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Indian Institute of Technology Madras
Office of Alumni & Corporate Relations

Director's Message

Prof. V. Kamakoti



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



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.

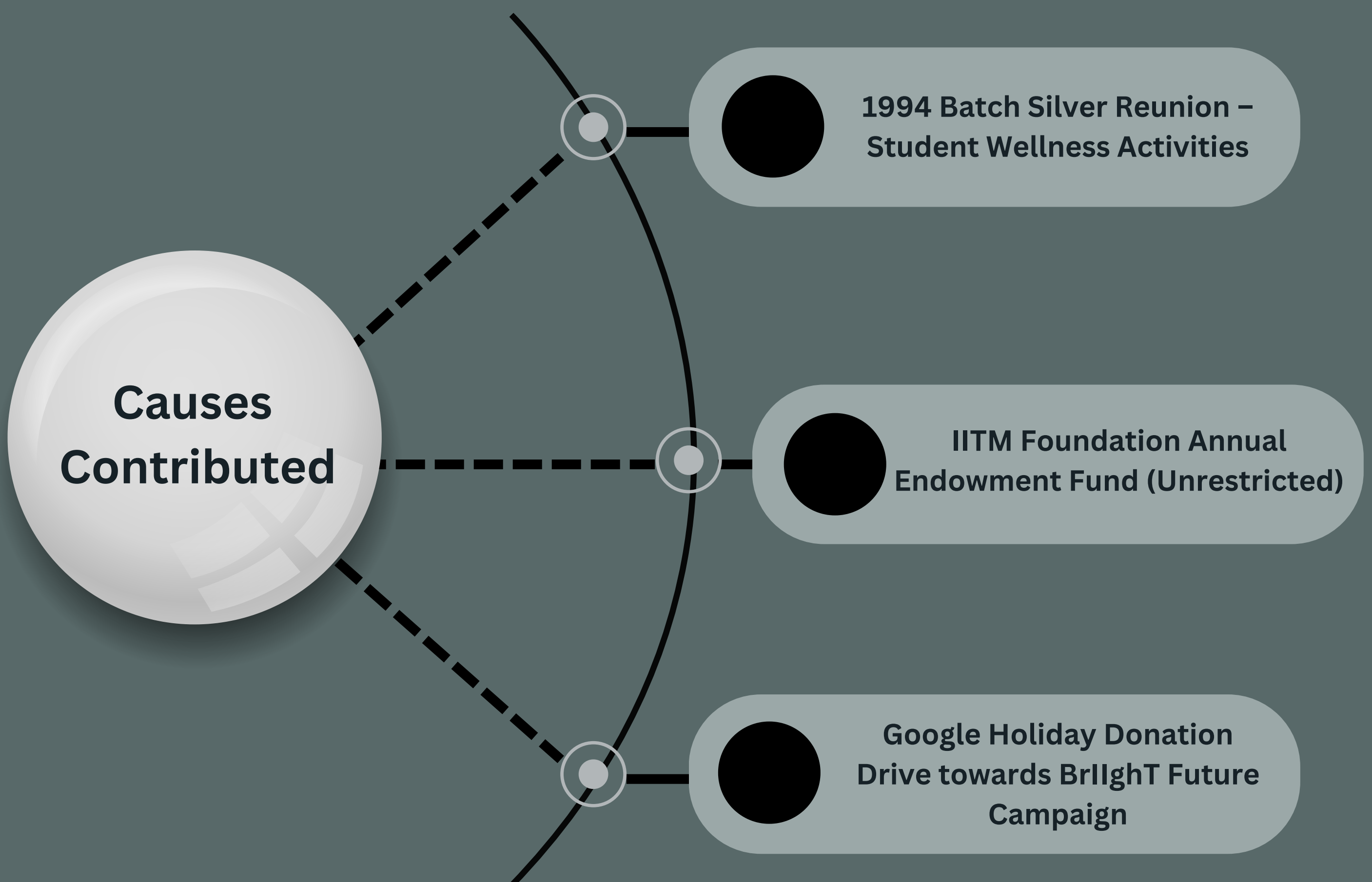
In a world evolving rapidly in science and technology, we have set ambitious goals for ourselves. Your enduring enthusiasm and support provide fillip to our efforts. IIT Madras stands as a beacon of diversity, sustainability, innovation and research excellence. While we have transformed over the years, 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. Ashok Venkat Rao is known for his exceptional leadership skills and strategic vision, which have contributed significantly to the success of various Google projects and initiatives. He has a deep understanding of emerging technologies and their impact on businesses, enabling him to steer Google through the ever-changing landscape of technology.

Beyond his professional achievements, Mr. Ashok Venkat Rao is also recognized for his commitment to fostering a culture that promotes diversity and inclusion within organizations. He advocates for creating an environment that encourages collaboration, creativity, and personal growth among team members.

With his dedication to pushing boundaries in technology innovation coupled with his strong leadership abilities, Mr. Ashok Venkat Rao continues to shape the future of technology at Google while inspiring others in the industry.



1994 SILVER JUBILEE REUNION FUND

The 1994 batch has celebrated their silver jubilee reunion at IIT Madras during December 2018. They have decided to support development of Wellness Community Centre through 1994 batch reunion fund. The Wellness Community Centre was setup to tend to the mental wellness of the IITM student community.

Some of the measures taken by Wellness Community Centre at IIT Madras are as follows:

- Developing a systematic approach to identify those who need help.
- Encourage individuals to come forward to enhance their wellness & wellbeing.
- Promoting collaborative engagement and coordinating the efforts of key stakeholders.
- Reducing overall stress experienced and preventing untoward events such as taking away one's right to live.

WELLNESS COMMUNITY CENTER

The Wellness Community Centre, IIT Madras vouches for the holistic wellbeing of the student community. Proactive, retroactive, professional, and career guidance facilities are available on the campus in different forms to ensure student empowerment. Prioritizing mental health among students is crucial for their overall well-being and personal growth. And the Wellness Centre is essential as the central hub dedicated to nurturing students' mental health and well-being by offering accessible mental health services, educational programs, peer support networks, and holistic wellness initiatives.

The following three teams work in cohesion to provide assistance for the wellbeing of the Institute community.



SAATHI

Saathi is a proactive platform for the self-growth and well-being of students. The Saathi team focuses on prudent measures that raise awareness on the campus about various pertinent issues and plan several informal gatherings, lectures, and sessions.



MITR

MiTr is a reactive body composed of faculties and students who provides peer counselling to distressed students and collaborate among different agencies in the IITM community. All the departments and hostels contain MiTr representatives who have finished barefoot counselling training.



WELLNESS CENTRE

Wellness Centre, IITM, is a body of licensed mental health professionals, including a psychiatrist, clinical psychologist and counsellors, who work to nourish positive mental health on the campus. The team provides non-judgmental and confidential counselling and psychotherapy to the students while working towards destigmatizing mental health crises, as many people do not consider them a real issue.

WELLNESS CENTRE

FUNCTIONS

Wellness Centre at IITM provide barefoot training to the MiTr Coordinators and coordinate with other teams in the wellness community centre. They organise talks, conduct group therapy and orientation sessions. The wellness centre arranged a CISD (Critical Incident Stress Debriefing) training session to allow those involved with the incident to overcome the emotional challenge associated with the crisis event. They also coordinated with MiTr to set up stalls during Saarang and Shastra.



NEW WELLNESS CENTRE

Restructured Wellness Centre was inaugurated by our Director Prof. V. Kamakoti on December 1, 2023 to provide Face-to-Face counselling services by third party counselors (Kauvery hospital) at the Wellness Centre, 1st Floor, DoSt Building from Monday to Friday 10 AM to 6 PM.

MANNMEET

The Wellness Centre organizes peer support group meetings. Groups of student get together and share their experiences associated with self improvement condition or personal circumstance, such that they learn, and gain useful insights, from each other and realize that they are after all not alone in their journeys.

BAREFOOT TRAINING & SENSITIZATION PROGRAMS

The Wellness Centre organizes Barefoot Counseling training for the faculty and student MiTr. External experts are also invited as trainers for the sessions. The student MiTr who successfully completes the training, is awarded with a certificate and memento. The Wellness Centre also organizes multiple sensitization and skill development programs for SAATHI, and faculty members to create mental health awareness.

WELLNESS CENTRE TEAM

The Wellness Centre has four licensed clinical psychologists and one counseling psychologist and Assistant manager. There are two visiting psychiatrists in the institute hospital. Students can meet them by taking appointment at the hospital.

IITM FOUNDATION ANNUAL ENDOWMENT FUND (UNRESTRICTED)

BELOW ARE THE CAUSES SUPPORTED THROUGH THE FUNDS RECEIVED :

B R AMBEDAKR MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT

The 132nd birthday celebration of Dr. B R Ambedkar was celebrated this year using the B R Ambedkar Memorial Endowment on 14th April at the Central Lecture Theatre (CLT). The contributions made by the great leader were recollected by those gathered there. Additionally, a floral tribute was also paid to him. Prof. V. Kamakoti, Director – IIT Madras was the Chief Guest for the event. Ms. Jane Prasad, Registrar – IIT Madras was the Special Guest for the event. The event also saw the participation of many other professors and staff.



MONKEY PROOFING FOR QUARK BUILDING

Monkey-proofing work is completed at the Quark building to restrict the entry of monkeys into the cafeteria



MONKEY PROOF WASTE BINS

On the World Sustainability Day, the institute launched a 'hackathon' to design a functional monkey-proof dustbin to keep these mischief makers away from wet waste baskets. The chosen design has been selected for production and installed in hostels.



WOMEN LEADING IIT'S

Research shows that the percentage of women in senior positions in academic institutions is extremely low at less than 20%. Barely 5 % of the Chairs are held by women. It is important to ensure adequate representation of women in these positions to bridge the gender gap and allow equitable representation, better decision making, innovation and research.

However, women faculty are constrained from taking on leadership positions due to both systemic biases and internal challenges. While networks like GATI and Athena Swan along with institutional support do address some of the issues, the women faculty will benefit from a leadership development program that meets their needs.

IIT Madras has taken the initiative to sponsor a leadership development journey for women faculty at the Assistant and Associate Professor levels.

The Women Leading IITs-WLI is a collaborative initiative between IIT Madras, McKinsey & Co and Growing Leadership of Women (GLOW) to provide the impetus and inputs for select women faculties across IITs to enhance their leadership potential.

WLI Program Elements :

Pre work and Program launch

- Participant selection from applications across all IITs
- Virtual Program launch
- Pre workshop assessment and pre read

Session 1 Lead Self At IIT Madras

- Enhance self awareness and identify own biases beliefs and strengths
- Debrief the Powerfulife Assessment tool
- Create a personal brand
- In person networking session

3 Speaker Sessions Over 5 months

- Virtual sessions where participants get to meet and interact from successful women in STEM
- Dr. Pratibha Jolly
 - Dr. Anuradha Ganesh
 - Prof. Shobana Narasimhan

Session 2 Lead Other At IIT Madras

- Enhance interpersonal skills
- Build networking and influencing skills
- Mastering difficult conversations
- In person networking session

One on One Coaching

1 on 1 individual coaching session with a certified external coach to finalize action plan and understand their Power Profile in detail.

Closure and Next steps

- Closure of program
- Participant sharing of experience
- Celebration of the journey

MONETARY SUPPORT FOR SHAASTRA 2024 EVENTS

Shaastra is the annual technical festival of the IIT Madras. The sanskrit word 'Shaastra' means science and the festival accordingly consists of engineering, science and technology competitions, summits, lectures, video conferences, exhibitions, demonstrations and workshops.



NASA MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS

The International Labor Day is celebrated every year on May 1st to commemorate the struggles and sacrifices of the workers and laborers. It is also known as May Day. The funds raised towards this cause is used for the celebration conducted on May Day.



RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

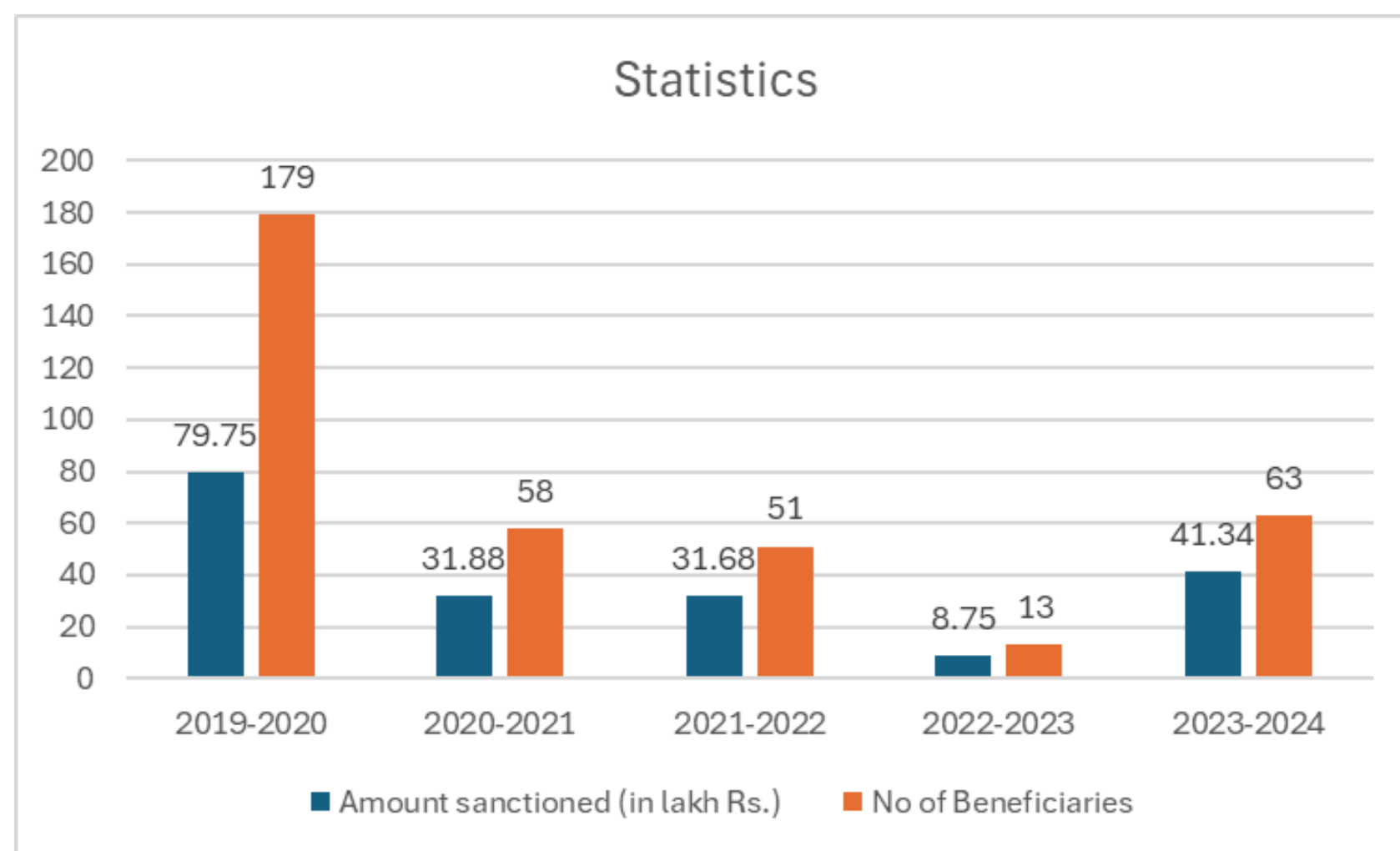
A part of the funds received was given towards the research and education needs of the students and research scholars.

STUDENT TRAVEL GRANT

The goal of this travel grant is to facilitate the professional development of undergraduate and graduate students/research scholars and faculty by supporting their travel for attending professional meetings.

This also supports exchange programs, summer schools, and joint doctoral programs which provide an opportunity for the recipient to present his/her own research. This enables recipients to interact with peers and established scientists, which also helps develop professional contacts to facilitate their career development.

STATISTICS FOR THE PAST 5 YEARS :



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ARRIVAL KIT FOR FRESHERS

A part of the funds received was spent towards the arrival kit that was given to the freshers. IIT logo T-shirts were given to all the freshers.

GOOGLE HOLIDAY DONATION DRIVE TOWARDS BRIGHT FUTURE PROJECT

Student beneficiaries will be identified this academic year. Once identified report will be shared with the respective donors.

*We are grateful to you
and your family*

Mr. Ashok Venkat Rao

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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