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of  
Mr. Tony George Thomas



**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 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 !

A photograph of a herd of spotted deer in a lush green field. The deer in the foreground are looking towards the camera, while others are visible in the background. The scene is bright and natural.

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

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SUMMARY OF YOUR CONTRIBUTION

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## BATCH OF 1986 – CENTRE FOR SOCIAL INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

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Centre for Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CSIE) at IIT Madras was founded in August 2010 with a focus on teaching and research in the field of social enterprise in India. The Centre works in promoting social entrepreneurship through education, research and dissemination of research output.

### PROMOTING ENTREPRENEURSHIP AMONG THE MARGINAL WOMEN IN THE TEMPLE REGIONS OF TAMIL NADU

#### BACKGROUND:

The Women sweepers in the temples are rarely given opportunity to work in the households in their region. They do not get a steady income to support their family. Most of them depend on their spouse or son to support them. Due this, many of these women face domestic violence and are abused by their spouse or son often. In order to overcome this, women need to be financially independent. Hence, entrepreneurship is the need of the hour for up-lifting the women to earn a better living.



Ms. Mariyammal - 60 years old would receive assistance in setting up a Temple pooja items shop close to the temple premises. She recently lost her son and has to feed 3 of her grandchildren. Her daughter-in-law works as a sweeper in an office. Her husband works as a Gardener

Ms. Clara, 50 years old, requested a tailoring unit as she is trained in tailoring. She is a widow and was finding it difficult to run daily errands for the family. As per the request she was supported with a tailoring unit.



Ms. Gowri, 55 years old, requested support to open a small canteen. She is a widow and lives with her unmarried son. He works in a company and she finds it challenging to manage the family with only his income. She has been supported with the necessary materials to start a small canteen.



Ms. Sasi, 40 years old, is from the lower socio-economic strata, she works in the MGNREGA scheme and actively participates in cleaning and maintaining the temple. She was also interested in additional income generation sources and requested Pooja item products to sell them on the temple premises. We will release products worth 7100/- in three portions as storage of products in one go is not possible in this location.





Ms. Manjula, 38 years old, requested a tailoring machine as she is trained in tailoring. She had a tailoring machine a few years back but could not afford a new one due to her family situation. As per the request she was supported with a tailoring unit. She is thankful for the help she received through CSIE

## SUPPORT TO THE TEMPLE

### SHED CONSTRUCTION

The temple has been supported to complete the shed which they were unable to complete for 4 years due to lack of proper funding sources. It has been completed now.



### TOILET CONSTRUCTION

The women in the village requested a toilet near the temple when CSIE staff visited them. The base for the toilet has been laid and the materials have been procured with the CSIE initial fund release. Now the cost is expected to be on a higher side than requested. The VAO and the Panchayat leader have requested another 20,000/- to complete the toilet construction. The CSIE staff will discuss this with the Project Coordinator and act upon his decision.



WE ARE GRATEFUL TO YOU &  
YOUR FAMILY

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*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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