



Indian Institute of Technology Madras
Office of Alumni and Corporate Relations

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MR. PRASAD SETTY

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 ecosystem 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.

SUMMARY OF YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS



Shoma and Prasad Setty Student Distress Fund Endowment Fund



Prema and Nagaraja Setty Prize



Endowment Fund

SHOMA AND PRASAD SETTY 5 STUDENT DISTRESS FUND

The feedback from a few beneficiaries of the Shoma and Prasad Setty Student Distress Endowment Fund.



Anoop Kumar Mourya
NA19B027
Naval Architecture and Ocean Engineering



Family

I come from a lower middle class family and during COVID our condition got worsened both financially and mentally. Being the eldest son in family I had responsibilities and I wanted to get a job as soon as possible. But things turned around quite the opposite side I had a mental breakdown and was depressed and took antidepressants for 3 months after coming to the institute. I gained momentum in my studies with the help of my professors.



Aspirations

I was enthusiastic about exploring various fields of science and engineering, feeling like I was in a dream world. However, COVID forced us to return home, where I lacked internet access due to residing in a rural area in Rajasthan. I lost touch with academics. Upon returning to the institute, I lacked energy and enthusiasm but sought guidance from a professor regarding whether to pursue academic or non-academic paths. Considering my family's situation, I opted for non-academic pursuits, hoping to excel in the IT field.



Achievements

I learnt a lot about software, learnt about web development and currently working on my problem solving skills by doing code and competitive programming, I got to know about the workings of camera and now it's my everyday hobby to click pictures, and most importantly I think I started to get out of my comfort zone and started talking to people, gained my communication skills and became decently fluent speaking in English, it has boosted my confidence very much.



Fund Necessity

As I had decided to stop taking money from my family after a point and started earning on my own by solving problems on some platforms but it wasn't enough to pay the hostel fees. So I had to apply for distress funds.



Impact

It has helped me a lot, it's like a breath of relief while everything else is suffocating me. I didn't need to worry about fees for some time and I can focus on my studies better now and hoping to get a job shortly. It wouldn't be possible if I was worrying about fees every now and then.



Gratitude Note

it's hard to express how much it meant for me at this moment.
Hope to meet you in person someday.
Thank you a ton.

FEEDBACK FROM A FEW OF THE BENEFICIARIES



Richy Babu Pilli
NA17B022
Naval Architecture & Ocean Engineering



Family

We are joint family and my father is the only employee who earns in the family. My father has a bad health condition and recently went through surgery for spondylitis. due to this, we face financial crisis as a family.



Aspirations

I aspire to study in IIM and help my family overcome their financial burdens.



Achievements

I Passed CAT exam with a good percentile 81.8 and getting into IIM Bodh Gaya



Fund Necessity

As my father got operated for his disease spondylitis and he's still on recovery and become financially low and unable to arrange money for my college dues and I requested for the distress fund to help with the financial set back.



Impact

The help which you are giving is unforgettable and will help me further my studies for the future.



Gratitude Note

I personally wanted to reach and thank you for being ongoing donor and helping those in need and being good human being. Bless you and your family

FEEDBACK FROM A FEW OF THE BENEFICIARIES



Smarak Rath
MM18D201
Metallurgical and Materials Engineering (Ph.D)



Family

My father used to be an Associate Professor in Veer Surendra Sai University of Technology, which is a state government controlled engineering institute in Odisha. He retired in 2022. My mother is a housewife. My parents and my brother live in Burla, Odisha.



Aspirations

I have learnt a lot in IIT Madras. After finishing Ph.D., I aim to pursue a career in scientific research. I plan on applying for jobs in research institutes, academic institutes and R&D divisions of various companies in the future.



Achievements

I had appeared in the GATE examination in 2018 in which I secured an All India Rank of 319. I have published two papers so far during my Ph.D. journey. The most recent paper came online on 2nd April 2024.



Fund Necessity

My family always faces the possibility of adverse disease episodes which might turn out to be expensive. When I was hospitalized in July 2023, the total expenses went up to Rs 770,000. The entire cost was handled by my father. As I wanted to reduce the financial burden on my family, I requested for the distress funds.



Impact

The distress fund played a big role in reducing the financial burden on my family. I am very grateful for that.



Gratitude Note

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to you. July 2023 was an extremely difficult period of time for me and my family. When I was hospitalized, my parents could not even come to Chennai. As my father can't walk without a walker because of his neurological condition, he can't travel. My mother also needs to be with him all the time. The distress fund, along with institute insurance greatly reduced the financial burden on my family.

FEEDBACK FROM A FEW OF THE BENEFICIARIES



Nihal N P
ED19B023
Engineering Design



Family

I come from a modest family in Kerala. My father is an accountant at Feroke College, while my mother is a homemaker. With two younger sisters to support alongside myself, finances have often been tight for my parents. However, they have always done their utmost to provide for us and ensure we received a good education.



Aspirations

Gaining admission to the prestigious IIT Madras itself was a dream come true, made even more special by securing the 6th rank in the PwD quota through JEE Advanced. I aspire to excel academically and make the most of the world-class resources and education available. . My long-term vision is to use the powerful technical education to develop accessible, affordable prosthetics and assistive technologies that can uplift the lives of persons with disabilities, especially those from underprivileged backgrounds like my own.



Achievements

* Secured All India Rank 6 in the Persons with Disabilities quota for JEE Advanced, * Maintained an exceptional CGPA of 8/10 in my first two semesters at IIT, * Part of a team called tensors who were helping the society with the technologies out in the world Sports: Captained the Kerala Badminton team for Para Badminton Nationals 2023 held at lucknow, Uttar Pradesh Awarded 2 bronze medals for Kerala State Level Para-Badminton Championship with 100+ participants Selected from 200+ applicants as one of 20 students for the National Sports Organization(NSO) in 2019.



Fund Necessity

Coming from a humble background with my father working as an accountant and my mother being a homemaker, my family's financial means are quite limited. The costs of a new prosthetic leg place an immense burden on my parents.

My current prosthetic leg, which I had been using for several years, was starting to cause discomfort and mobility issues. As an active student athlete participating in swimming and basketball, I require an advanced prosthetic that can withstand vigorous activities while providing a natural gait.



Impact

The financial burden of a new advanced prosthetic leg seemed insurmountable. The distress fund renewed my sense of possibility and hope, it showed me that my disability need not forever constrain my aspirations if I have the right support system.

This generous assistance has given me a tremendous confidence boost. I now walk taller, quite literally, with the new prosthetic that allows greater mobility and independence. My self-assurance in academics and extracurriculars has increased tremendously.



Gratitude Note

Your act of compassion has profoundly impacted my life as a student with a disability from an underprivileged background. the distress fund provided by kind-hearted donors like yourself has renewed my sense of possibility. With the new prosthetic, I can finally pursue academics and extracurricular activities at IIT Madras with greater independence, comfort and confidence. The weight of this financial stress has been lifted, allowing me to concentrate fully on excelling in the world-class curriculum. On the sports front, it has accelerated my training regimen, leading to medals at National Badminton championships.

BENEFICIARIES OF THE DISTRESS FUND



Ganji Rakesh
NA18B015

**Requisition -
Hostel fees**



Megavath Raju
MM22B043

**Requisition -
Hostel fees**



Kaushik Raja P
HS22H028

**Requisition -
Hostel fees
and Institute fees**

ENDOWMENT FUND

Causes supported through the funds received



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**B R AMBEDKAR MEMORIAL
ENDOWMENT**



WOMEN LEADING IITM



**NASA MAY DAY
CELEBRATIONS**



**MONKEY PROOFING FOR
QUARK BUILDING**



TECH KIDS

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PREMA & NAGARAJA SETTY PRIZE

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**The awardee for the year
2022- 2023**



GRATITUDE NOTE

The prize has given me a lot of credibility as a capable founder. It has helped us raise money for our start-up and build our LinkedIn profiles. I appreciate Mr. Prasad for his kind donation, and to the institute for recognizing me.

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY MR. PRASAD SETTY



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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