



Indian Institute of Technology Madras
Office of Alumni and Corporate Relations

CELEBRATING THE GENEROSITY of MR. SHREYAS MEHTA



Impact of your giving in
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Message from Director

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!



Prof. KAMAKOTI VEEZHINATHAN
Director, IITM

Message from Dean



Prof. MAHESH PANCHAGNULA
Dean, Alumni & Corporate Relations,
IITM

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 !**

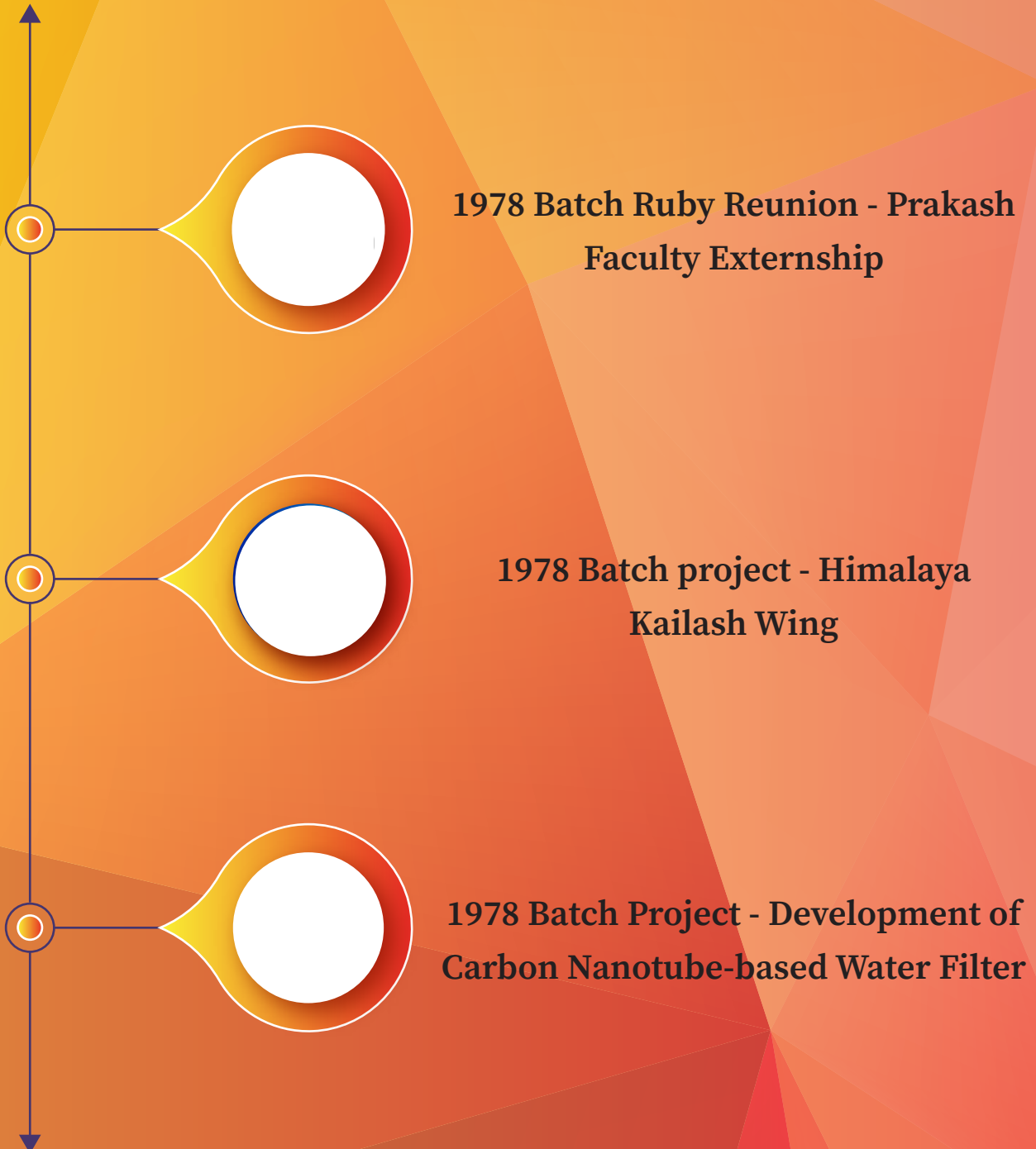
Mr. Shreyas Mehta



Mr. Shreyas Mehta pursued his studies in electrical engineering at the Indian Institute of Technology Madras. He furthered his education at the Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania, where he earned his Master of Business and Science (MBS) degree.

Driven by his entrepreneurial spirit and a deep understanding of the market, in 1987 Mr. Shreyas embarked on a journey to meet the needs of US industrial companies by founding Indimet. With his strong educational background, passion for innovation, and acute business, Mr. Shreyas continues to guide Indimet towards new heights, positioning the company as a leader in the industry.

Causes Contributed



The causes listed below has resulted in significant impacts.

- 1978 Batch Ruby Reunion – Prakash Faculty Externship
- 1978 Batch Project – Himalaya Kailash Wing

1978 BATCH RUBY REUNION PRAKASH FACULTY EXTERNSHIP

The Prakash Faculty Externship was named in remembrance of Prof. K. Prakash Krishnaswami by the Ruby Reunion batch of 1978. This program will enable young faculty members of IIT Madras per year to spend four to eight weeks abroad at a world-class institution for research purposes.

Support provided to the faculty:

- This program will support expenses related to local hospitality as well as some local travel of the faculty.
- The cost of an externship per faculty will be between \$6,000 to \$8,000 depending upon the grant requested by the faculty.
- The interest from the endowment fund provided by the 1978 batch Ruby reunion will support some faculty members every year for their externship in the name of “Prakash Fellowship”



Prof. Anubhab Roy (Assistant Professor, Applied Mechanics) has been awarded the “Prakash Fellowship” for the Faculty Externship Program 2020. Because of COVID-19 Prof. Anubhab Roy visited ENS Lyon, France only in the year 2022.

Gratitude Note of the Beneficiary:

“The visit to ENS Lyon was extremely academically enriching. My trip initially focused on performing collaborative research with Prof. Thierry Dauxois and his group at ENS Lyon. During my stay, I also had fruitful discussions with several other faculty members at Lyon. One new collaboration has started with the research group of Prof. Mikael Bourgoïn and Prof. Nicolas Plihon. They are experimentalists who have recently worked on the verification of some theoretical findings of mine but had never met me in person. Due to my 1.5-month-long presence at ENS, they had detailed discussions regarding my work and realized how it is highly complementary to what they do. This was entirely possible due to my visit to France. You will be pleased to know that I had the honour of delivering the physics colloquium at ENS Lyon – <http://www.ens-lyon.fr/PHYSIQUE/seminars/colloquium/2022-05-23>. This institute lecture to a diverse and broad audience was a huge honour and was the highlight of my trip. Another fruitful trip outcome is ENS Lyon inviting and sponsoring a three-month trip to one of my Ph.D. students. My Ph.D. student is currently at Lyon, carrying out a collaborative research project with Prof. Thierry Dauxois’ group members. Having a student working on the projects after my departure provides additional momentum to the work I initiated. My collaborators at ENS Lyon have already invited me during the summer of 2023 as the collaborative projects have started in full swing, and they envisage a long collaboration.

You would also be delighted to hear two outcomes of my trip that, in my opinion, is highly beneficial to IIT Madras. A world-renowned faculty member of ENS Lyon, Prof. Philippe Odier, will arrive at the campus, IIT Madras carrying out collaborative research and delivering pedagogical lectures to the IITM community. Finally, during my visit, I met the Director of International Affairs at ENS Lyon, Prof. Philippe Maurin. I highlighted to him the thriving academic environment at IITM, the rich history, and the various research opportunities that can be explored between the two institutes. This has taken a life of its own! The of ices of international engagement at IIT Madras and ENS Lyon have had several discussions and I am thrilled to share that we will soon have an MoU signed between the two institutes, enabling academic mobilities at different levels-internships mobilities, exchanges of academic staff to joint-supervision of Ph.D. thesis and even joint graduate degree! This particularly pleases me as the wider IITM community, faculty and students alike, can now have long-term collaborations between the two institutes.

None of the above would have been possible without the generous support through the Externship in memory of Prof. Prakash. I am sharing two pictures a colleague took during my colloquium at ENS Lyon. The experiences from the trip will have a long-lasting professional impact on me, and I am eternally grateful to the Class of 1978 for this support and encouragement”



1978 BATCH PROJECT HIMALAYA KAILASH WING

The dining at Himalaya is an integral part of student life for most students at IITM. Himalaya frequently serves as a venue for student interaction.

Students swarm this historic edifice for breakfast (6:45–9 am), lunch (12–2 pm), and dinner (6:45–9 pm). Clean restrooms are adjacent to the mess areas because students don't have time to travel to their hostels between classes. The mess can hold 100 to 200 students at once. The pupils have been given cozy steel tables with seating connected to them so they may have a meal. To combat the Chennai heat, the mess halls are equipped with ceiling fans and good ventilation.

Facing a beautiful lawn and a well-groomed garden it is heartening to notice how Himalaya has captured a striking spot in the heart of IITM and also of the students here. Standing strong like its namesake, this beautiful building continues to defend its place in the history of IIT Madras.

During their reunions, the batches of 1976, 1977, and 1978 batches decided to support the cause of setting up the Himalaya Neelkant and Kailash food courts. This was supported by many other individual alumni from other batches along with the non-alumni community.

Current photographs of the Kailash Food Court:





WE ARE GRATEFUL TO YOU!

Mr. Shreyas Mehta

We express our heartfelt gratitude for your continued and generous support to IIT Madras throughout the years. We trust that you take great pride in your bond with IIT Madras and the unwavering dedication it has demonstrated towards academic and research excellence since the time of your association.

Your invaluable contributions, alongside the support of your family, have played a pivotal role in facilitating this remarkable growth. We are privileged to have you and your family walking with us along this journey. We extend our best wishes to you and your family. We thank you for your continued support to your alma mater.



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