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REPORT 2023



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## PROF. KAMAKOTI VEEZHINATHAN

### IIT MADRAS



Greetings!

IIT Madras continues to retain its 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 Corporate Partners, Alumni, and well-wishers like you have 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, and industrially relevant mathematical models for governance, rendering cancer cure more effective. Our centers of excellence, the Center for Innovation, Nirmaan – the pre-incubator, the Incubation Cell, technology centers such as ‘IITM-Pravartak’ and others, work in unison for not just our nation’s building, but societies worldwide. 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 is being 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 a ‘carbon-net-zero’ goal through water conservation by 100% recycling, efficient garbage disposal, and the 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.

Such achievements are not possible without the deep-rooted faith and support of Corporate Partners, 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 recognized. Thank you!

MESSAGE FROM DEAN  
PROF. MAHESH PANCHAGNULA  
IIT MADRAS



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 by 'Awards & Prizes Team', 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 of yesteryears is very different from the IIT Madras of today. It is far more diverse in its set of pursuits, more green and more research-focused. And yet, it remains unchanged, 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 our 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!

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KESHAV - RANGNATH EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH  
AWARD

Donor: Dr. Prakash Keshaviah

**Criteria:** This prize is Instituted in the year 2015. Award to two deserving research scholars and their guides.  
1) Cash award of Rs.25,000/- per scholar. 2) Rs.25,000/- will be Credited to the PCF A/c of respective faculty guide. 3) If there is a Co-guide for a scholar, Rs. 25,000/-should be shared between the guides equally.



SAROJ KUMAR BARIK  
PH16D056

I am Saroj Kumar Barik, a Ph.D. scholar working with Prof. G. Aravind in the Department of Physics, IIT Madras. My research interests primarily include the formation pathways of astrophysically relevant ions and molecules. It was a great pleasure to receive the Keshav-Rangnath research excellence award in 2022-2023 Jul-Nov. I heartily thank the donor for this award. It motivates us as earlier carrier researchers in the excellent research field to perform outstanding work in future.

- Saroj Kumar Barik



GUIDE  
Dr. Aravind G  
Professor, Department of Physics



KESHAV - RANGNATH EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH  
AWARD

Donor: Dr. Prakash Keshaviah



RAHUL MADBHAVI  
AM18D405

I am honored to receive the Keshav Rangnath Research Excellence Award for 2022-23 (Jan-May). Your generosity in instituting the KR awards has motivated researchers to strive for excellence. The KR award has encouraged me to work harder in my future endeavors.

Thank you again for providing researchers like me with recognition for our work.

- *Rahul Madbhavi*



GUIDE  
Dr. Babji Srinivasan  
Associate Professor  
Department of Applied Mechanics & Biomedical

# JC BOSE INNOVATION TEST OF TIME AWARD

Donor: Multiple Donors

**Criteria:** JC Bose patent award is instituted in the year 2018. Award consist of a certificate for faculty and students, Rs. 5000/- cash award only for students.

## Award - 1

*The inventor who received the maximum cumulative revenue for the technology transfer/licensing of technology (Patents) during the previous 5 years (2017 – 2022) gets the award.*



**Dr. D. JANAKIRAM**  
Professor  
Department of Computer Science and Engineering

### Prof. Janakiram Biography:

Prof. Janakiram brings with him immense experience in various fields of direct relevance to Banking and Financial Technology. A Ph.D. from IIT Delhi, he was awarded the Boyscast Fellowship in 1997, the IBM Faculty Award in 2007, Yahoo Faculty Grant in 2009 and JC Bose innovation Test of Time Award for the year 2022. [Read More](#)

Award - 2

*The inventor who has filed the maximum number of patent applications (Indian) during the last 5 years (2017 – 2022) gets the award.*



Dr. BOBY GEORGE  
Professor  
Department of Electrical Engineering

Prof. Bobby George Biography:

Boby George received the M. Tech., and Ph. D. degrees from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras, India. He was a Postdoctoral Fellow with the Institute of Electrical Measurement and Measurement Signal Processing, TU Graz, Austria, from 2007 to 2010. He joined the Department of Electrical Engineering at IIT Madras in 2010. Currently, he is a professor there. He serves as the head of the department medical sciences and technology, IIT Madras and one of the coordinators for the BS electronic system program of IIT Madras. He co-authored more than 95 journals; out of which 85 are in IEEE. He filed 35 patents out of which 14 are granted. He is an Associate Editor for IEEE Sensors Journal, IEEE Transactions on Instrumentation and Measurement, and IEEE Transactions on Industrial Electronics. His research interests and experience include the development of novel sensor systems, electronic instrumentation and biomedical instrumentation.

## DR. YBG VARMA AWARD FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE IN CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

*Donor: Ms. Usha Y. Ramakrishna*

**Criteria:** Awards consist of 1. A Silver medal with gold Plating 2. Cash award - Rs. 30,000  
3. Certificate for the best faculty in the department of Chemical engineering.



Dr. Tanmay Basak  
Professor  
Department of Chemical Engineering

### Prof. Tanmay Basak Biography:

Dr. Tanmay Basak holds a M.S. and Ph.D. from the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) in Bangalore, India. He is currently a professor in the Department of Chemical Engineering at the Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) in Chennai, India. His research expertise includes Microwave Radiations and Transport, Computational Electromagnetism, Microwave Assisted Material Processing, Computational Fluid Flow and Heat Transfer, Molecular Transport Processes, and Bio Processes. To date, Dr. Tanmay Basak has authored around 220 international journal publications that have received more than 8,000 citations.



# CLASS OF 1991 AWARD IN CSE

*Donor: Alumni from the Batch of 1991*

**Criteria:** It was launched in the year 2019. The award consists of an annual return from the endowment that will be awarded to the selected faculty member.

- ❖ 50% to be paid as salary
- ❖ 50% towards PCF (non-commutable to salary) for research expenses
- ❖ Accrued interest can be used in future years and multiple awards can be made during each round based on accrued disbursement fund available.



Dr. Akanksha Agrawal  
Assistant Professor  
Department of Computer Science and Engineering

Thanks to the Class of 1991 for instituting an award for early career faculties. I feel the award is carefully crafted with its research components, that provides a flexible research fund which is particularly very useful in early stages of careers. Thanks you for this award!

A funny anecdote, 1991 is also my birth year.

- Dr. Akanksha Agrawal

**BHAGYALAKSHMI AND KRISHNA AYENGAR AWARD**

[Joint Winners]

Donor: Shri. Sudhir Sitaram Krishna

**Criteria:** This prize was established in 2012. One student from B. Tech/Dual Degree/M.Tech/MBA/M.Sc. and one scholar from M.S./Ph.D. programme will be awarded Bhagyalakshmi and Krishna Ayengar Award for the best project in the Convocation. The selected students/scholars will share the award amount of Rs.30,000/-. The teacher(s) who guided the Project/ Thesis will share the award of Rs.30,000/- and the same will be given at the Institute Day and Rs.60,000/- will be shared by the Concerned departments for having provided resources for the team involved in the awarded project.

**Title of the thesis:** A framework to implement automated data acquisition for construction progress monitoring visualization system.



MEGHA S PRADEEP  
CE21M007

Thanks a lot for giving me this award, which was one of the most precious moments of my life. I owe you a lot, for your appreciation and I promise that I will uphold the dignity and honesty of the award in the future.

- Megha S Pradeep

# BHAGYALAKSHMI AND KRISHNA AYENGAR AWARD

Donor: Shri. Sudhir Sitaram Krishna

**Title of the thesis:** Ordered Mesoporous Titania, Titania-Carbon and TCPP-Titania Hybrids: Applications in Photocatalytic Degradation of Famotidine in Water.



V SURYA KUMAR  
CY13D070

I express my heartfelt gratitude to the Donor, I feel immense encouragement after receiving this prestigious Best Ph.D. Project award and I promise to do my best to contribute to the science and technology of our country. I felt very emotional, humbled and joy to receive the Best Ph.D. Project in pollution abatement. I thank Donor again, I thank and express my gratitude to Chemistry Department, IIT Madras and my Ph.D. supervisor Prof. Selvam for his constant encouragement and support.

- V Surya Kumar



**BEST TEACHING ASSISTANT AWARD IN MACHINES  
LAB**

*Donor: Mr. Jay Giri*

**Criteria:** The award consists of a silver medal and certificate to the Best Teaching Assistant in Machines Lab.



**KUNAL LAYEK**  
**EE19D411**

I am grateful to the donor for instituting this award. Electrical Machines lab is one of the most important labs in Electrical Engineering, and TAs play a vital role in this. Recognizing this role of TAs itself is great, and getting this award myself is an exceptional experience. I hope this award will continue to motivate the TAs of upcoming years to take this course with more zeal. Thank you again.

- *Kunal Layek*



**OUTSTANDING TA AWARDS IN DEPT OF CHEMICAL  
ENGINEERING [Joint Winners]**

*Donor: Multiple Donors*

**Criteria:** Selected TAs will be provided cash awards of Rs. 10,000, and will be enrolled in the TATP & TACP programs.



**ANOOP P. PUSHKAR  
CH18D200**

I am really happy about the TA award. It was the much needed acknowledgement for PhD candidates. I am grateful to all the alumni donors for making this possible.

*- Anoop P. Pushkar*



**KONKATHI BALAJI RAJESH  
CH18D410**

I am glad to be presented with the Teaching Assistant (TA) award by the alumni for the first time. I thank the alumni for recognising the role of TA in bridging the gap between the teacher and the students.

*- Konkathi Bala Rajesh*

# OUTSTANDING TA AWARDS IN DEPT OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

Donor: Multiple Donors



**JAIDEEP PRAKASH VAIDYA**  
**CH21S020**

I am profoundly grateful for the Best TA award, sponsored by our esteemed alumni. My heartfelt thanks go out to the professors and the Chemical Engineering Department for their unwavering support and guidance. This recognition motivates me to excel further, and I deeply appreciate the opportunities and knowledge bestowed upon me. Lastly, I want to express my sincere appreciation to everyone who believed in my abilities and contributed to this achievement. Your support fuels my passion for teaching, and I am committed to continuing my best efforts in the future. Thank you once again for this incredible honor.

- Jaideep Prakash Vaidya



**VUPPANAPALLI CHAITANYA**  
**CH18D700**

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for being honored with the Teaching Assistant Excellence Award by the Department of Chemical Engineering at IIT Madras. I am truly humbled and honored to receive this recognition. Professors' approach to Structured Training, Clear Expectations, Mentorship and Guidance, Recognition and Appreciation, And support have encouraged me to effectively perform my Teaching Assistant duties. This recognition will undoubtedly motivate me to continue giving my best as a Teaching Assistant and contributing positively to the academic community at IIT Madras.

Once again, I thank you for this honor and the department's unwavering support in nurturing the next generation of engineers.

- Vuppanapalli Chaitanya

# OUTSTANDING TA AWARDS IN DEPT OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

Donor: Multiple Donors



JAGADEESH KORUKONDA  
CH20D404

I want to express my appreciation for receiving the Outstanding Teaching Assistant (TA) Award sponsored by the Alumni. This recognition means a lot to me, and I'm truly honoured.

The Alumni Award initiative to recognize and reward excellence among teaching assistants is a remarkable gesture. It motivates individuals to strive for excellence and fosters a culture of appreciation and encouragement within our academic community. This award is not just a certificate; it represents the support and trust of our esteemed alumni. It signifies their belief in our potential to make a positive impact on the education of future generations. It's a reminder that our efforts as TAs are valued and essential in shaping the future of our students. This initiative encourages individuals to excel and reinforces the idea that our collective efforts in education are vital and worth celebrating. It's a symbol of unity between current students and alums, emphasizing the importance of education in shaping a brighter future. Thank you for this excellent opportunity..

- Jagadeesh Korukonda



**BATCH OF 1979 AWARD FOR THE BEST PH.D THESIS IN THE BIOTECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT** [*Joint Winners*]

*Donor: Alumni of 1979 batch*

**Criteria:** The award consists of a silver medal and cash award of Rs. 15000/- to the best Ph.D. thesis in Biotechnology department.



SHEREENA P JOY  
BT15D017

I am honored to receive this award for the best the Ph.D. thesis. This award is a testament to the passion, hard work and dedication put into and a motivation to pursue research. Thank you.

- Shereena P Joy



**BATCH OF 1979 AWARD FOR THE BEST PH.D THESIS  
IN THE BIOTECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT**

*Donor: Alumni of 1979 batch*



**PRIYANSHU SHARMA**  
**BT16D006**

I want to thank you for your generosity. The award not only provides financial aid but also helps boost our confidence and thrive more for academic excellence. I am very thankful to you and IIT Madras for choosing me for this award.

- *Priyanshu Sharma*

# AMERICAN EXPRESS AMBITION AWARD FOR WOMEN FOR EXCELLENCE IN B.TECH.

Donor: American Express India Private Limited

**Criteria:** The award consists of a silver medal and cash award of Rs. 15000/- only for a women student amongst the B. Tech [4 years] students and Dual Degree [5 years] with the highest CGPA.



NEHA SWAMINATHAN  
BE18B008

I am extremely grateful to the institute and to the donors for bestowing me with the American Express Ambition Award. These awards motivate me to strive towards my goals and aim higher. I promise to use this recognition as a stepping stone to achieve greater heights. Thank you once again!

- Neha Swaminathan

## AMERICAN EXPRESS AMBITION AWARD FOR WOMEN FOR EXCELLENCE IN M. TECH, M.S & M.SC.

Donor: American Express India Private Limited

**Criteria:** The award consists of a silver medal and cash award of Rs. 15000/- only for a woman student amongst the M.Tech. and M.Sc. programme with the highest CGPA.



SHAKUNTHALA NATARAJAN  
BT21M012

I am grateful to have received the 'American Express Ambition Award for Women for Excellence in .M. Tech, M.S & M.Sc' this year. I want to convey my sincere thanks to the donor for recognizing the effort and hard work of the student through this award. I worked on interdisciplinary projects pertaining to computational biology and plant cell culture during my time at IIT M. Currently, I am working in a start-up in the alternate protein sector. I hope to work in the thrust areas of sustainability and environmental technology in the near future. And I believe that this award will serve as a motivating factor to help me realize my aspirations. Thank you!

- *Shakunthala Natarajan*



# AMERICAN EXPRESS TOP ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Donor: American Express India Private Limited

**Criteria:** The award consists of a silver medal and cash award of Rs. 15000/- to the student with best academic performance of Inter Disciplinary Dual Degree Programme in Data Science branch.



NIHAL MANVI  
AE18B031

I want to convey my sincere gratitude for the American Express Top Achievement Award. This recognition for achieving the highest CGPA in the Data Science Department means a lot to me. The courses and projects I've engaged in have been truly rewarding. This award underscores the effort and commitment I've invested in my academic pursuits. Your support has bolstered my dedication to achieving academic excellence. Thank you for this meaningful honor.

- Nihal Manvi



DR. DHANDAPANI MEMORIAL PRIZE

Donor: Mr. D. Chandrasekhar

**Criteria:** The award consists of a silver medal and cash award of Rs. 15000/- to the B. Tech student with the best academic record in Metallurgical & Materials Engineering.



VIR KARAN  
MM19B057

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to promoting academic excellence and supporting students like me in our educational pursuits. Your contribution has left an indelible mark on my life, and I promise to make the most of this incredible opportunity, and I certainly hope to make this the first of many great things to come.

- Vir Karan

**DR. S.S. SRIKANTA PRIZE**

*Donor: Dr. Parasuram Balasubramanian*

**Criteria:** The award consists of a silver medal and cash award of Rs. 15000/- to the M. Tech student with the best academic record in Clinical Engineering in Applied Mechanics.



PRABHSHARN SINGH  
CL21M012

I am so extremely humbled for getting the opportunity to receive this award, and this would not have been possible without constant support of my teachers.

- *Prabhsharn Singh*

PROF. T. GOVINDARAJ PRIZE

Donor: Dr. Parasuram Balasubramanian

**Criteria:** The award consists of a silver medal and cash award of Rs. 15000/- to the student with best academic performance of Inter Disciplinary Dual Degree Programme in Energy System branch.



V S SHYAM  
MM18B114

Dear Professor Govindaraj, thank you very much for being generous enough to award me this prize. This will serve as a big motivation for me to work towards my interests, i.e, sustainable development and energy. It also served as an opportunity to express my gratitude towards parents, friends, and professors.

- V S Shyam



**PROF. A. RAVINDRAN PRIZE**

*Donor: Dr. Parasuram Balasubramanian*

**Criteria:** The award consists of a silver medal and cash award of Rs. 15000/- to the student with best academic performance in Computational Engineering branch of Inter Disciplinary Dual Degree Programme.



**KISHORE RAM SATHIA**  
**ME18B085**

I am very grateful to the donors and the institute for being chosen for these prizes. These awards motivate me to continue to give my very best in my academic endeavours.

- *Kishore Ram Sathia*



PROF. K A V PANDALAI PRIZE

Donor: Dr. Parasuram Balasubramanian

**Criteria:** The award consists of a silver medal and cash award of Rs. 15000/- to the M. Tech student with the best academic record in Ocean Technology & Management.



NADIKOPPULA DURGA RAO  
OE21M025

It is a great honor to receive prof. K A V Pandalai award. My parents were extremely happy when they were witnessing the moment I am receiving this award at the department convocation. I am very thankful to the donor for recognizing the academic efforts and this commendation will assist me to move with great confidence in the future endeavors.

- Nadikoppula Durga Rao

PROF. VALLAM SUNDAR PRIZE

Donor: Prof. V. Sundar

**Criteria:** The award consists of a silver medal and cash award of Rs. 15000/- to the Best Ph.D. thesis in Marine Hydrodynamics/Coastal Engineering/Ocean Engineering.



S. HARISH  
OE16D203

Many thanks for selecting my Ph.D. thesis as the best thesis among all the theses submitted this year. It gave me immense pleasure when I heard it. Thanks to my Professors, V. Sriram sir and S. A. Sannasiraj sir, for their constant guidance throughout my Ph.D. journey. Without them, this would have been impossible. Finally, I thank all my Professors at DOE, IIT Madras for their constant support. Proud to be an IIT'ian.

- S. Harish

HEMA BALASUBRAMANIAN EXCELLENCE AWARD

Donor: Ms. Shuba Kumar

**Criteria:** The award consists of a silver medal and cash award of Rs. 15000/- to the B. Tech student with the best academic record in Engineering Physics.



SHIVAPRASAD U HULYAL  
EP19B030

I am deeply honored and grateful to receive this prestigious award. This recognition not only reinforces my dedication to excellence but also inspires me to contribute more positively to the field of Engineering Physics. Your thoughtful gesture serves as a remarkable inspiration, reminding me of the significance of hard work and perseverance. This recognition has undoubtedly strengthened my commitment to pursuing knowledge and innovation. I convey my utmost gratitude to the donor for this prize. Thank you!

- Shivaprasad U Hulyal



SHRI. N KANNAN PRIZE

Donor: Dr. V. Kumar

**Criteria:** The award consists of a silver medal and cash award of Rs. 15000/- to the best research thesis in marketing in the M.S/Ph.D. Program.



JYOTSNA J H  
MS16D202

I feel honoured and grateful to have been selected as the recipient of N Kannan prize for best marketing thesis. Thank you for your selfless contribution.

- *Jyotsna J H*



PREMA & NAGARAJA SETTY PRIZE

Donor: Mr. Prasad Setty

**Criteria:** The award consists of a silver medal and cash award of Rs. 15000/- to the Dual Degree [B. Tech & M.Tech] student with the best academic record in Engineering Design.



AKASH ANAND  
ED18B002

I would like to thank the donors and the institute for recognizing me with the prizes for the highest CGPA in the engineering design department and the best entrepreneur. This would not have been possible without their continuous support throughout the last five years.

- Akash Anand

DR. N R DAVE PRIZE

Donor: Dr. Nandakumar Dave

**Criteria:** The award consists of a silver medal and cash award of Rs. 15000/- to the Dual Degree [B. Tech & M. Tech] student with the best academic record in Civil Engg.



YAKKALA ESWITA  
CE18B135

It's a pleasure to receive "Dr. N R Dave Prize" on the 60th Convocation of IIT Madras. I heartfully thank the donor for this contribution which gives excellent motivation to keep doing the good work. Words can't express my gratitude to the professors of the civil engineering department, my parents, cousins, family and friends without whom this award is totally impossible. Thank you so much.

- Yakkala Eswita

**DR. SUSAN CALVIN PRIZE**

*Donor: Prof. R. Nagarajan*

**Criteria:** The award consists of a silver medal and cash award of Rs. 15000/- to the student with best academic performance in Robotics branch of Inter Disciplinary Dual Degree Programme.



**HRUTHIK V S**  
**ME18B012**

I, Hruthik V S, an IDDD Robotics student from Mechanical Engineering Department, am very grateful to have received the award. I feel very proud and acknowledged for my work.

- *Hruthik V S*



WODEHOUSE-CHRISTIE-ASIMOV AWARD

Donor: Prof. R. Nagarajan

**Criteria:** The award consists of a certificate and cash award of Rs.6000/- to the students/scholars for the mystery story.



SIDDHARTH GEORGE  
OE18D009

Being able to take some time off from monotonous academic life to write prose and poetry is something therapeutic as well as creative to me. And contests like WAC give a stronger incentive to write; and it's an even greater thrill upon winning. Thank you, to all who have constituted the award.

- Siddharth George



# WODEHOUSE-CHRISTIE-ASIMOV AWARD

Donor: Prof. R. Nagarajan

**Criteria:** The award consists of a certificate and cash award of Rs.6000/- to the students/scholars for the Humour story.



PRABHAT BEDIDA  
ME20B132

It was a great experience writing for the competition, and it's a great platform to explore writing a genres that do not normally receive a lot of participation - such as humour and science fiction.

- Prabhat Bedida

WODEHOUSE-CHRISTIE-ASIMOV AWARD

Donor: Prof. R. Nagarajan

**Criteria:** The award consists of a certificate and cash award of Rs.6000/- to the students/scholars for the Science Fiction.



YATIN SATISH  
HS20H048

Thank you for doing your bit to keeping the writing culture in IIT Madras alive. It has probably come a long way since your time here, and this place is sorely in need of this sort of encouragement towards the field of creative writing. Thank you so much for your commitment to this award, it is very much appreciated.

- Yatin Satish

SRI. KRISHNAMURTHY SUNDARAMBAL PRIZE

Donor: Mr. K K Raman

**Criteria:** The award consists of a silver medal and cash award of Rs. 15000/- to the M. Tech student with the best academic record in Functional Material and Nano Technology.



RAVURI SAKETH  
PH21M008

Thank you dear donor for support me with the award, it is really encouraging and also a proud moment for me and my family. It also sets a target to achieve for the junior batches and encourages them to work hard to excell in academics. Thank you once again for recognising the efforts of meritorious students.

- Ravuri Saketh



**PROF. S. RADHAKRISHNAN AWARD - BEST PH.D.  
THESIS BIOMEDICAL ENGG, AM DEPT.**

*Donor: Dr. Kiran Marri*

**Criteria:** The award consists of a silver medal and cash award of Rs. 15000/- to the best Ph.D. thesis in Biomedical Engineering.



**ANUDEEP V  
AM16D203**

Thank you very much Sir, for your generous donation and efforts made to create "Prof S Radhakrishnan Award". Sir, this award is very encouraging and motivating to many students like me to contribute for the growth of Biomedical field which helps humanity to a great extent. We all are indebted to you for this noble cause started by you Sir. Sir, each and every human who benefited from the research done and the biomedical products developed due to this encouragement of you will remember you forever and keep in their hearts.

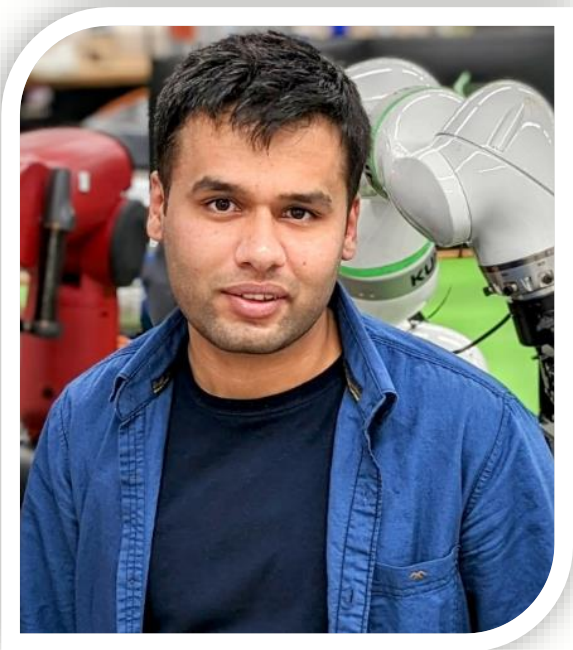
- *Anudeep V*



**PROF. S. RADHAKRISHNAN AWARD - BEST M.S THESIS  
IN BIOMEDICAL ENGG, AM DEPT.**

*Donor: Dr. Kiran Marri*

**Criteria:** The award consists of a silver medal and cash award of Rs. 15000/- to the best M.S. thesis in Biomedical Engineering.



**RISHABH SHUKLA**  
**AM20S009**

I am sincerely grateful for the Prof S Radhakrishnan Award for my MS degree. This recognition of my work in bio-inspired robotics is deeply appreciated. As I move forward in my Ph.D. at the University of Southern California (USC), I am motivated by this support. Thank you for the encouragement to continue my research.

- *Rishabh Shukla*

PROF. C. SIVARAM MURTHY BEST B. TECH PROJECT  
AWARD

Donor: Mr. Pradeep Madhavarapu

**Criteria:** The award consists of a silver medal and cash award of Rs. 15000/- to the best B. Tech project work in Computer Science and Engineering.



ALAN JOEL J  
CS19B077

I am deeply humbled and honored to have been chosen as a recipient of the C. Sivaram Murthy Best B. Tech Project Award. Many thanks to the donor for instituting this award --- this award is one of those things that makes the slog absolutely worth it, and I hope to continue making meaningful contributions to computer science in the future.

- Alan Joel J

LAKSHMI RAVI PRIZE

Donor: Mr. Abhiram Ravi

**Criteria:** The award consists of a silver medal and cash award of Rs. 15000/- to the Best Dual Degree Project in Inter-disciplinary Dual Degree program in Data Science (IDDD-DS) program in Computer Science Engineering Department.



SHANIA MITRA  
CH18B067

I am truly grateful for the honor of receiving the prestigious Lakshmi Ravi prize for the best dual degree project, and I wanted to extend my heartfelt gratitude for your generous contribution. Your unwavering support not only acknowledges the effort I put into my research but also inspires me to push the boundaries of knowledge further. This recognition means the world to me and reaffirms my passion for academic pursuits. Thank you once again for believing in my potential and for investing in my future.

- Shania Mitra



DR K GOPINATH & PADMINI GOPINATH PRIZE

Donor: Prof. K. Gopinath

**Criteria:** The award consists of a silver medal and cash award of Rs. 15000/- to the best Academic record in Dual degree Automotive Engineering stream of Engineering Design Department.



AKSHAT SHARDA  
ED18B041

I am honored and thankful to receive the Prof. K. Gopinath & Mrs. Padmini Gopinath Prize. I thank the donors for awarding this prize. I feel really happy and excited. It has strengthened my spirits and inspired me to work harder to reach greater heights despite difficulties. I want to thank the institution and professors who have helped me throughout my journey. Finally, I thank my family and friends for their continuous love and support.

- Akshat Sharda

**PROF. MIZAR DEVADAS PAI MEMORIAL  
ENDOWMENT PRIZE**

*Donor: Prof. K. Gopinath*

**Criteria:** The award consists of a silver medal and cash award of Rs. 15000/- for the best project in Machining Field – Dual Degree/M.Tech.



**PIYUSH KUMAR SHARMA**  
**ME21M100**

I am thankful to you for selecting me the proud recipient of this prestigious award. This award inspires students to do better research in core field of Mechanical Engineering. I am thankful to the foundation for doing such a great work in motivating students of IIT Madras to do better in life.

- *Piyush Kumar Sharma*

SHRI. M N RAMACHANDRAN AND SMT. GOWRI  
APPADORAI RAMACHANDRAN PRIZE

Donor: Mr. Ramachandran Natarajan

**Criteria:** The award consists of a silver medal and cash award of Rs. 15000/- to the student with best academic record over the first two years (1 to 4 Semesters) of Integrated Master of Arts degree programme.



CHERENE ANIYAN PUTHETHU  
HS18H016

I am honored and grateful to receive this alumni award in recognition of my academic efforts. My sincere gratitude to Prof Ramachandran Natarajan for instituting this prize. The integrated MA from the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences has been foundational to my intellectual journey and I thank the institute and the donor for this honor at graduation.

- Cherene Aniyon Puthethu



SRI. R N RAJENDRAN MEMORIAL PRIZE

Donor: Dr. R Solomon Suresh

**Criteria:** The award consists of a silver medal and cash award of Rs. 15000/- to the best thesis (MS/PhD) in Organizational behavior/HRM in DoMS.



RAMYA M  
MS17D016

I am grateful for the recognition provided by you. It was an honor to be recognized and to have your name as part of my CV forever. Thank you very much for your continued support of our DoMS. We are deeply indebted, and you are an inspiration. I will work hard to become someone respectable like you.

- Ramya M

MRS. ABAYAMBAL & MR. NATARAJAN AWARD

Donor: Dr. Rajalakshmi. N

**Criteria:** The award consists of a silver medal and cash award of Rs. 15000/- to the best thesis in Ph. D in Energy / Physics.



ATHREY C D  
PH17D022

I am indeed honored to receive this award for the best PhD thesis in Energy/Physics. I take this opportunity to thank the donors who have constituted this award.

- Athrey C D

KALPATHI AGS PRIZE

Donor: Mr. Suresh Kalpathi

**Criteria:** The award consists of a silver medal and cash award of Rs. 15000/- to the Dual Degree [B.E. & M.E. and BS & MS] student with the best academic record in Biotechnology department.



NEHA SWAMINATHAN  
BE18B008

I am extremely grateful to the institute and to the donors for bestowing me with the Kalpathi AGS prize. These awards motivate me to strive towards my goals and aim higher. I promise to use this recognition as a steppingstone to achieve greater heights. Thank you once again!

- Neha Swaminathan



SRI. V. SRINIVASAN MEMORIAL PRIZE

Donor: Mr. S. Gopal

**Criteria:** The award consists of a Gold-plated silver medal and cash award of Rs. 20000/- to the Dual Degree [B. Tech & M. Tech] student with the highest CGPA.



NEHA SWAMINATHAN  
BE18B008

I am extremely grateful to the institute and to the donors for bestowing me with the Sri. V. Srinivasan Memorial Prize. These awards motivate me to strive towards my goals and aim higher. I promise to use this recognition as a steppingstone to achieve greater heights. Thank you once again!

- Neha Swaminathan

Donor: Mr. Ashok Khanna

**Criteria:** The award consists of a silver medal and cash award of Rs. 15000/- for the best entrepreneurship in order to promote entrepreneurial activities.



AKASH ANAND  
ED18B002

I would like to thank the donors and the institute for recognizing me with the prizes for the highest CGPA in the engineering design department and the best entrepreneur. This would not have been possible without their continuous support throughout the last five years.

- Akash Anand

**DRONNADULA NAGARATNAM REDDY AWARD**

*Donor: Dr. Ram D. Sriram*

**Criteria:** The award consists of a silver medal and cash award of Rs. 15000/- for best student in GN 5001 Self Awareness Course.



ROHIT MALIK  
CE21M075

Thank you for your generosity in sponsoring the prize for the award I received for the subject 'self-awareness'. I was the one who received it for the sequel course of IK. Learning the life lessons from Dr Menon was lifetime experience. This recognition has enabled me to enhance my personal growth, and I am committed to directing the same contribution towards a meaningful cause in the future. Accept my gratitude and applaude for starting this great initiative.

- Rohit Malik



DUVVURU SARADA AWARD

Donor: Dr. Ram D. Sriram

**Criteria:** The award consists of a silver medal and cash award of Rs. 15000/- for best student in GN 6001 Integral Karma Yoga.



SUMUKH SWAROOP C.R  
CE22M002

I would like to thank you for honoring me with this award. The award took me by complete surprise since the course was helping me so much in its own way, I have also realised so much out of the course. Finally as an icing on the cake I have been conferred with this honour for which I am truly grateful to my Instructor.

- Sumukh Swaroop C.R

T. S. VEDAGIRI MEMORIAL AWARD [Joint Winners]

Donor: Mr. R. Muralidharan

**Criteria:** The award consists of a silver medal and cash award of Rs. 15000/- for Best M.S. Thesis, that led to publication(s) in highly rated transaction or journal in Electrical Engineering Department.



KARTHIKEYAN M  
EE18S050

Receiving the T.S. Vedagiri Memorial Award for the best MS Thesis in the EE department 2023, was a great honour sir. Being recognised for the work put into writing the MS thesis is something that motivates me to do better in the future. Deepest thanks to you for supporting and motivating students sir.

- Karthikeyan M

T. S. VEDAGIRI MEMORIAL AWARD

Donor: Mr. R. Muralidharan



HIMANSHU GOYEL  
EE19S025

Thank you for this honourable award. I am truly great full to be receiving this prestigious award. Your recognition means a lot to me. This award serves as a reminder of the importance of dedication and hard work. Thank you once again for your kind gesture.

- Himanshu Goyel



SRI RRP SINHA & VIMLA DEWI PRIZE

Donor: Mr. Sanjay Sinha

**Criteria:** The award consists of a silver medal and cash award of Rs. 15000/- to the M. Tech student with the best academic record in Petroleum Engineering.



ANURAG VISHWAKARMA  
PE21M005

I appreciate all of the donors who made this prize possible. I feel incredibly honored and happy. This serves as both a reward and a reminder to all diligent students that their efforts will be valued. So once again, thank you for this honor.

- Anurag Vishwakarma

## SRI. S V BALAKRISHNAN PRIZE

Donor: Mr. B. Viswanathan

**Criteria:** The award consists of a silver medal and cash award of Rs. 15000/- to the M. Tech student with the best academic record in Catalysis Technology in Chemical Engineering.



SUSAN MONDAL  
CA21M006

I feel deeply humbled and immensely grateful, as I have the great honor of receiving this prestigious award for the Best Academic Performance in catalysis technology in chemical engineering from the renowned IIT-M. This is truly a moment I will cherish for the rest of my life. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the faculty and staff of Chemical Engineering department for their unwavering support, guidance, and dedication. This award is not just a recognition of my efforts but a testament to the power of perseverance and determination.

- Susan Mondal

PROF. J. SOBHANADRI PRIZE

Donor: Dr. Jandhyala Gowri Krishna

**Criteria:** The award consists of a silver medal and cash award of Rs. 15000/- to the Dual Degree [B.S. & M.S.] student with the best academic record in Physics.



GAURAV MILIND VAIDYA  
PH18B008

I was thrilled to have received the prize, and receiving the award at SAC is a memory I will never forget. I would like to thank the donors for continuing to recognize and appreciate academic performance. It indeed is a great source of motivation when we receive appreciation for the efforts we put.

- Gaurav Milind Vaidya



**SRI JANDHYALA LAKSHMI KANTAM & SRIMATI SITAMAHALAKSHMI PRIZE (B.TECH.)**

*Donor: Prof. J. Sobhanadri*

**Criteria:** The award consists of a silver medal and cash award of Rs. 15000/- to the student with SECOND best academic record in B. Tech. (Engineering Physics).



**NEERAJ K UDUPA**  
**EP19B006**

I am extremely delighted to have received the Sri. Jandhyala Lakshmi Kantam & Srimati Sitamahalakshmi award this year. This prize will serve as a constant source of inspiration for me in my journey forward. I'm sure it will continue to motivate and bring out the best in all the batches to come.

- *Neeraj K Udupa*

**SRI JANDHYALA LAKSHMI KANTAM & SRIMATI SITAMAHALAKSHMI PRIZE (M.SC.,)**

*Donor: Prof. J. Sobhanadri*

**Criteria:** The award consists of a silver medal and cash award of Rs. 15000/- to the student with SECOND best academic record in M.Sc. (Physics).



**MEHRAJ CHHETRI**  
**PH21C026**

I would like to thank the donor of this award from the bottom of my heart for recognising the second best academic record in physics achievers.

- Mehraj Chhetri

PROF. R KRISHNAMURTHY ENDOWMENT AWARD

Donor: Prof. Mayuram – Mechanical Engineering Department

**Criteria:** The award consists of a silver medal and cash award of Rs. 15000/- to the best MS/PhD project work in the area of Surface Engineering, Tribology, Advanced Materials – Composites, coatings, and treatments.



DEEPAK SHARMA  
ME19D751

I would like to thank the donors for honouring me with this award in the field of advanced materials. I was not coming to the convocation as I am working in Singapore. However, when I received an email just two days before the convocation stating that I received this award. Immediately I booked the tickets and came to receive this honor in person.

- Deepak Sharma



VALADI KRISHNA SARMA BALAJI & SAVITHRI  
BALAJI AWARD

Donor: Mr. Narayan Balaji

**Criteria:** The award consists of a silver medal and cash award of Rs. 15000/- to a B. Tech/Dual Degree/M.Tech student for the best project in Power/Energy saving.



NACHIKET DANDARE  
EE21M029

I would like to thank EE department for conferring me with this award. I would also like to express my gratitude towards my project guide Dr. Lakshminarsamma N. for her constant guidance during the project duration. I would also like to use this opportunity to express my gratitude towards my labmates who also helped me during my M.tech project. Also, I am very thankful to my parents and brother who helped me stay motivated during my M.tech journey.

- Nachiket Dandare

# AVISHEK BHATTACHARJEE MEMORIAL AWARD

Donor: Multiple Donors (Department of Computer Science and Engineering)

**Criteria:** The award consists of a silver medal and cash award of Rs. 15000/- to recognize and reward best MS thesis work in the general area of Machine Learning (ML), which covers related topics such as: Pattern Recognition (PR), Deep Learning(DL), Reinforcement Learning (including applications and theoretical work on PR/ML/RL/DL/SSL/WSL/DRL etc.,) Computer vision (CV) and Digital image processing, Speech & Audio, Natural Language Processing, Optimizing with applications in ML/DL/RL and Computer Vision, Bioinformatics, Computer Graphics and GPU algorithms in ML/DL/RL and Computer Vision, Bioinformatics, Computer Graphics and GPU algorithms in ML, and any other related areas.



SADBHAVANA BABAR  
CS18S029

I feel truly honored to receive this award that is named after my lab senior, Avishek Bhattacharjee. Avishek was one of the hard-working people that I have come across and was an amazing mentor to me. He helped me throughout my research journey. I will always be grateful to have known and worked with such a talented person. I would like to express my gratitude to all the donors of this award. This award is a great way to celebrate Avishek and his dedication towards his work.

- Sadbhavana Babar

PROF. G V N RAYUDU MEMORIAL PRIZE

Donor: Mr. Premkumar Gogineni

**Criteria:** The award consists of a silver medal and cash award of Rs. 15000/- to Dual Degree [B.Tech & M. Tech] student with the best academic record in Mechanical Engineering.



KISHORE RAM SATHIA  
ME18B085

I am very grateful to the donors and the institute for being chosen for these prizes. These awards motivate me to continue to give my very best in my academic endeavours.

- Kishore Ram Sathia



# THE DIVASHRI AWARD

Donor: Mr. Shrikumar Suryanarayanan

**Criteria:** The award consists of a silver medal and cash award of Rs. 15000/- to the B. Tech student with the best academic record in Biotechnology.



GAYATHRI P  
BS18B004

I am extremely grateful for this recognition in the form of the Divashri Award. It has motivated me to continue to strive to put my best foot forward in my upcoming environments. The research environment at IITM has been very helpful in moulding me as a person. It has also inspired me to venture into academia in my field of interest. Receiving this award has served to boost my enthusiasm for working hard even further!

- Gayathri P

VEDAM DESIGN AWARD

Donor: Mr. Akshay Jain

**Criteria:** The award consists of a silver medal and cash award of Rs. 15000/- to the best B. Tech/Dual Degree ‘award for all-round performance’ amongst the final year student of Department of Ocean Engineering.



H ABIRAMI  
NA18B107

Thank you so much for the award. It was really motivating to have received such an honor. It was a great encouragement to push myself further.

- H Abirami

# VIJAY JAGANNATHAN AWARD

Donor: Mr. Sanker Narayan

**Criteria:** The award consists of a silver medal and cash award of Rs. 15000/- for Best B. Tech Academic performance based on grades of core and elective courses offered by Metallurgical and Materials Engineering.



VIR KARAN  
MM19B057

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to promoting academic excellence and supporting students like myself in our educational pursuits. Your contribution has left an indelible mark on my life, and I promise to make the most of this incredible opportunity, and I certainly hope to make this the first of many great things to come.

- Vir Karan



**RAJESH RAJAMANI AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERING  
STUDENT EXCELLENCE AWARD**

*Donor: Prof. Rajesh Rajamani*

**Criteria:** A Silver Medal of 2.5” dia and cash award of Rs.30,000/- to the Dual Degree student with the highest CGPA in Automotive Engineering stream in Engineering Design Department.



**AKSHAT SHARDA**  
**ED18B041**

I am honored and thankful to receive the Rajesh Rajamani Automotive Engineering Student Excellence Award. I thank the donors for awarding this prize. I feel really happy and excited. It has strengthened my spirits and inspired me to work harder to reach greater heights despite difficulties. I want to thank the institution and professors who have helped me throughout my journey. Finally, I thank my family and friends for their continuous love and support.

- Akshat Sharda



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