



Indian Institute of Technology Madras  
Office of Alumni and Corporate Relations

# **CELEBRATING THE GENEROSITY OF MR. RAMESH SRINIVASAN AND MRS. CHARUTA JOSHI**



**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.

# 1992 BATCH - KG VENKATASUBRAMANIAN MERIT CUM MEANS SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT

## FEEDBACK FROM BENEFICIARIES

### FAMILY BACKGROUND

I belong to a middle class family. My parents did not inherit a lot from their parents. My father is a business and runs a small Medical store. Our financial condition was decent until my brother grew up and his university expenses had to be born. During that phase, our situation grew difficult. We had to take an education loan for my studies in IITM.

### ASPIRATION

I aspire to become a Physicist, and more specifically, a cosmologist. Science has always appealed to me more than Engineering, and I am keen to pursue my interest in research. Getting into the BS-MS Physics Program at IIT Madras was a dream come true for this aspiration.

### IMPACT CREATED

As I mentioned, my family had to take an education loan to cover for my expenses. They did not grant a loan in my Father's name, his cibil score had come low due to my brother's education loan. So we had to get it on my mother's name. When I got the email of the Scholarship, I couldn't believe it, and called my parents to give them the news. It added a lot of joy and relief in me and my parents' life. I am very grateful to the kind donor.

### GRATITUDE NOTE

Your kindness has alleviated a significant financial burden for my family and also empowered me to pursue my academic aspirations with greater determination. Thank you for believing in my potential and for supporting students like me in achieving their dreams. Because of your gift, my family doesn't have to worry as much, and I can follow my dreams in Physics. Thank you very much for your support.



**Rohit Jain**  
Department Of Physics

# 1992 BATCH - KG VENKATASUBRAMANIAN MERIT CUM MEANS SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FEEDBACK FROM BENEFICIARIES

## FAMILY BACKGROUND

My father is employed in a salon, my mother is a homemaker, and my elder sister is pursuing a Bachelor of Computer Applications at Bangalore.

## ASPIRATION

Many students aim to excel academically, leveraging the institute's rigorous curriculum and research opportunities to deepen their knowledge and skills in their chosen field. They may also aspire to contribute to society by engaging in innovative projects and startups, often facilitated by the institute's supportive ecosystem for entrepreneurship. In life, individuals might seek to make a positive impact on the world, pursue continuous learning, and build meaningful relationships. These aspirations reflect a drive towards personal and professional growth, and a desire to contribute to the larger community.

## IMPACT CREATED

Scholarships serve as a beacon of hope and opportunity for me, often lifting the financial barriers that hinder educational pursuits. And not only alleviate economic strain but also instill a sense of achievement and motivation.

## GRATITUDE NOTE

I am immensely thankful to Mr. Ramesh Srinivasan for the scholarship awarded to me. It is a significant support in my academic journey, alleviating financial concerns and enabling me to concentrate on my studies. This scholarship represents a trust in my abilities and a contribution to my future success. I am determined to honour this faith by excelling in my educational pursuits. Thank you for this invaluable assistance.



**Pottapi Bharath**  
Dept. Of Naval Architecture  
and Ocean Engineering

# 1992 BATCH - KG VENKATASUBRAMANIAN MERIT CUM MEANS SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT

## FEEDBACK FROM BENEFICIARIES

### FAMILY BACKGROUND

Coming from a family with limited resources in Surat, I've faced a number of challenges that have shaped my character and ambitions. My father works in a private firm and is the sole breadwinner for our family of six. My mother dedicates her time as a homemaker, while both my grandparents are retired. Despite our financial constraints, my parents have always emphasized the importance of education and hard work.

### ASPIRATION

At IIT Madras, I aspire to delve deeply into Civil Engineering and make significant contributions through innovative research and practical applications. I aim to leverage the world-class education and resources available at IIT Madras to develop a robust understanding of my discipline. Beyond academic excellence, I am keen to participate in various extracurricular activities and clubs to hone my leadership and interpersonal skills.

In life, my long-term goal is to use my education and skills to drive positive change in society. I am passionate about finding sustainable solutions to real-world problems and hope to work in an area where I can make a tangible difference, whether through advancements in technology, community development, or policy-making.

### IMPACT CREATED

This scholarship has also validated my hard work and dedication, boosting my confidence and motivating me to strive for excellence in all my endeavors. This support has not only made my academic journey smoother but has also empowered me to pursue my aspirations with greater zeal and commitment.

### GRATITUDE NOTE

I express my deepest gratitude for your generous support through the merit-cum-means scholarship. Your generosity has been a tremendous source of motivation and encouragement, and I am committed to using this opportunity to drive positive change in society and inspire others from similar backgrounds. Thank you for believing in my potential and investing in my future.



**Soham Gandhi**  
Department Of  
Civil Engineering

# 1992 BATCH - KG VENKATASUBRAMANIAN MERIT CUM MEANS SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT

## FEEDBACK FROM BENEFICIARIES

### FAMILY BACKGROUND

My father works as a LIC agent, and my mother takes care of our home. I have one elder sister who is also pursuing her graduation, and a younger brother who is currently in 11th grade and preparing for the JEE (Joint Entrance Examination).

### ASPIRATION

My aspirations at IIT Madras and in life are focused on excelling academically and growing personally. At IIT Madras, I aim to do well in my studies and engage in research projects to deepen my knowledge of engineering. I also want to participate in clubs and activities to develop leadership and interpersonal skills.

In the future, I hope to use my education to make positive contributions to society, possibly in fields like sustainable development or renewable energy.

### IMPACT CREATED

This scholarship has really helped me. It's made it easier for me to pay for my education. Because of it, I can concentrate more on my studies without worrying too much about money. It's also given me a big boost of confidence to do well in my classes.

### GRATITUDE NOTE

I want to say a big thank you for giving me this scholarship. Your kindness means a lot to me. Because of your help, I can focus better on my education. I'm really grateful for your support. Thanks again



**Vaishnavi Sinha**  
Dept. Of Metallurgical and  
Materials engineering

**The "Women Leading IITs" program for 2024 is set to begin in August. An update on the program's developments will be provided by the end of the year.**

# WE ARE GRATEFUL TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY MR. RAMESH SRINIVASAN & MRS. CHARUTA JOSHI



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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