



Indian Institute of Technology Madras  
Office of Alumni & Corporate Relations

# Celebrating the Generosity of



**MR. KARTHIK HARIHARAN**

**IMPACT OF YOUR  
GIVING IN**

**2024**

## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

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.



**PROF. V. KAMAKOTI**

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

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.



**PROF. MAHESH PANCHAGNULA**

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.



*“Giving is not just about making a donation, it’s about making a difference.”*



## **MR. KARTHIK HARIHARAN**

**1991/BT/MT**

**Director, Health @ Apple**

Mr. Karthik Hariharan is the Director of Health at Apple. He is an accidental entrepreneur, amateur actor, volunteer youth (AYSO) soccer coach and he is passionate about transforming "big ideas whose time has come" into reality by building amazing products, solutions and businesses.

Mr. Karthik graduated from IITMadras with a B. Tech in Metallurgical and Material Engineering in 1991 and subsequently earned his M.S and MBA from Northwestern University and Kellogg School of Management in 1994 and 1999 respectively.

The report presents the impact that your contributions have made for the below causes

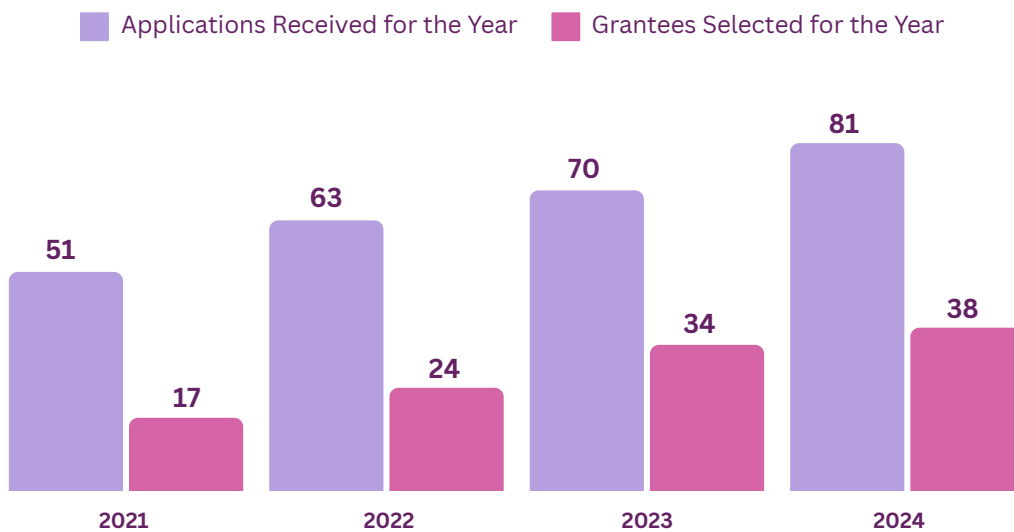


## 1991 Batch Silver Reunion - Women Leading IITM

### Women Leading IITM

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 8th 2021 to boost women's leadership in science and technology. WLI is a program to Nurture, Develop and Support women's talent at IITM along with their study/professional careers.



## Below are the few WLI Grantees for the year 2024



Sravani Potham  
PhD Scholar  
Chemistry Department

Uma R  
Research Scholar  
Dept. of Biotechnology



Bindu Pal  
PhD Scholar  
Metallurgical & Materials  
Engineering

Athira K K  
PhD Scholar  
Department of Chemistry



Panidarapu P Priyanka  
PhD Scholar  
Electrical Engineering

Keerthana S  
PhD Scholar  
Dept. of Civil Engineering



Shanmuga Priya K  
PhD Scholar  
Department of Physics

Carol Blaizy Dsouza  
PhD Scholar  
Dept. of Humanities and  
Social Sciences



Banashree Sarma  
PhD Scholar  
Electrical Department

Neethu S Biju  
PhD Scholar  
Dept. of Humanities and  
Social Sciences



Pragyanmruti Sunani  
PhD Scholar  
Department of Chemistry

Sancharini Mitra  
PhD Scholar  
Dept. of Humanities and  
Social Sciences



Namitha Dsouza  
Research Scholar  
Department of Physics

Inemai E  
PhD Scholar  
Dept. of Biotechnology



For detailed report on  
WLI 2024

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# HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE WOMEN LEADING IITM PROGRAMME ON 7TH MARCH, 2024



## TESTIMONIALS OF WLI AWARDEES 2023



*We are grateful to  
you & your family*

**MR. KARTHIK HARIHARAN**

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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