



Indian Institute of Technology Madras  
Office of Alumni and Corporate Relations

# **CELEBRATING THE GENEROSITY**

**of**

# **Mr. George Mathew**



**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!



## Mr. George Mathew

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CEO at Haitong Securities India Private Ltd.

Mr. George Mathew is renowned for his extensive expertise and achievements as a CEO in the investment banking sector. His distinguished profession showcases his exceptional skills in Private Equity, Investment Banking, Mergers & Acquisitions (M&A), Capital Markets, Financial Structuring, and Corporate Finance.

Mr. Mathew's remarkable business-building prowess is further underscored by a Post Graduate Diploma in Business Management with a specialized focus on Finance, General from the esteemed Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta. Additionally, he holds a degree in Chemical Engineering from the India Institute of Technology, Madras, graduating as part of the class of 1993.

### Stellar Career Journey:



# SUMMARY OF YOUR CONTRIBUTION

🔍 **Tree Plantation in IITM Campus**

🔍 **Saraswathi Hostel**

🔍 **1993 Batch Silver Reunion – Student  
Wellness activities**

🔍 **Covid – 19 Relief for India**

# Tree Plantation in IITM Campus

Due to Vardah cyclone, a lot of green cover in the campus (around 650 trees) was lost. Most of the damaged trees were non-native trees, yielding an insight regarding tree plantation. More native trees were planted to restore the green cover.

## Proposal to plant in two phases:

The Phase 1 of Tree Planting was successfully completed. Approx. 600 trees were planted each costing Rs.2000 (includes cost of tree, tree guards, labor, and maintenance).

The phase comprised of two tree plantation events where one was held with CSR partners and other one with Alumni. The CSR partnered plantation event was organized along with Wells Fargo and United Way Chennai Teams. The plantation drive organized with alumni seen active participation from alumni. Phase 2 in similar scale, was held in 2018, where again 600 trees were planted.



# Saraswathi Hostel



## Renovation of Saraswathi Hostel:

Date of commencement of the work : 24-08-2022

Date of completion : 11-06-2023

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1.	Facelifting of restrooms	08-05-2023	11-06-2023
2.	Facelifting of corridors		
3.	External repair works		

Renovation of four restroom blocks, facelifting of corridors, and external repair works have been completed.

## Photographs of the renovation:

### Corridor renovation Laying Granite flooring:

**Before renovation**



**After renovation**

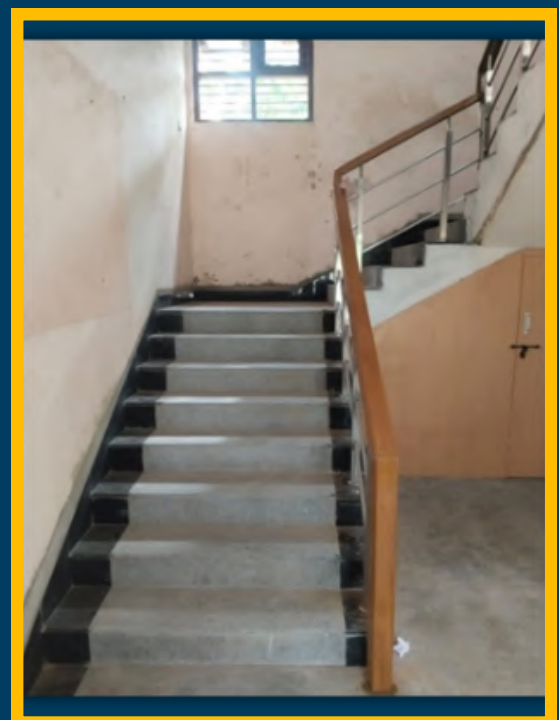


### Staircase renovation: Providing stainless steel handrails

**Before renovation**



**After renovation**





# Restroom renovation:

## During renovation



## After renovation



# 1993 Batch Silver Reunion – Students Wellness Activities



The Wellness Centre works to nourish the positive mental health of the student community on the campus. The team provides counseling and psychotherapy for student's specific need.

## Training:

The Wellness Centre organizes different workshops and training sessions from time to time on different need-based themes for the students.

The Wellness Centre collaborates with SAATHI and MITR in organizing different wellbeing programs such as the Wellness Marathon and Barefoot Training

## Events:

### 1. Gatekeeper Training & IITM-NIMHANS Task Force Meeting – 2023:

Kauvery Hospital, Chennai conducted a Gatekeeper Training program for suicide prevention under Project Khushi with the support of the Wellness Centre. The talk was conducted by Dr. Yamini Kanappan, Consultant Psychiatrist, Kauvery Hospital. They plan to conduct sessions on a biweekly basis for students and faculty.



### 2. MITR Drive – 2023:

MITR, along with Wellness Centre, conducted a week-long campus drive wherein student volunteers actively participated in various events.

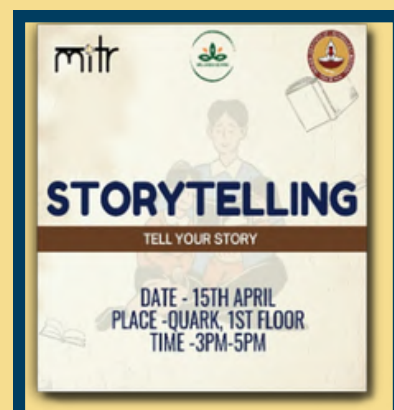
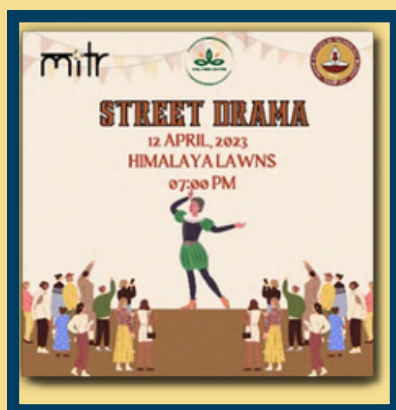


### 3. SAARANG 2023:

The Wellness Centre put up a stall, which consisted of several fun activities, post quotes and more with the aim of de-stressing students and an overall goal to promote awareness about mental health and the accessibility of help available in the campus. The students were provided pamphlets that provided information about common issues faced by students and signs to be vary of to seek help.



### Various Programs Organised by the Wellness Community Centre from 2022-2023



# COVID – 19 Relief for India

The COVID-19 pandemic became an emerging global health crisis and required the best of our efforts to overcome it. The sudden outbreak of pandemic had already created an enormous medical and financial burden shattering many lives.

The second wave of COVID-19 immensely affected the public's mental health and well-being in a variety of ways, including isolation and loneliness, job loss and financial instability, and illness and grief. Many organizations, institutions, and individuals came forward to support the nation both financially and socially.

IIT Madras launched a campaign to raise funds for supporting various causes. The Institute exceeded its goal of raising \$1 million in 48 hours. Overall IIT Madras Alumni and other well-wishers have come together and raised more than \$2 million.

Below are the causes for which the funds were used:

1. Purchase of Oxygen cylinders, BiPAP machines, injections, and medicines
2. Healthy meals for students who were stranded in the institute during covid.
3. Financial help to more than 150 Ph.D. scholars to pursue their research without any constraints.

## Glimpses of the contributions:

» IIT Madras handed over **200 oxygen concentrators** to the Government of Tamil Nadu.



» Donated BiPAP units, Injections and medicines.



» Contributed 200 oxygen concentrators (5 litres each) to the Government of Telangana.

» Contributed 200 oxygen concentrators (10 litres each) to the Government of Karnataka.



» Contributed 1000 units of covid medicines to Sri Venkateswara Institute of Medical Science (SVIMS), Chittoor.

» Provided healthy meals to students who were stranded during COVID-19 pandemic with the help of a nutritionist. Arrangements were made to serve paneer, banana, and eggs as optional extras.



» Financial support was provided to Ph.D. scholars as stipend. This helped them to carry out their research without hindrance.

## Gratitude notes from some of the Ph.D. scholars



**Ajay A P**

*"I wish to thank all the donors from the bottom of my heart. The relief provided helped me look after my family during that nightmare phase and thereby focus on my research more"*

*"I am really appreciative of the assistance received from my alumni during my most difficult time. I'm hoping that someday I'll be in a position to help out my fellow students"*



**Sunny Sharma**



**Bhadra Hrishikesh**

*"The pandemic was a tough period for all of us. And it is very stressful for scholars especially when they are on the final stage and the stipend period has ended. I am very grateful to the alumni and non alumni members who contributed in supporting scholars like me. You are inspiration to us by making us understand the importance of giving back to our community"*

*"I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all the alumni and non-alumni donors for generously donating towards the cause of Covid-19 relief with which we were supported with our stipend. I wish to prolong my appreciation to all who worked behind to make the entire process work smoothly. The financial support from you helped me greatly"*



**Dipanjan Majumdar**



**Ashok kumar**

*“My deepest and sincere thanks to the donors who had generously donated to help research scholars whose fellowship got over. Covid 19 is a devastating scenario for every people and it was a catastrophe for scholars like me who were at the middle of our research work.*

*Your contribution has tremendously helped to fight back the crisis during COVID 19 pandemic in both research as well as personal life. The money was spent to pay my hostel and institute fees. Some portions were also helped for my survival. I also thank Dean, Alumni and corporate relation and his team for taking swift action which had restored my research career”*

*Dear donor, I (as a part of fellow other beneficiaries) thank on your intention to help the researchers monetarily on continuing the research activities. This covid situation not only extended time period of our research activities. For me, it affected the work as I lost my samples during this lockdown. Then I managed to cope up with the work by reviving strains and I am happy that you are willing to support to finish rest of my work. This will help me monetarily as I don't have earning person in my family”*



**Manoj Kumar S**

*We are grateful to you & your family*

**Mr. George Mathew**



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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