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# 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.



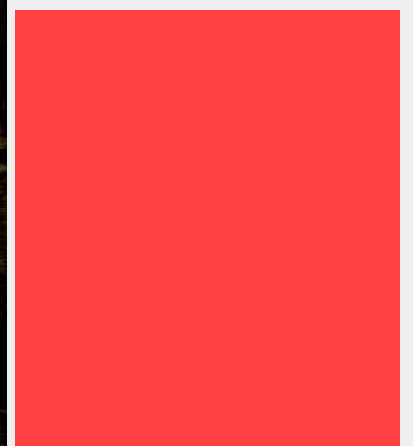
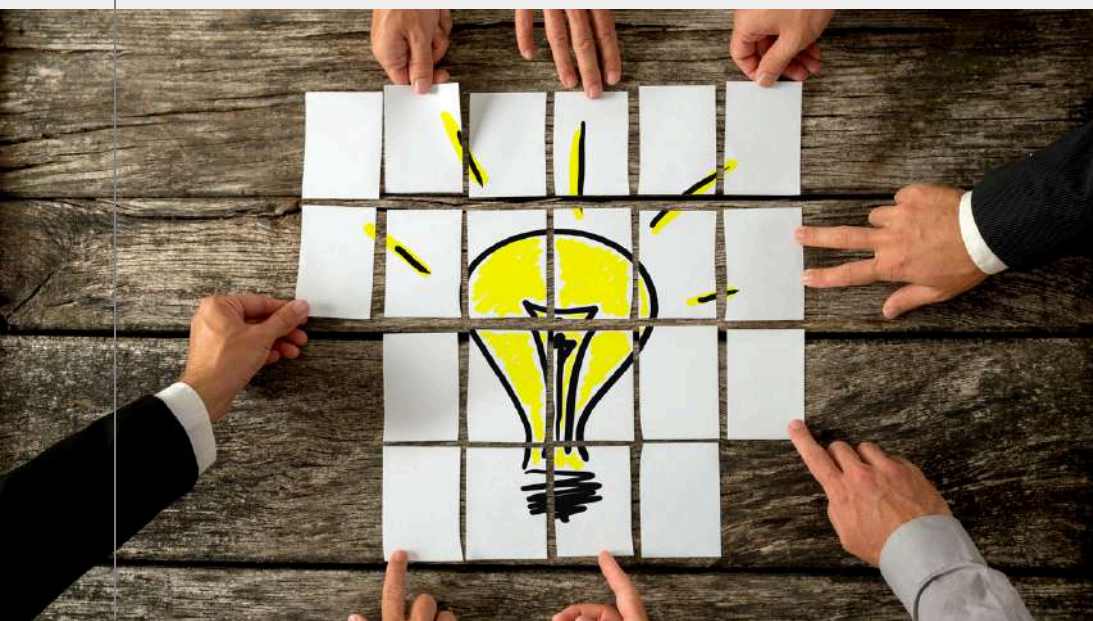
# Summary of your Contributions

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# Merit Cum Means Scholarship



**Aditya Raj**  
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## Aspirations

At IIT Madras, I aspire to excel academically, engage in research, and contribute to campus life. Beyond academics, I aim to use my education to positively impact society, whether through innovation, entrepreneurship, or advocacy. Ultimately, I seek a balanced life focused on personal growth, meaningful relationships, and leaving a positive legacy.

## Impact Created

The scholarship has had a profound impact on me in several ways. Firstly, it has relieved financial burdens, allowing me to focus more fully on my academic pursuits without worrying about excessive student debt. Knowing that others have recognized and supported my efforts motivates me to continue striving for excellence. Additionally, the scholarship has expanded my opportunities for personal and professional growth, providing access to resources, networks, and experiences that may not have been possible otherwise. Overall, the scholarship has been a transformative blessing, empowering me to pursue my dreams with greater determination and optimism.

## Gratitude Note

Words can't express my gratitude for your incredible support through the MCM scholarship. It truly lightened the financial burden of college, allowing me to dedicate myself fully to my studies in bioengineering. I'm committed to making the most of this opportunity. Thank you for believing in students like me. Your generosity is truly inspiring.



# 1993 Batch Silver Reunion - Student Wellness Activities

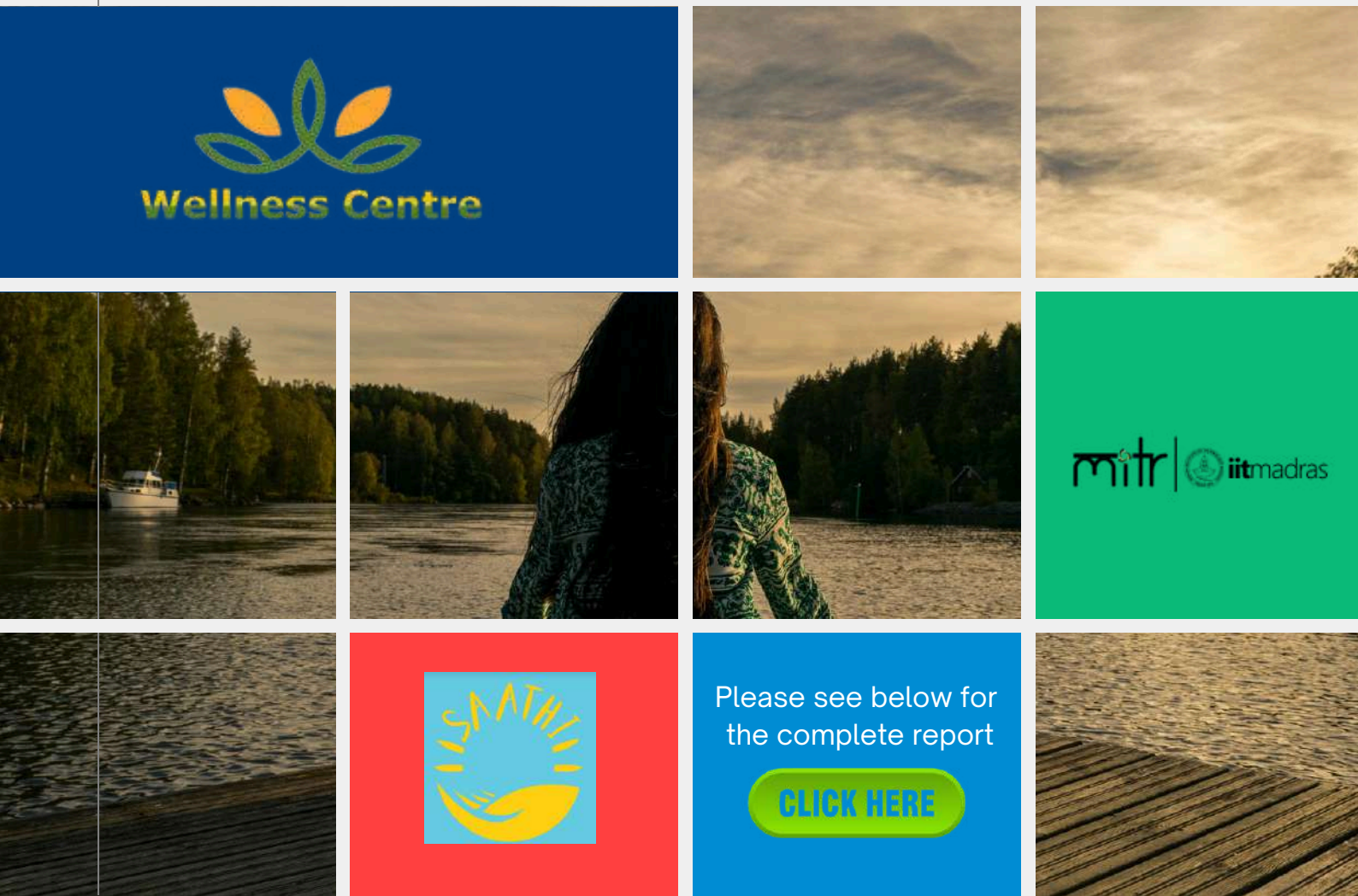
The 1993 batch has celebrated their silver jubilee reunion at IIT Madras during December 2018. They have decided to support development of Wellness Community Centre through 1993 batch reunion fund. The Wellness Community Centre was setup to tend to the mental wellness of the IITM student community.

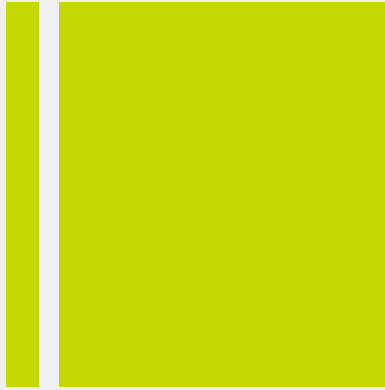
Some of the measures taken by Wellness Community Centre at IIT Madras are as follows:

- 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 keys take holders.
- Reducing overall stress experienced and preventing untoward events such as taking away one's right to live.

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.



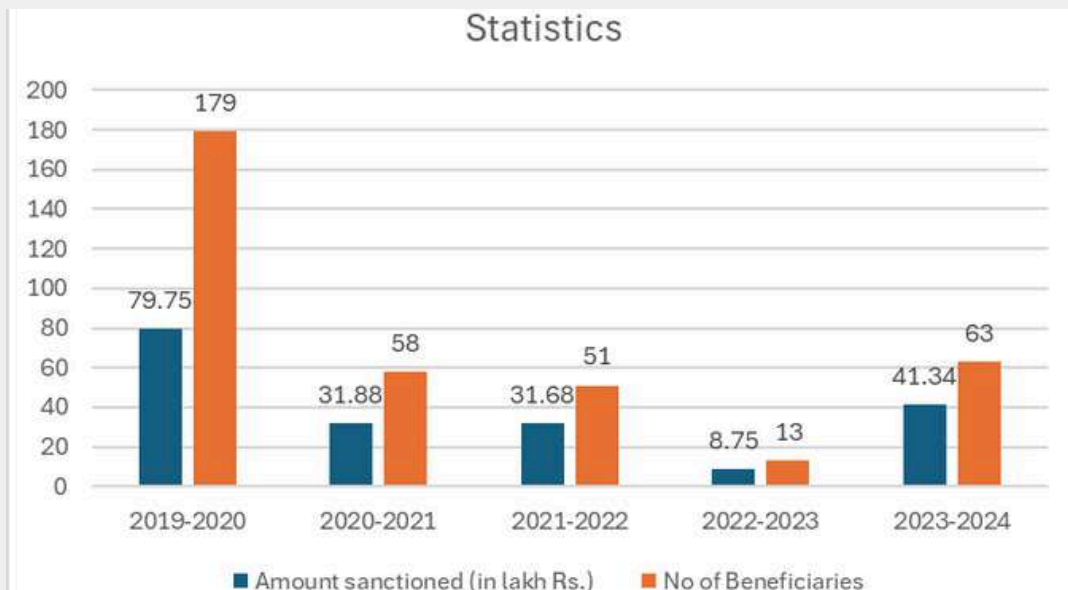


# Travel Grant

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



Please see here for the complete report

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## 1993 Batch Pearl Reunion - Brllght Future - Sarojini and Subhadra Endowment

The students beneficiaries for the Project Brllght Future will be identified for the academic year 2024 - 2025

# WE ARE GRATEFUL TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY MR. VINOD MADHAVAN

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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