



Celebrating the Generosity of

**DR. CHANDU
VISWESWARIAH**



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 ninth 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. Ashwin Mahalingam

Dean, Alumni and Corporate Relations, IITM

Greetings from the Office of Alumni and Corporate Relations,

I want to extend my deepest gratitude for your incredible generosity and continuous support towards IIT Madras. An act of giving is much more than making a donation. It is the manifestation of kindness, compassion, and deep-rooted empathy within each of us. It is the very essence of being human. And as one of our esteemed donors, you are no exception to this.

Strong academic institutions play a critical role in today's world - training minds young and old, and contribution to research and innovation. Your contributions have had a truly transformative impact, not only on the institute but also on our students, faculty and the broader community. This "Impact of Giving" report serves as a testament to the profound influence your contributions have had on the lives of our current students, the advancement of innovation in research, and the infrastructure of the institute.

At IIT Madras, we take great pride in the strong relationships we have fostered over the years. It is through your consistent engagement with us that we've been able to push the boundaries of innovative research, improve our infrastructure, and provide scholarships that have empowered students from diverse backgrounds. These efforts have created life-changing opportunities, ignited new ideas, and elevated IIT Madras to the forefront of global education and research.

Your commitment, as part of our esteemed benefactor network, has strengthened our institute's global reach. It has opened doors to new partnerships, fostered collaborations, and helped us nurture the leaders of tomorrow.

We are profoundly grateful for your belief in IIT Madras. Your continued support not only upholds the values and traditions of the institute but also helps us chart a bold and visionary path forward. Together, we are building a legacy of lasting excellence.

Once again, thank you for your dedicated engagement with IIT Madras



**"GIVING IS NOT JUST ABOUT
MAKING A DONATION –
IT'S ABOUT
MAKING A DIFFERENCE"**



Dr. Chandu Visweswariah

1985/BT/EE

**Co-founder and Vice President,
CURE100 and Croton100**

**Member of the Governing Board,
The Energy Consortium - IIT Madras**

Distinguished Alumnus Awardee of IIT Madras

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

**Visweswariah
Merit Cum Means
Scholarship Endowment
for Excellence in
Technology**

Visweswariah Merit Cum Means Scholarship Endowment for Excellence in Technology

OBJECTIVE

- The Merit-Cum-Means Scholarship fully supported the cost of tuition fees which was Rs. 90,000/-per annum for a student until 2015. Since 2016, the tuition fee has been revised to Rs.2 lakhs annually.
- The Govt. Merit-cum-Means Scholarship has been revised to 2/3rd of Rs.2 lakhs (i.e., 1.33 Lakhs). This leaves a sum of Rs. 66,667/- to be borne by the student.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Parental income between Rs.1 lakh and Rs.5 lakhs per annum
- Degree – B. Tech / Dual Degree
- Up to four (4) years of tuition assistance will be covered

NATURE OF THE VISWESWARIAH SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship is named for **Sri T. S. Visweswariah** (1929–2009) who was a firm believer in educational opportunities and excellence in all endeavours. His son, Dr. Chandu Visweswariah (1985/BT/EE) and daughter-in-law Patricia Buchanan have endowed this scholarship in his memory to financially support four deserving students in achieving their dreams of an IIT Madras Bachelor of Technology degree.

At the start of the 2021 academic year, **four (4) students were selected from each of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th year batches**. At the start of every subsequent academic year, a new fresh IIT Madras student will be selected to receive a scholarship for his/her 4-year tenure. In this manner, four (4) students will be supported at any given time, funded in perpetuity from the endowment.

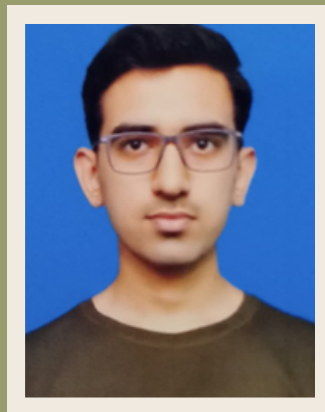


Beneficiaries

S. No	Name	Roll No	Year
1	Jaswanth V G	MM21B031	4th year
2	Supreetha B	MM22B061	3rd year
3	Sai Likhith M	CH23B064	2nd year

1st year student will be identified in the month of March 2025

Voice of Beneficiaries



Jaswanth V G

MM21B031

Department of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering



I am extremely delighted to have received the scholarship amount for all these years. Now that I am in my fourth year (the last year of financial assistance), I found it extremely impactful, alleviating all my financial burdens during the last four years of college life. Thanks to you, I have been able to gain experiences outside of my financial capabilities. I will never forget this help, and I would definitely give back to a student in a similar situation once I am firmly established in terms of career and finance. Thanks a lot for your extended support and guidance.





Supreetha B

MM22B061

Department of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering



I am currently in my third year, and I have been regularly receiving this mcm scholarship throughout all my semesters. At present, I am focused on my academics and preparing for upcoming internships. I am truly grateful for the support provided, as it helps my parents financially and acts as a source of motivation, especially during times when I feel low. Knowing that so many people believe in me and contribute to my future inspires me to persevere through challenges and work diligently towards success. Your support encourages me to consistently work on my academics and develop skills essential for my future. My parents and I are incredibly grateful for your generosity and support. Thank you once again.



Sai Likhith M

CH23B064

Department of Chemical Engineering



I am very grateful for the great opportunity your generous scholarship has provided me. Your support not only eases the financial burden but also helps me in doing my academics well. Thank you for investing in my education and believing in my potential.

I would also like to thank the ACR Team for providing me such a wonderful opportunity.

Future Goals: To achieve my career in the fields of Chemical Engineering.



We are grateful to you and your family

Dr. Chandu Visweswariah

&

Mrs. Patty Buchanan



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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