



Indian Institute of Technology Madras
Office of Alumni and Corporate Relations

CELEBRATING THE GENEROSITY OF



MR. ASHISH KOTHARI

IMPACT OF YOUR GIVING IN 2024

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Prof. Kamakoti Veezhinathan

Director, IIT Madras



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.

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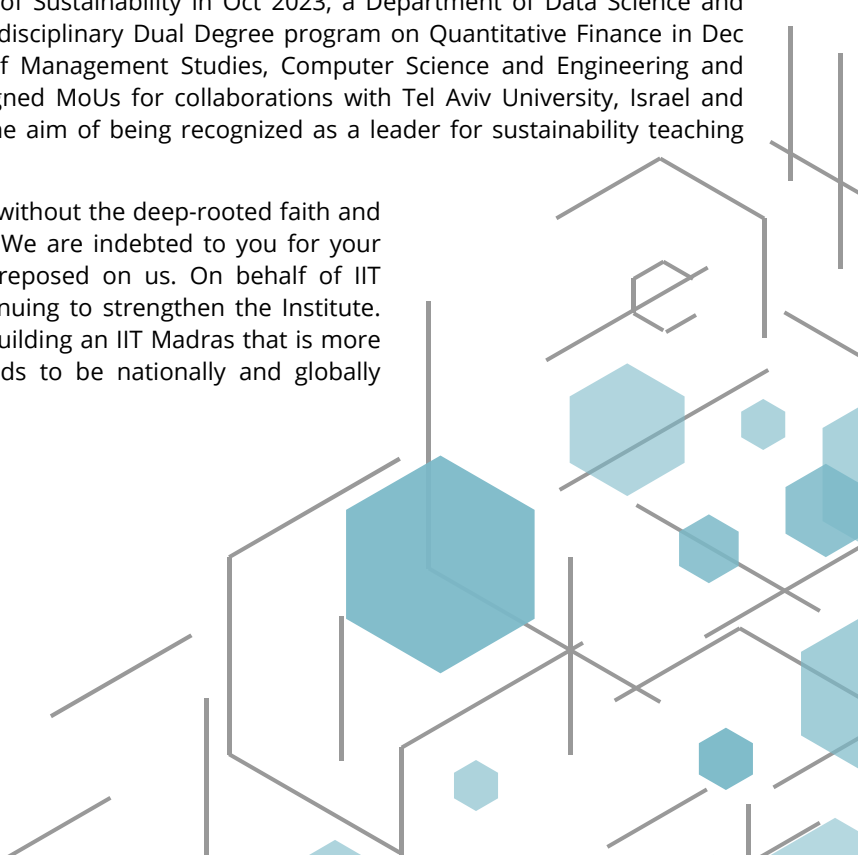
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Innovation and entrepreneurship are ingrained in all our endeavours – our ambitious ventures in rocket and space explorations, the development of lab-grown diamonds, hyperloop, the Brain Research Centre etc, are a testimony to this. The start-up ecosphere 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,
IIT Madras



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. ASHISH KOTHARI

1995/BT/ME



Mr. Ashish Kothari has over 25 years of experience in Enterprise Software/SaaS for Customer Engagement applications. He has extensive management experience in leading change, managing global product management and development teams, transforming go-to-market models, and driving revenue and user growth in several cloud-based/SaaS enterprise software companies, including Microsoft, SAP, and Siebel Systems.

SUMMARY OF YOUR CONTRIBUPTION

- Merit Cum Means Scholarship Endowment
Funded by Ashish Kothari
- Women Leading IITM Endowment
- Jamuna - Keepitflowing

MERIT CUM MEANS SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT

Feedback From Beneficiary



Sonish Singhal
Department Of Civil Engineering
20202 - 2024

FAMILY BACKGROUND

I belong to a family of four members, including my parents, my elder sister, and myself. My father runs a small garments shop, which provides a limited and often unstable income for our household. My mother is a housewife, managing the household despite our financial constraints.

Despite their efforts, managing family expenses has always been a challenge. My parents have sacrificed many of their needs to ensure my sister and I have what we need. They always have prioritized our education, recognizing it as the key to a better future.

ASPIRATIONS

I want to explore as much as possible, try out different things, and seize good opportunities at IITM. I aim to develop a strong network, enhance myself academically and professionally in order to establish my own company and make a significant impact on society.

IMPACT CREATED

By awarding me the MCM Scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden, which allows me to focus more on learning and completing my graduation. I promise you, I will work very hard to achieve my goals.

Thank you for your generosity and support. Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to the community in future.

GRATITUDE NOTE

This scholarship has significantly impacted me by enhancing my learning opportunities and reducing financial stress, allowing me to concentrate on my studies. It has increased my confidence and sense of responsibility, opened doors to professional development, and inspired me to give back to my community and be a role model for others.

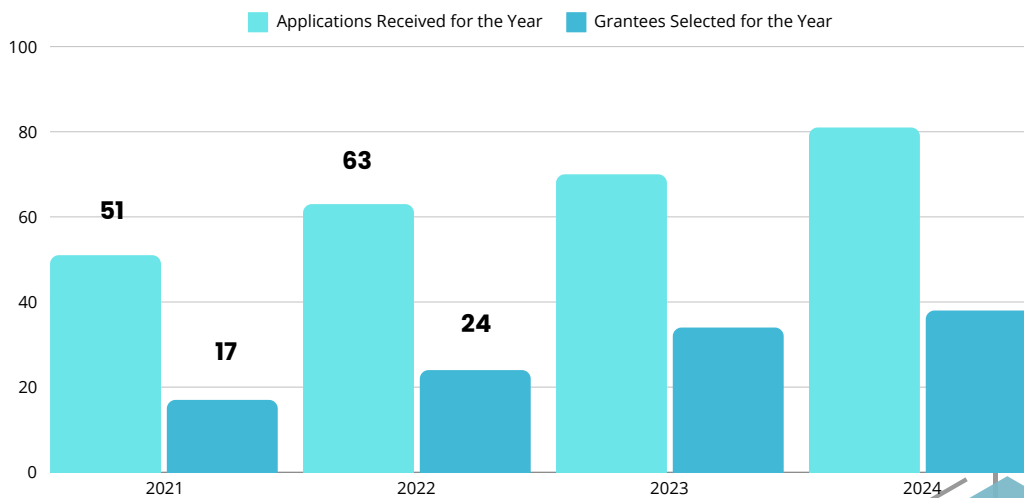
WOMEN LEADING IITM ENDOWMENT

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; Establish an award for Women Faculty in Leadership (Institute already has awards for staff in leadership and given the good presence of women in staff, many have been getting it over the years); 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.



Statistics For The Years 2021 - 2024



For the full report, please refer to the below link

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JAMUNA - KEEPITFLOWING

The renovated Jamuna Hostel was inaugurated on 5th April, 2024

Jamuna hostels was inaugurated by Dr. Krishna Chivukula's son, Mr. Krishna Chivukula Jr., CEO, INDO MIM Ltd, Dr. Shivashankar, VP Operation, INDO MIM Ltd (Jamunite 1994/BT/MT) and other alumni from Jamuna and Ganga hostel

Key Areas of Renovation

Corridors

Stairways

Restrooms

Paint work

Railings

Rooms & Common areas



HIGHLIGHTS FROM INAUGURATION DAY



WE ARE GRATEFUL TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY MR. ASHISH KOTHARI



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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