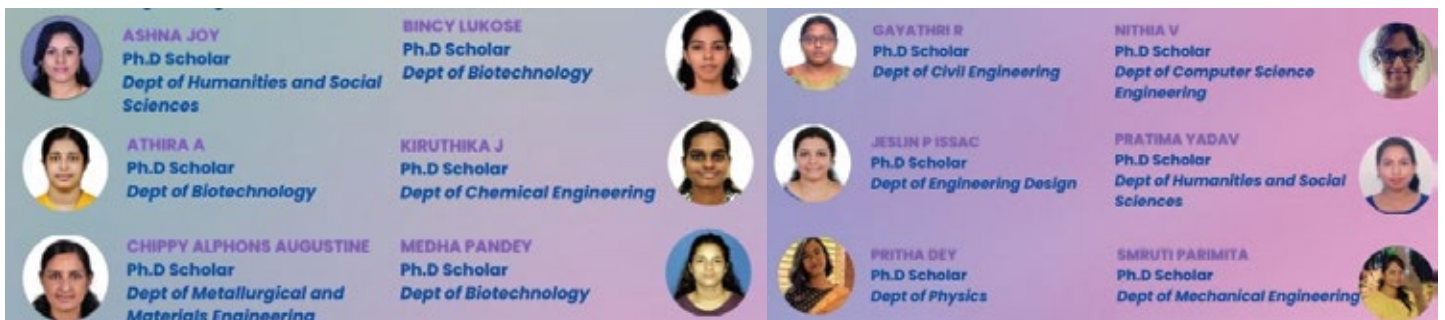


Statistics of WLI from 2021 – 2023

## Some Achievements of WLI Grantees for the year 2022-2023

1. Ms. Vaishnavi S (Ph.D. Scholar, Dept of Biotechnology) received the Best Presentation Award at the 15th Asian Congress on Biotechnology Conference, Indonesia
2. Ms. Harija Harkumar (Ph.D. Scholar, Dept of Chemical Engineering) has won 1st prize in Student Presentation Award at the 15th International Conference on Sensing Technology, ICST’15 , Australia.

## Some of the Grantees of WLI 2023



To view a detailed report on Women Leading IITM

[Click Here](#)

# Endowment Fund

The interest accrued from this endowment is used to support the below causes:

- 1 AM-I Challenge – Institute Day Award
- 2 Monkey Proofing for Quark Building
- 3 B R Ambedkar Memorial Endowment
- 4 Techkids
- 5 Women Leading IITM

## AM-I Challenge – Institute Day Award

AM – I (App for My Institute) Challenge was started to encourage students to come up with different applications that will be of benefit to the institution in various ways. Winners are honoured during the Institute Day every year. This initiative began in the Year 2023 and the winners of the first App for My Institute Challenge are Team Minty Gang comprising of Abhijit Hota (CE19B033), Rohith Suresh (EP20B029), and Ishaan Jalan (BE20B014).

The problem statement they worked on revolved around the safety of the residents of the campus. They created a security system consisting of a mobile application for the residents, an administrator dashboard for the security personnel and a backend that handles all the computations and data storage.





## Monkey proofing for Quark building

Monkey-proofing work is being carried out at the Quark building to restrict the entry of monkeys into the cafeteria.



## B R Ambedkar Memorial Endowment

B R Ambedkar Memorial Endowment is awarded to meritorious children whose parents are employees of IIT Madras and also part of the SC/ST Employees Welfare. They were honoured during the 132nd birthday celebration of Dr. B R Ambedkar on 19th April at the Central Lecture Theatre (CLT). The students with the highest marks in standard 10 and 12 were identified and awarded certificates and mementos along with cash awards.





## Techkids

The origins of Tech Kids trace back to the 1990s when the staff club ran it. Around 1997, with the initiative of Prof. Natarajan (then the Director), it received official recognition from the Institute. It serves as Daycare for students of faculty, staff, and students of IIT Madras. Some of the initiatives taken up by the Managing committee of Tech Kids are:

- 1 Salary increments for Daycare staff, teaching assistants and Daycare in-charge.
- 2 Annual Day celebrations
- 3 Summer camp



## IITMF Operational Fund

The IIT Madras Foundation is a fundraising platform to support IIT Madras' drive towards global excellence in engineering education and research.

The IITM Foundation's Operational Funds are used for the day-to-day operational expenses of the foundation incurred during the course of its ordinary business. These include the costs of administrative staff, legal, accounting, and office services and marketing (website maintenance, email campaigns, software subscriptions) as well as donor development expenses (e. g., events and conferences, webinars, dinner meetings, etc.).

The funds we have received and continue to receive from IITMF make a difference today and create a legacy for generations to come.

**WE ARE GRATEFUL TO YOU,**

**Mr. GDS Ramkumar and Family**



Thank you for your sustained generosity to IIT Madras over the years. Contributors such as yourself enable our students and faculty to dream big and work towards a better and brighter future. We hope you are proud of your ties with IIT Madras and how it has remained steadfastly committed to academic and research excellence through the intervening years. 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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