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MR. PRAVEEN KUMAR P

IMPACT OF
YOUR GIVING IN
2024

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, unwavering dedication and creative mindset of its faculty and students. The contribution and support of 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.

IIT Madras is making an indelible mark in promoting and providing education to students from the length and breadth of India to areas beyond Indian territory, through her initiatives in rural developmental educational programs, international, interdisciplinary M.Tech courses, and online diploma courses. The popularity and reach of our online courses can be gauged by the fact that around 25000 students in ages ranging from 17 to 82, have enrolled for these courses across national boundaries, and about 30% are from rural India. The institute, in a first-ever initiative by an IIT, has consolidated its position on the world map by establishing her international campus in Zanzibar, Africa where about 45 students have been admitted to different programs.

Innovation and entrepreneurship are ingrained in all our endeavours – our ambitious ventures in rocket and space explorations, the development of lab-grown diamonds, hyperloop, the Brain Research Centre etc, are a testimony to this. The start-up ecosphere is also a reflection of this spirit, wherein last year, 70 startups came to fruition, successfully nurtured by our centres of excellence, the Centre for Innovation, Nirmaan – the pre-incubator, the Incubation Cell, technology centres such as 'IITM-Pravartak' at the IIT Madras Research Park and others. This year, our target is to incubate at least a 100 Start-ups in various sectors. It is expected that at least 20% of the passing out students will be proud CXOs of their own ventures! The year 2023 also saw 221 national and 105 international patents from our Institute and we are looking to closing this current financial year with 366 patents, to account for 'a patent a day'.

Towards promoting inter-disciplinary research and exploring new frontiers, a Department of Medical Sciences and Technology was launched in May 2023, a School of Sustainability in Oct 2023, a Department of Data Science and Artificial Intelligence in Nov 2023 and a new Interdisciplinary Dual Degree program on Quantitative Finance in Dec 2023 through the synergy of the departments of Management Studies, Computer Science and Engineering and Mathematics. Our School of Sustainability has signed MoUs for collaborations with Tel Aviv University, Israel and Technische Universität Dresden, Germany, with the aim of being recognized as a leader for sustainability teaching and research in the global south.

Lofty ambitions and achievements are impossible without the deep-rooted faith and support of alumni and well-wishers like yourself. We are indebted to you for your bountiful, impactful contributions and the faith reposed on us. On behalf of IIT Madras, I express my 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 seized of tomorrow's needs to be nationally and globally relevant.

Thank you!

DEAN'S MESSAGE

Prof. Mahesh Panchagnula

Dean, Alumni & Corporate Relations, IITM



Greetings from the Office of Alumni and Corporate Relations!

Please accept my sincere appreciation for the unwavering support you continue to provide to IIT Madras. Your generosity is the cornerstone of our success, and we are truly grateful for your commitment to the causes that are important to the students and faculty of IIT Madras. This report is a testament to the profound impact your contributions have had –by transforming the lives of students, supporting research, augmenting Institute infrastructure, enhancing learning or through supporting other myriad causes. Your trust in us propels our ambitions, and we are committed to ensuring that your donations are utilized to their fullest potential.

In a world evolving rapidly in science and technology, we have set ambitious goals for ourselves. Your enduring enthusiasm and support provide fillip to our efforts. IIT Madras stands as a beacon of diversity, sustainability, innovation and research excellence. While we have transformed over the years, our commitment to being a premier institute in the country and abroad, remains steadfast, attracting the brightest minds from across the globe. I cordially invite you to visit the campus, witness first-hand the salutary impact of your contributions, and observe the Institute's growth and evolution over the years.

Your generous gifts have made an incredible difference in our Institute's aspirations – Thank you!

Your continued partnership is invaluable as we navigate the exciting journey ahead, shaping the future of India and the world together.

Mr. Praveen Kumar P is an Angel Investor from United States of America. His prominent investment areas are Edu-Tech, Community and Lifestyle and has invested in startups like Growthschool.

PROFESSIONAL SNAPSHOT



IIT Madras
1998 / BT / CSE



1998 - 2000
University of North Carolina
at Chapel Hill
M. Sc. Computer Science



Jun - Aug 1999
Summer intern
Bell Labs, Lucent Technologies



Jun - Dec 2000
Software Engineer
Yahoo! Inc.



Dec 2000 - Apr 2002
Software Engineer
Nexsi Systems



May 2002 - Mar 2004
Software Engineer
Andiamo Systems



Mar 2004 - Apr 2008
Sr. Software Engineer
Cisco



May 2008 - Mar 2010
Technical Yahoo!
Yahoo!



Mar 2010 - Jul 2015
Director of Engineering
BloomReach



Apr 2016 - Jan 2017
Engineering
Laserlike Inc



Oct 2017 - Feb 2018
Software Engineer
Google



Feb 2018 - Mar 2023
Co-Founder, VP Engineering
Valtix



Jun 2021 - Present
Advisor
regie.ai



Apr 2023 - Present
Senior Director of Engineering
Cisco

PROJECT BRIGHT FUTURE

1998 GANGA

(FEEDBACK FROM BENEFICIARIES)

Preethi B
MM21B051
Metallurgical and
Materials Science



Family

My mom is a home maker and my dad took an early voluntary retirement due to his health issues, we currently run on our savings.

Aspiration

I aspire to make it big in life by gaining technical expertise in a specific field along with a broad knowledge of other fields. I am currently focusing on software development and my core Materials Engineering. I have also been chosen for the Dual Degree in Data Science offered to the top students from each branch.

Impact

This scholarship has immensely helped my parents financially and helped make it possible for me to have this opportunity. It has opened up a whole world of tech and science at IITM for me.

Gratitude Note

My parents and I are extremely grateful for the financial assistance you have provided us. Your scholarship has made it possible for me to learn from some of the best professors in the country and gain exposure cutting edge technology at IITM. We thank you again for your valuable contribution towards my academic enrichment.

**Tripurari Naga
Keerthana
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Biological Science
(BS) and IDDD Data
Science (M.Tech)**



Family

I belong to Hyderabad. My father works as a distributor in a submersible motors company. My mom is a homemaker. I'm the first generation in my family to pursue undergraduate studies. Though they didn't study, they encouraged me to study well and stand on my own feet, not depending on anyone financially. They work very hard for me and don't share any hardships they face at home with me. I feel all my expenses, including hostel, mess, travel, and institute fees, amount to nearly 1.8 lakhs per year. Scholarships like these would reduce the burden on my family and help me a lot to study without feeling guilty for their sacrifices.

Aspiration

I aspire to learn and understand the basics of how some systems work say a biological system like a cell, to design an experiment, or how to analyze the large data that we produce through computational experiments, and may try to use that knowledge to find something useful or solve some issue that we are facing. I want to learn the skills required to achieve this at IIT Madras, the knowledge, communication and management skills and habits that I need to have in my life to maintain the balance, etc.

Impact

This scholarship helps me by reducing the stress of the financial issues that we have. It gives me a responsibility to do well in my academics and inspires me to do something like sir Praveen Kumar after my graduation as an alumnus to my campus again.

Gratitude Note

I am very thankful to Mr. Praveen Kumar sir for offering this scholarship to me. This help will have a strong impact on my life, It will make me feel better as I am not burdening my parents now regarding the fee. It will give me a positive feel to study more and help others later in life like you sir. Thank you.

Family

I belong from a Middle-Class family from Hyderabad, I have a brother who also graduated from IIT Kanpur in 2016 and IIM Calcutta recently, my Father has a business in chemicals which is going moderately low and my Mother is a House-wife. We are a happy family but we have also faced difficulties in various aspects but eventually each one of us contributes to other to keep things going. Me and my sibling work really hard to make our parents proud considering the amount of efforts and sacrifices they've put for us so that we were able to grow as we have.

Aspiration

I have an aspiration to create an impact on the society by building and developing something great, and I have been inclined towards them by working every single day. I am inclined towards Research and planning to do Masters in Artificial Intelligence in future, for now in the institute I have been part of Placement Team to get my fellow students placed and help them out in their near future. I also am trying to get into one of the Technical Teams called Abhiyaan to develop product on Autonomous Driving which might create a big impact in the longer future. For my next few years in IIT Madras, I would be carrying out multiple Research Projects under various professors to build my Research Profile.

Impact

The scholarship has impacted me in a very large way, as I have been able to continue my studies further without any burden of Monetary Expenses of my Education. This has led to me being able to focus on what I want to do in my Future and Career without any Stress. I might not have been able to develop as much as I have if I wouldn't have gotten the scholarship.

Gratitude Note

Your generosity has touched me profoundly, and I am incredibly honored to be chosen as a recipient. Receiving this scholarship means more to me than words can express. Not only does it alleviate the financial burden associated with pursuing higher education, but it also serves as a powerful affirmation of my hard work and dedication to my academic pursuits. Please accept my sincerest thanks for your generosity, kindness, and belief in my potential. I am deeply grateful for your support and promise to work diligently to make you proud.

Bhanu Kiran Verma
CE21B031
Civil Engineering



LIFE SKILL COURSES AT IITM

Students graduate from college with a wealth of academic knowledge, yet most struggle to transition into corporate life and navigate their post-school reality.

Alumni of IIT Madras, years after their graduation reflected that had they learnt key life skills during their time in school, they would have been much better equipped to step confidently into their careers and successfully lead their lives.

This realization inspired a new undergraduate course at the Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IITM) in 2013 called Life Skills. Today, this course is offered to roughly 1,200 first-year students annually, both in person and online. These students learn essential life skills, such as active listening and effective communication, as well as how to build healthy relationships, express oneself freely, manage time, navigate conflict, and more.

Over the last 5 years, there has been a need for additional curricular courses along social emotional wellbeing themes and this has led to a series of other GN courses such as Personal and Professional Growth, Nurturing Women's Leadership Potential, etc.

Some of the topics covered under the life skills GN1101 are 'Express yourself Freely', 'Create your Vision Board', 'Lead yourself from Within', 'Partner with Time', etc.

Additionally other GN courses also have detailed curriculum that are tuned to the needs of the senior students. The Life Skills GN1101 course is a 6 credit course and typically around 8 classes are covered in the semester.

The Life Skills GN1102 course is a 3 credit course and typically around 6 classes are covered in the semester. We have been experimenting with a mixture of theory, reflection, activity based and flipped classroom methodologies. To make it light and engaging, we also have tried showcasing movies from which students are able to learn and reflect life skill themes

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MR. PRAVEEN KUMAR P

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 relations with IIT Madras and how it has remained steadfastly committed to academic and research excellence. 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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