



Alumni & Corporate Relations
Indian Institute of Technology Madras



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Mr. Ashoka Mody

IMPACT OF YOUR GIVING IN **2024**

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

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.

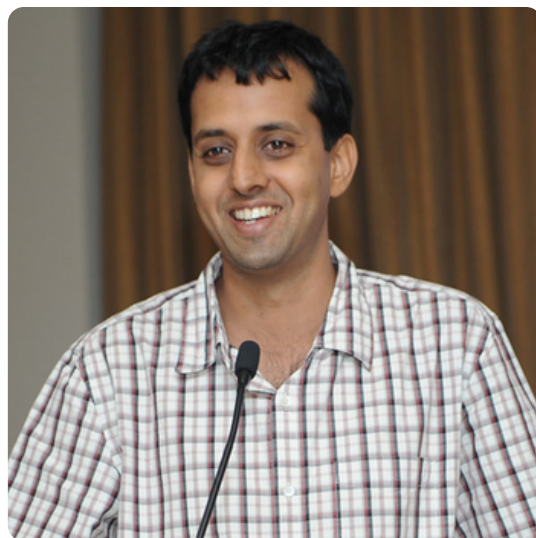
Thank you!

- Prof. Kamakoti Veezhinathan, Director, IIT Madras

DEAN'S MESSAGE

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

- Prof. Ashwin Mahalingam, Dean, Alumni and Corporate Relations, IITM

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

Ramesh Chandra Mody Comprehensive Scholarship

1978 Batch Ruby Reunion - Prakash Faculty Externship

RAMESH CHANDRA MODY COMPREHENSIVE SCHOLARSHIP

The Ramesh Chandra Mody Comprehensive Scholarship is an unique Scholarship funded by Mr. Ashoka Mody, which aims to inspire and incentivize high-achieving students who attain the top rank in JEE and consistently uphold a commendable CGPA throughout each semester. Through this scholarship, three students are identified each year, and are awarded with a yearly scholarship amount, throughout their four years in their institute.

BENEFICIARIES



Gopa Sudhindra Datta **AE23B009** **Aerospace Engineering**

Hi sir, this is gopa sudhindra datta

I have joined into many clubs this year, which I've found interesting. I have also developed many hobbies. I will try to join in many other clubs and explore IIT Madras. I will make my stay in IIT more interesting. I have no words to express my gratitude; this scholarship is of great importance to me.

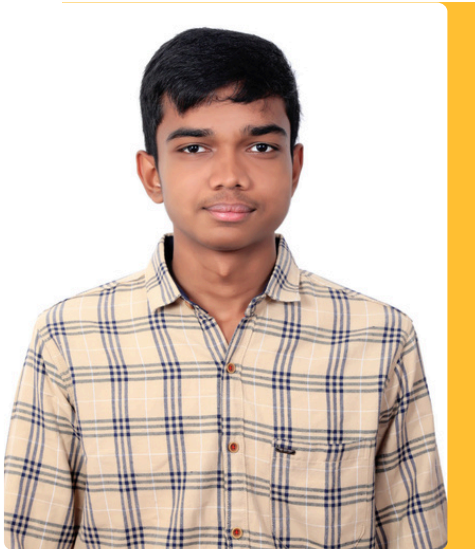


Disha Taneja

CS23B015

Computer Science and Engineering

I am really grateful to the scholarship donor for their support in achieving my academic goals.



Mithun V

CS23B037

Computer Science and Engineering

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the donor for their generous contribution. Your support has made a significant difference and has been a great source of encouragement for me in pursuing my academic career.

1978 BATCH RUBY REUNION - PRAKASH FACULTY EXTERNSHIP

The Faculty Externship Program is for the faculty who travel abroad for short durations to universities across the globe mainly for research purpose.

The Class of 1978 during their Ruby Reunion unanimously contributed towards this faculty externship program and named it “Prakash faculty Externship” in memory of their batchmate Prof. K. Prakash.

Objective of the Program

- ✦ A vital intention of this program is to enable a faculty member's first visit to the world's best research institutions abroad.
- ✦ To create a virtuous cycle by increasing collaboration, improving the quality of research.
- ✦ To improve the reputation of our faculty and institute by paving the way to attract new faculty and institutions interested in collaborating with IIT Madras in the future.

About Prof. K. Prakash

Prof. K. Prakash was from the Batch of 1978 of IIT Madras. He is addressed as 'An incredible human being'. Prof. Prakash was a faculty at the University of Kansas and for a very short tenure he was a faculty at IIT Madras . He has always been selfless and helpful. He was always admired by others for his kindness and compassion.



Support provided to the faculty

- ✦ This program will support expenses related to local hospitality as well as some local travel of the faculty.
- ✦ The cost of an externship per faculty will be between USD 6K to USD 8K depending upon the grant requested by the faculty.
- ✦ The interest from the endowment fund provided by the 1978 batch Ruby reunion will support some faculty members every year for their Externship in the name of "Prakash Fellowship".

Past Beneficiaries

To read the detailed report



The first beneficiary of this Faculty Externship Program was Prof. Anubhab Roy from the Department of Applied Mechanics and Biomedical Engineering. He visited ENS Lyon, France, which focused on collaborative research with Prof. Thierry Dauxois and his group at ENS Lyon.



Beneficiaries for the year 2023



For the year 2024 we are in the process of identifying the beneficiary and will share the details once it is identified

We are grateful to you & your family

Mr. Ashoka Mody



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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