

# CELEBRATING THE GENEROSITY OF

**Mr. MALLADI DURGA PRASAD**

&

**Mrs. ANUPAMA MALLADI**



## IMPACT OF YOUR GIVING IN 2023



INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY MADRAS  
OFFICE OF ALUMNI AND CORPORATE RELATIONS

## Director's Message

**Prof. Kamakoti Veezhinathan**  
**Director, IITM**

Greetings!

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 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's Message

**Prof. Mahesh Panchagnula**  
Dean  
Alumni & Corporate Relations, IITM



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 !



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



# MALLADI DURGA PRASAD

**1993/B.TECH / ME**

Mr. Malladi Durga Prasad is the Senior Vice President & General Manager in Qualcomm, 5G, Mobile Broadband & Infrastructure.

We are delighted to share the work and impact of the projects enabled by Mr. Malladi Durga Prasad and Mrs. Anupama Malladi's support. We rejoice in and celebrate their generosity towards IIT Madras and are grateful to them and their family.

## VARIOUS CAUSES SUPPORTED

**1993 BATCH  
SILVER  
REUNION -  
NEW FACULTY  
INITIATION  
GRANT (NFIG)**

**1993 BATCH  
SILVER JUBILEE  
REUNION  
- STUDENT  
WELLNESS  
ACTIVITIES**

**WOMEN  
LEADING  
IITM  
ENDOWMENT**

**COVID-19  
RELIEF FOR  
INDIA**

**RAIN WATER  
HARVESTING**

Dear Mr. Malladi Durga Prasad,

Greetings from your Office of Alumni and Corporate Relations, IIT Madras, Chennai, India!

- This report is a follow up to the 'Celebrating your Generosity' report we had sent you in January 2022.
- The projects on Rainwater Harvesting & 'COVID-19 Relief for India' that you had supported, were successfully completed in December 2021. The details were covered in the above report.

This '**Celebrating your Generosity**' May 2023 report encapsulates the following:

**1993 Batch Silver Reunion – New Faculty Initiation Grant (NFIG)**

**1993 Batch Silver Jubilee Reunion Fund – Student Wellness Activities**

**Women Leading IITM Endowment**

We are grateful to you for your continued support to the various projects and endowments at IIT Madras !



# 1993 BATCH SILVER REUNION – NEW FACULTY INITIATION GRANT (NFIG)



## SHOTARO TADA

Dept. of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering

**Research Area:** Novel heterogeneous catalyst consisting of main group elements

**Project Title:** Facile design of Polymer – Derived frustrated Lewis pair (FLP) catalyst toward energy related applications

**Sanctioned Amount:** INR 24,85,000/-

### Feedback from the Professor:

I am thrilled to express my gratitude to the 1993 batch Alumni for their tremendous contribution towards the New Faculty Initiating Grant (NFIG). I am truly grateful for this opportunity.

As I begin this research journey, I aim to strike a balance between the originality of my research and its potential contribution to society. I am deeply passionate about developing novel-metal-free-functional ceramics that can activate and transform small molecules such as hydrogen (H<sub>2</sub>) and carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) into sustainable fuel or energy for future mobility. I believe that this research has the potential to make a significant impact on society by promoting sustainable and environmentally-friendly energy solutions.

Once again, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to the 1993 batch for their support and encouragement. I am excited about this new chapter in my research career, and I look forward to sharing the results of our work with you all in the near future – Thank you.

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## ASLAM KUNHI MOHAMMED

Dept. of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering

**Research Area:** Molecular modelling of construction materials

**Project Title:** Atomic level insights into cementitious materials

**Sanctioned Amount:** INR 78,474/-

### Feedback from the Professor:

I am myself an alumnus of IITM and it is a pleasure to see how active our alumni are to support the growth of the institute.

As a new faculty here, I certainly appreciate the NFIG grant which not only helps us to initiate setting up our lab, but also helps in making short trips to conferences or other institutes in India to initiate our collaborations.

I sincerely thank the efforts of the 1993 batch and hope you continue to be strong supporters of IITM and let us help bring IITM to the list of top 100 universities in the world.

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# 1993 BATCH SILVER JUBILEE REUNION – STUDENT WELLNESS ACTIVITIES

*8000+ students have been intervened through various programs  
Organized by the Wellness Community Centre from 2022-2023*

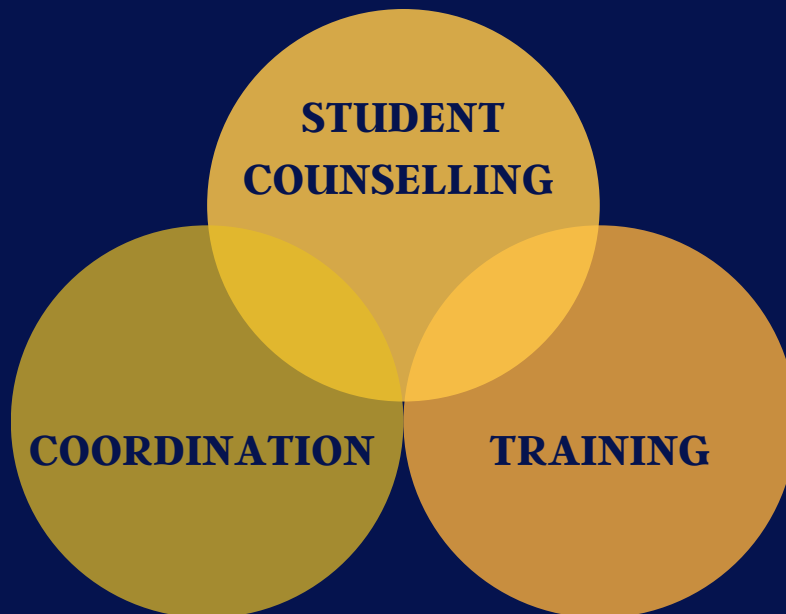
Wellness Centre, IITM, is the body of licensed mental health professionals. Students can walk into the Wellness Centre or can schedule an appointment through email. Each session lasts between 45 minutes and one and a half hours. A minimum of 50 students visit the students wellness centre at IIT Madras every month. The Wellness Centre encourages students to come forward and experience mental wellness.



All session information are kept CONFIDENTIAL, unless it holds a threat to the student, or others, or to the society.

## **Services:**

The Wellness Centre works for nourishment of positive mental health in the campus. The team provides counseling and psychotherapy to the students. They also provide training and coordinate among different stakeholders when the situation demands.



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# WOMEN LEADING IITM ENDOWMENT

Education is an important factor in empowering women. If women's empowerment in the true sense is ever to be realized, it could be only through education. Education brings prosperity not only to the woman and her family but also to the nation.

IITM has made considerable progress in improving the number of women students/ faculty & creating opportunities for success. IIT Madras launched the 'Women Leading IITM' (WLI) program on March -08th 2021 to boost women's leadership in science and technology. Launched in 2021, Women Leading IITM is a program to Nurture, Develop and Support women's talent at IITM along with their study/professional careers.

## THE GOALS OF THE WOMEN LEADING IITM PROGRAM



Increasing the percentage of women faculty in Assistant Professorships to 20% from the current 15%



Generating 30% of all faculty applications from Women candidates



Grantees expected to graduate to leadership roles within IITM



Next-generation ambassadors for enabling a gender-balanced IITM



Establish an award for Women Faculty in Leadership (Institute already has awards for staff in leadership and given the good presence of women in staff, many have been getting it over the years)





**Attract/Recruit:** Conduct outreach programs to visit other institutes to get the word out and recruit women post-doc, visiting women faculty, as well as full-time women faculty. Any other proposal to increase woman faculty recruitment will also be considered, Special focus will be on departments with lower women faculty numbers

**Secure:** run programs that provide physical and emotional safety for women

**Develop/Promote:** Create opportunities for women faculty and Postdoctoral Fellowship to do interdisciplinary work that can yield international research recognition Ex: Responsible AI work for non-Computer Science faculty at Robert Bosch Centre for Data Science and Artificial Intelligence (RBC DSAI)

**Nurture:** Support admin to deliver a new/ better mentorship program for women faculty as well as to encourage leadership amongst women faculty (HoDs, Chairpersons, Deans, Director)

**Support:** Ameliorate hurdles to career growth for a woman faculty member Example: a grant to pay for small-child travel while attending a conference, or a grant to provide for better child care while at work (for children up to age 5)

On International Women's Day (March 8, 2021) the first set of grantees was announced in a virtual event attended by over 225 people.

## WLI 2023 Grantees



**AISHWARYA RAMESH**

Ph.D Scholar  
Dept of Management Studies



**JESNA**

Ph.D Scholar  
Dept of Civil Engineering



**AMBILI B**

Ph.D Scholar  
Dept of Civil Engineering



**K LEENA**

Ph.D Scholar  
Dept of Biotechnology



**ANBUTHANGAM A**

Ph.D Scholar  
Dept of Metallurgical and  
Materials Engineering



**SRILAKSHMI K**

Ph.D Scholar  
Dept of Ocean Engineering



**ANUREKA R**

Ph.D Scholar  
Dept of Mechanical Engineering



**GAYATHRI R**

Ph.D Scholar  
Dept of Civil Engineering



**ASHNA JOY**

Ph.D Scholar  
Dept of Humanities and Social  
Sciences



**JESLIN P ISSAC**

Ph.D Scholar  
Dept of Engineering Design



**SMRUTI PARIMITA**

Ph.D Scholar  
Dept of Mechanical Engineering



**SRUTI S**

Ph.D Scholar  
Dept of Electrical Engineering



**ATHIRA A**  
Ph.D Scholar  
Dept of Biotechnology



**CHIPPY ALPHONS AUGUSTINE**  
Ph.D Scholar  
Dept of Metallurgical and  
Materials Engineering



**DEBASRITA KAR**  
Ph.D Scholar  
Dept of Electrical Engineering



**SAILAKSHMI G**  
Ph.D Scholar  
Dept of Biotechnology



**MEDHA PANDEY**  
Ph.D Scholar  
Dept of Biotechnology



**MENAKA A S**  
Ph.D Scholar  
Dept of Civil Engineering



**NIDHI MURALI**  
Ph.D Scholar  
Dept of Applied Mechanics



**NITHIA V**  
Ph.D Scholar  
Dept of Computer Science  
Engineering



**PRATIMA YADAV**  
Ph.D Scholar  
Dept of Humanities and Social  
Sciences



**SONAL OMER**  
Ph.D Scholar  
Dept of Biotechnology



**SREEDEVI RADHAKRISHNAN**  
Ph.D Scholar  
Dept of Biotechnology



**PRITHA DEY**  
Ph.D Scholar  
Dept of Physics



**KIRUTHIKA ESWARI V**  
Ph.D Scholar  
Dept of Civil Engineering



**BINCY LUKOSE**  
Ph.D Scholar  
Dept of Biotechnology



**KIRUTHIKA J**  
Ph.D Scholar  
Dept of Chemical Engineering



**PRIYANKA V P**  
Ph.D Scholar  
Dept of Chemistry



**ROHINI S**  
Ph.D Scholar  
Dept of Mathematics



**SHABEERA K**  
Ph.D Scholar  
Dept of Humanities and  
Social Sciences



**SHANMUGA PRIYA R**  
Ph.D Scholar  
Dept of Civil Engineering



**SINDHU K J**  
Ph.D Scholar  
Dept of Biotechnology



**SWETA THANGRIYAL**  
Ph.D Scholar  
Dept of Chemistry



**VIDHYA G**  
Ph.D Scholar  
Dept of Biotechnology

*We are grateful to you & your family*

**MALLADI DURGA PRASAD**

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*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 alma mater and how it has remained steadfastly committed to academic and research excellence since your time here. 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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