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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"



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The report will present a thorough assessment of the impact that your contributions have made towards the following causes.

**Alumni
Community
Institute Chair**

**Centre for Social
Innovation
and
Entrepreneurship
(CSIE)**

**Student Distress
Fund**

**The Divashri
Award**

Alumni Community Institute Chair



The Alumni Community Institute Chair is funded by various alumni and non-alumni across the globe. First Chair occupant of the Alumni Community Institute Chair was Prof. R. Nagarajan, Retired Professor from the Department of Chemical Engineering, Indian Institute of technology Madras.

**Identifying the Chair occupant is in progress*

Centre for Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CSIE)

The Centre for Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CSIE) at IIT-Madras was founded in August 2010 with a focus on teaching and research related to social enterprise in India. It aims to bring together the innovation and entrepreneurship aspects of IITM by creating knowledge and understanding that will be relevant to the problems that the poor in India face.

CSIE mission is to build an environment that will facilitate the creation of social enterprise knowledge through research and empower students to apply their entrepreneurship abilities to develop solutions for greater social impact through academia.

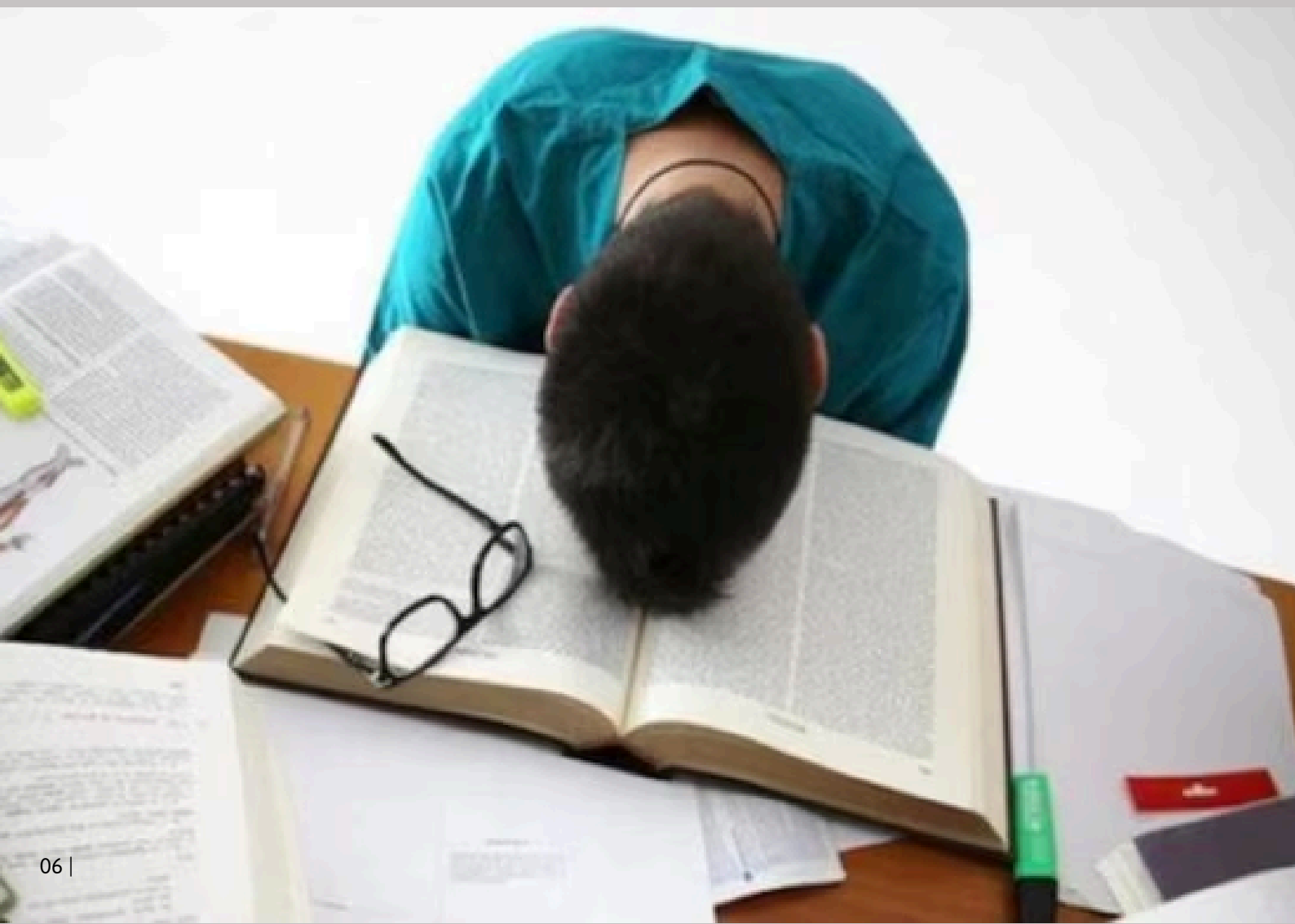


Student Distress Fund

The Student Distress Fund was set up to lend a helping hand to students who require financial support. When students are faced with unfortunate situations like accidents, loss of family members/ breadwinners of the family, the promising fund has brought light into the lives of students.

These difficulties should not hamper or deprive the education of the bright minds who have worked hard and earned their befitting place in this prestigious Institute. Rightfully, this fund has helped many students in need and have inspired a few of them to carry forward this legacy of helping those in need.

This report carries the stories of the beneficiaries of the Student Distress Fund who benefitted from it during 2023-24.



Feedback from beneficiaries:



KUCHULA CHANDU

Department of Mechanical Engineering

Family background:

My family background is a lower middle-class family my father works as a Agricultural labour and my mother is a house wife. My brother working as a Software Engineer in Wipro and currently I am working as a Data scientist in Tvs motors.

Reason for applying for the Distress Fund:

Due to financial issues I am unable to pay the hostel fee that's why I applied for the SDF.

Aspirations:

My aspirations to become a good software engineer and grow in my career as a SDE

Achievements:

I cracked IIT MADRAS after 12th standard that is my biggest achievement and after graduation I cracked placement as a Data scientist in Tvs motors.

How the fund was useful to me:

It is very useful for me to clear the college dues due to financial issues

"I am very thankful to the donor and expressing great gratitude to the Donors."



RAUSHAN KUMAR

Department of Civil Engineering

Family background:

We come from a small village Hulasi tola in Maner, Patna, Bihar. My father is a farmer, and my mother works as AASHA in Primary Health Care Centre. We are four brothers and a sister.

Reason for applying for the Distress Fund:

As my father had heart attack during Covid 19, and my mother had been suffering from brain tumour. A lot of what they had saved and earned are spent on their health, leaving little money to pay my dues while I was graduating. Hence, I applied for SDF.

Aspirations:

Since I am a person with disability, I would like to work in disability sector, but before that I would first like to secure a job for myself and then think about my larger aspirations of life.

Achievements:

How the fund was useful to me ? After graduating I have appeared for government exam. I could not clear SSC CGL, I cleared the first round of SSA EPFO exam but could not make into the final merit list. Still trying for other exams.

How the fund was useful to me:

It provided a great relief us specially for my parents, as they had to take money from other people at extremely high interest rates.

"I have deep respect for you thank you for helping us in the distressed condition and thank you from the bottom of heart. I will try hard to earn so much such that I can become donor like you in the future and help those who are in need."



SONAM TANTUVOY

Department of Civil Engineering

Family background:

My mother is homemaker and father is retired.

Reason for applying for the Distress Fund:

I need to finish my PhD and my scholarship is already over since I have crossed fifth year due to some unfortunate circumstances including COVID and medical reasons. So till may 2024 I need to survive in city like Chennai.

Aspirations:

I would like to go for postdoc abroad for which as soon as good opportunity comes.

Achievements:

I have published a paper in a journal having good impact factor. And also I have been working on a paper which is going to get published soon.

How the fund was useful to me:

It will be useful for paying hostel fees and other expenses related to survive in Chennai.

"I will be thankful to the people from the bottom of my heart who would help me in distressing time to finish my PhD at earliest."

To view more details for the report

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Divashri Award

The award consists of a silver medal and cash award of Rs. 15000/- to the B. Tech student with the best academic record in Biotechnology.

Student Name	Roll No	Year
Chaitra P	BT08B007	2012
Chetan S	BT09B007	2013
Akhil Sai Valluri	BT10B001	2014
Guruprasad Raghavan	BT11B014	2015
Nandakumar R	BS12B052	2017
Devanshu	BS13B008	2018
PRATHAMESH SURESH JAIN	BS14B018	2019
Deepak	BS15B010	2020
Mohammed Faidh A	BS16B005	2021
Sathvik A	BS17B002	2022
Gayathri Prakash	BS18B004	2023
Yogheshwer Raja G	BS19B034	2024
Pradhyumn Jain	BS19B021	



YOGHESHWER RAJA G

"I sincerely thank the donor for recognizing an accolade for the best academic performance in Biological Sciences. This award is a tremendous honor and a significant encouragement for me to continue striving for excellence in my future endeavors."



PRADHYUMN JAIN

"I am truly humbled to receive the prestigious Divashree Award for my academic achievements in Biotechnology. I am grateful for the recognition and honor bestowed upon me. This award motivates me to continue pursuing excellence in my field. Thank you for acknowledging my hard work and dedication. I am thrilled to be part of a community that values academic excellence."



We are grateful to you
and
your family

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