



Indian Institute of Technology Madras  
Office of Alumni and Corporate Relations



**CELEBRATING THE GENEROSITY OF**

**Mr. Ashish Kothari**

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**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'S MESSAGE

**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 utilized. 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 endeavors.

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"**

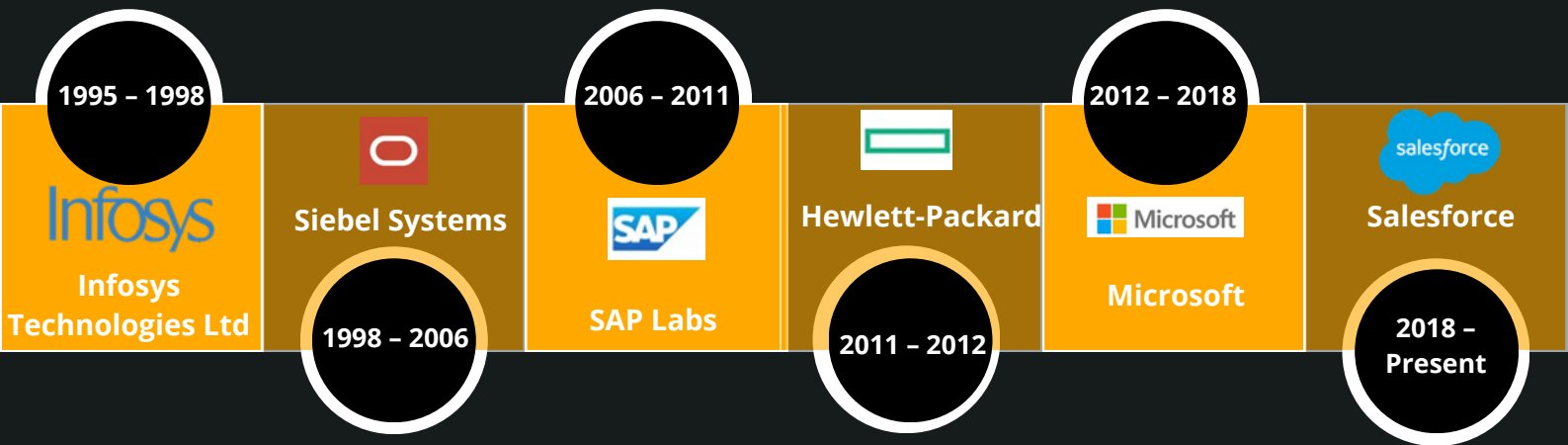


# Mr. Ashish Kothari

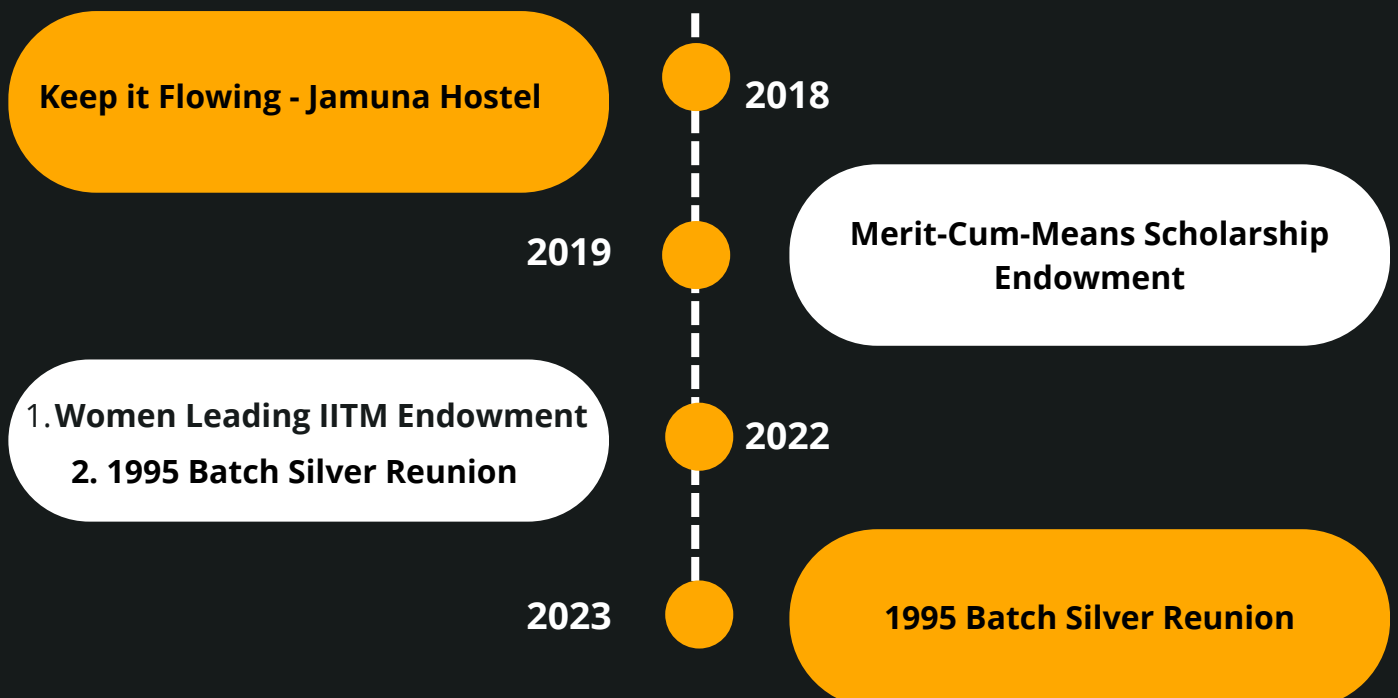
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## Summary of your contribution to IIT Madras



# Keep it flowing – Jamuna Hostel

The renovation work in the hostel is currently under progress. Sharing a few snippets from the work done so far

*Breaking the cement flooring*



*Breaking the restroom partitions*



*Laying granite flooring in the corridors*



*External and civil repair works*



*Laying tiles in restrooms*



*Making provisions for plumbing in restrooms*

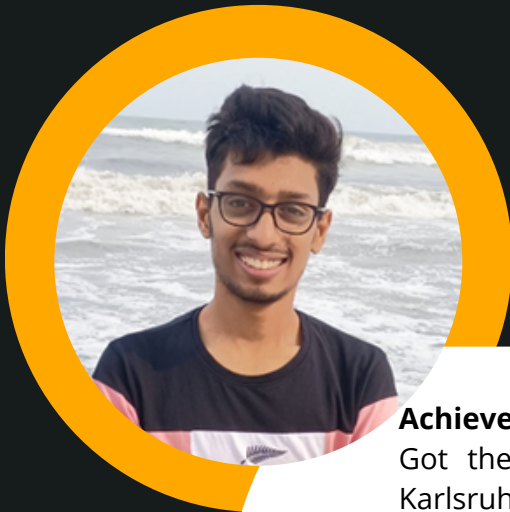


*Brickwork in restroom*

The work is currently under progress and will be completed at the earliest.

# Merit-Cum-Means Scholarship Endowment

## Feedback from the beneficiary:



### Sonish Singhal

CE20B109

CGPA : 8 - 9

#### Achievements:

Got the internship offer from Adobe, Selected for Semester Exchange at Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Germany, and represented IIT Madras at Inter IIT Tech Meet in IIT Kanpur.

#### Aspirations:

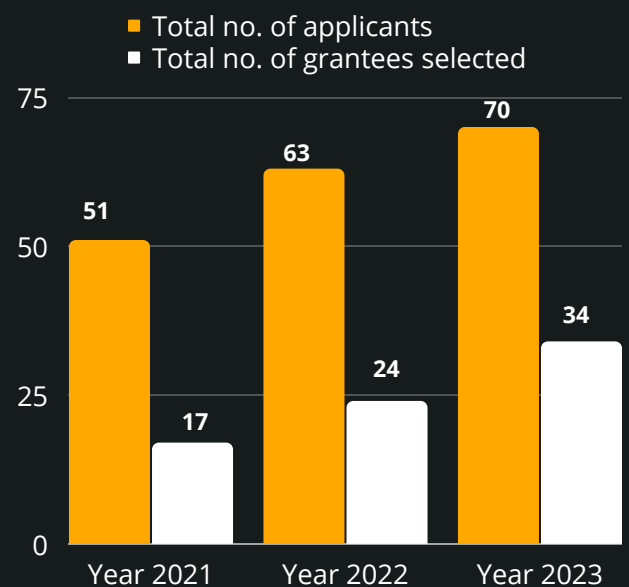
Pursue higher studies in the field of Augmented Reality as I am currently exploring its potential & in future, make a significant impact on society in this field

*"By awarding me the MCM Scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden, which allows me to focus more on learning and completing my graduation. I promise you, I will work very hard to achieve my goals. Thank you for your generosity and support. Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to the community"*

## 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



Ms. Vaishnavi S (Ph.D. Scholar, Dept of Biotechnology) received the Best Presentation Award at the 15th Asian Congress on Biotechnology Conference, Indonesia



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



**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



To know more about the beneficiaries

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## 1995 Batch Silver Reunion

The causes that will be supported using the fund have not yet been identified. A report for the same will be shared once the causes are identified.



# WE ARE GRATEFUL TO YOU & YOUR FAMILY

**Mr. Ashish Kothari**

*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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