



Indian Institute of Technology Madras
Office of Alumni and Corporate Relations



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**CELEBRATING THE
GENEROSITY OF
MR. RAJESH JHA**

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.

Shri Rajesh Jha received his Bachelor's in Computer Science from the Indian Institute of Technology Madras in 1988, and an M.S. in Computer Science from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst in 1990. He serves on the Advisory Board for the College of Information and Computer Sciences at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and the Jagran Foundation in Bellevue, Washington. He is the holder of multiple patents from his early days as a software engineer.

As Executive Vice President of Microsoft's Office Product Group, Shri Jha leads the development and service engineering teams for Microsoft Office – spanning Office 365, Office applications, SharePoint, Exchange, Skype, Project and OneNote. Most recently, he served as Corporate Vice President, leading teams that helped reinvent productivity and collaboration, including delivering Office 365 cross platform and through the cloud. Office 365 is one of the fastest-growing commercial services in the industry, and is used by businesses, governments and educational institutions worldwide, providing powerful security controls, advanced analytics, and voice communication. Office 365 provides industry leading productivity, communication and collaboration services that are used by hundreds of millions of users on their PCs or mobile devices – secure, trusted and powered by intelligence to allow users to achieve more. By pioneering new online services, Shri Jha and his team are at the forefront of enabling Microsoft Corporation's transformation to a mobile-first, cloud-first world a reality.



SUMMARY OF YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS



**Merit Cum Means Scholarship
Endowment Funded by Rajesh Jha**



Women Leading IITM

MERIT CUM MEANS SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUNDED BY RAJESH JHA

Mr. Rajesh Jha (1988/BT/CS) has magnanimously contributed towards the scholarship for the below beneficiary.



Vivekkumar Singh

EE23B091
Electrical Engineering
2023 - 2027

Family Background

From a village in Bihar, my father works in textile company

Aspirations

To get placed at software company

Gratitude Note for Mr. Rajesh Jha

Thank you sir for helping me. I assure you that I will work hard and achieve my dream and further help other students also.



Ishan Aji Hassan

EE23B097
Electrical Engineering
2023 - 2027

Family Background

My family, that is myself, my parents and my sister are settled in Kerala. My father is working and my mother is a housewife. My younger sister is in the 9th grade.

Aspirations

In the future, I hope to be in a position that allows me to support myself and my family. I also hope to be working in a field that interests and captivates me.(Though I am not entirely sure on where that will be yet)

Gratitude Note for Mr. Rajesh Jha

I would like to thank Mr. Jha for his kindness in supporting me so that I am able to focus on utilising the resources that are available at our college to better myself academically and otherwise without worrying about the financial side as much. I hope to one day pay it forward to other younger people who may be in need of someone to support them.



S Krishna

ME23B102

Mechanical Engineering

2023 - 2027

Family Background

I come from a middle class background recent days have been good when I was a child I was barely allowed leave the house all I knew was home school that's I didn't have that many friends.

Aspirations

To become someone who knows the secrets of the universe and career wise I like programming.

Gratitude Note for Mr. Rajesh Jha

I am very thankful for this scholarship It has helped me buy a laptop which is very useful for me and Exploring new fields of sciences and acknowledging my passion. I can't stress enough how grateful I am for the help from you sir. I really hope to meet you in person and thankyou and get guidance from you.



Madicharla Chanukya Aparajit

EE23B100

Electrical Engineering
2023 - 2027

Family Background

I have a small family from Rajahmundry, Andhra Pradesh. We are a family of five members. My father works for the railways, my mother is a homemaker, and I have one sister and one brother.

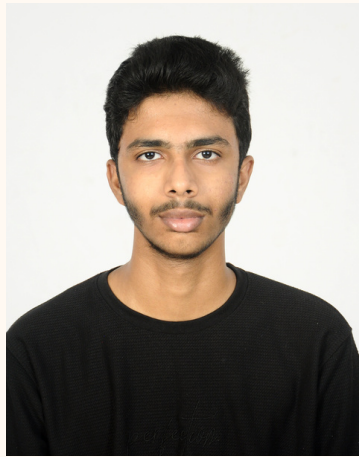
Aspirations

I want to Excel in academics and also I will Focus on developing practical skills and gaining hands-on experience through internships, projects, and extracurricular activities related to electrical engineering.

Gratitude Note for Mr. Rajesh Jha

I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude for the incredible opportunity you have given me through the scholarship you generously provided. With your support, I am one step closer to achieving my goals and making a positive impact in the world. I promise to make the most of this opportunity and to pay it forward by helping others as you have helped me.

Once again, thank you from the bottom of my heart for your generosity and belief in me.



Varun Thota

EE23B083
Electrical Engineering
2023 - 2027

Family Background

I come from a middle class background

Aspirations

I aspire to have a job that has a high pay and utilise opportunities to make myself better

Gratitude Note for Mr. Rajesh Jha

Thankyou so much sir for helping me financially to pay my fee. This really means a lot to me.

WOMEN LEADING IITM

The goals of the 'Women Leading IITM' program are:

- Increasing the percentage of women faculty in Assistant Professorships to 20% from the current 15%
- Generating 30% of all faculty applications from Women candidates
- Grantees expected to graduate to leadership roles within IITM
- Next-generation ambassadors for enabling a gender balanced IITM
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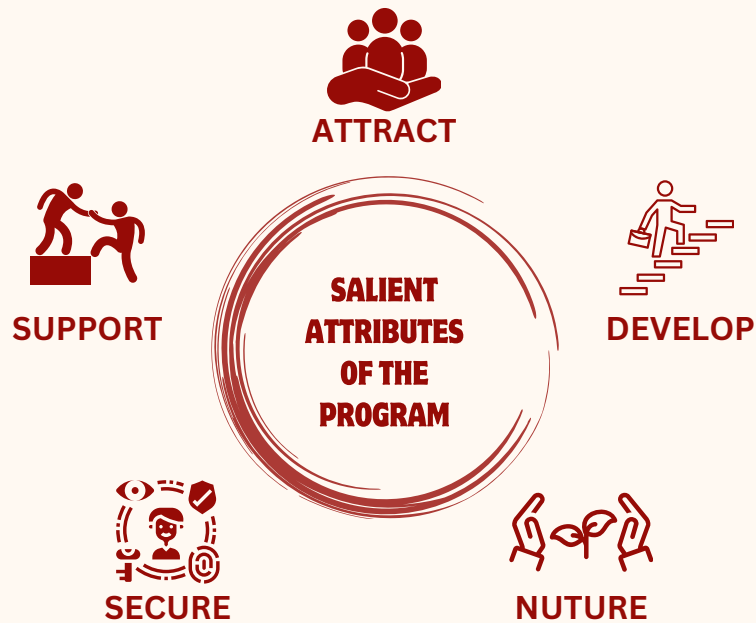
Education is an important factor in empowering women. If women's empowerment in the true sense is ever to be realized, it could be only through education. Education brings prosperity not only to the woman and her family but also to the nation.

IITM has made considerable progress in improving the number of women students/ faculty & creating opportunities for success. IIT Madras launched the 'Women Leading IITM' (WLI) program on March -08th 2021 to boost women's leadership in science and technology. Launched in 2021, Women Leading IITM is a program to Nurture, Develop and Support women's talent at IITM along with their study/professional careers.

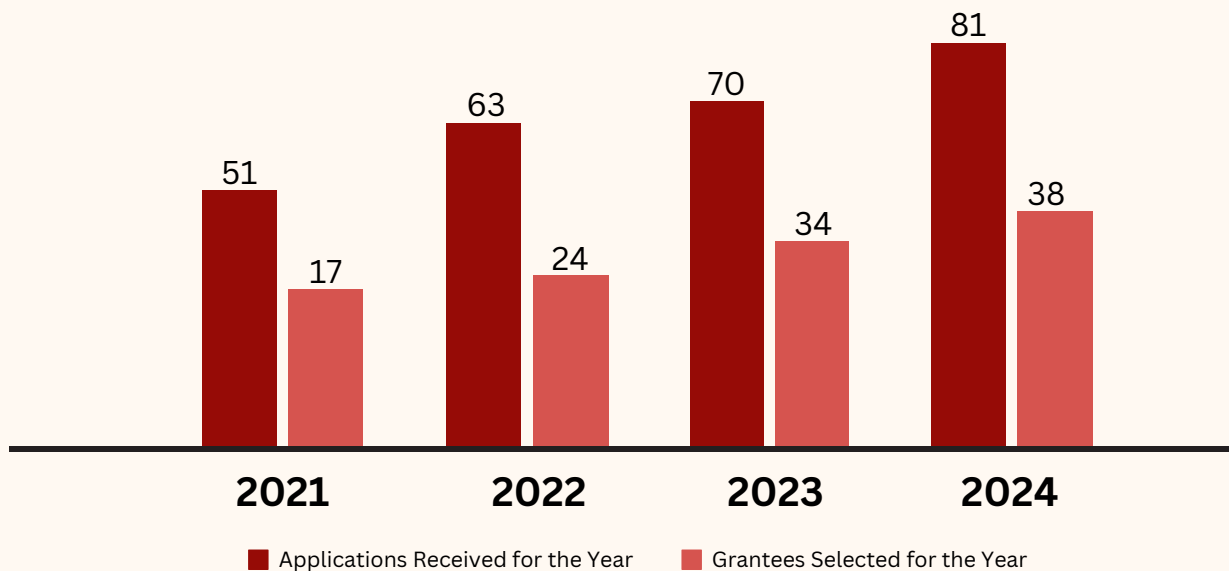
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WOMEN LEADING IITM



STATISTICS FOR 2021 - 2024



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WE ARE GRATEFUL TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY MR. RAJESH JHA

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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