

Building a Culture of Engagement and Philanthropy

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Indian Institute of Technology Madras celebrated its Diamond Jubilee of its founding on 31st July 2019. The journey so far has been glorious and exciting, amplified by the fact that IIT Madras has been ranked as the "Best Educational Institution" in India. in the latest edition of National Institutional Rankings Framework (NIRF) 2020 of MHRD, Govt. of India. The institute continues to be the "Best Engineering Institute" in the country, for the fifth consecutive year in a row. To top it off, IIT Madras has emerged as the No. 1 institution in the maiden edition of the Atal Rankina of Institutions on Innovation Achievements 2019. MHRD, Govt. of India. IITMadras was rewarded with the prestigious Institute of Eminence (IoE) title on 5th Sep 2019.

We are delighted that our efforts to constantly improve our course programmes, research, and industry collaboration, as well the creation of a world-class innovation ecosystem in India's first-of-its-kind Research Park at IIT Madras are being recognized.

This wouldn't have been possible without the support and wishes of our alumni as well as several industry captains. Our alumni & well-wishers fraternity has yet again set a new watermark in giving back to IITMadras. The grants from MHRD is used to run the institute, while alumni and donor contributions help us to aspire for excellence in research, develop cutting edge technologies and promote entrepreneurship. IITM take this opportunity to thank each and every one of our alumni and well-wishers for the contributions, be it in the form of money, interacting with students to share experiences or even a simple visit to the campus to take a trip down memory lane.



Prof. Mahesh Panchagnula, (Dean A & CR)

We would like to start with a heartfelt thanks to Dr. Ajit Singhvi and his family for his benevolent contributions towards the growth and development of IIT Madras.

IIT Madras aims to provide sustainable solutions to societal problems, which are made possible through our donors. The Office of Alumni & Corporate Relations is striving under the guidance of Prof. Mahesh Panchagnula, (Dean A & CR)

Why to give to IITM

A brief view of his perspective on "Why to give to IITM" is really interesting and surely touching. The excerpt is provided here in his own words:



"Our education and upbringing teach us to give something back to the Society. What else can be a better cause than supporting the superb efforts of IIT Madras and Roorkee in building capabilities.

I do believe in personal contributions/sacrifice as distinct from Corporate Contributions in this regard and hope that one day we all shall be able to set aside a portion of our earnings for philanthropic purposes. Thus we complement the Government in achieving its vision for the Country"

Dr. Ajit Singhvi is philanthropist of Indian origin and a management expert based in London. Dr.Ajit Singhvi has worked in several countries with many multinational companies such as BICC (British Insulated Cables Company London), GEC Alsthom, Leyland Nigeria, NES group of companies, CarnaudMetalbox, Aditya Birla Group and Argo Pantes Group. Dr. Singhvi is the alumnus of Harvard Business School, Manchester Business School, School of Engineering-Middlesex University, Japan Institute of Plant Management, Ashridge Management College, Institute of Chartered Accountants, and Chartered Institute of Management Accountants. He was awarded two research degrees Doctor of Philosophy and Doctor of Engineering.

Dr. Ajit Singhvi has made major benevolent contributions to education and women empowerment in India, and endowed two professorial Chairs at IIT Madras and IIT Roorkee.

Dr. Singhvi has mooted the idea of ISR (Individual Social Responsibility) as a mirror age of CSR to support and promote philanthropic activities in the society.

He is the founder and promoter of the Ajit Singhvi Education and Training Trust

Dr. Ajit Singhvi Chair Professorship

Chairs are occupied by Professors who have distinguished themselves and been recognized by their peers for their research and/or technology development, and who have excelled in teaching and service to the Institute/nation/profession. It is intended to host the eminent expert Professors as Chair with various options for visits and engagement, suitable salary and benefits or honoraria, accommodation and varied endowment amounts as applicable. The achievements must therefore go beyond those that earned them the Professorship, and should demonstrate leadership in one or more of these aspects.

Dr. C. Bhaktavatsala Rao

Dr. Ajit Singhvi Chair Professor



Dr. C. Bhaktavatsala Rao received his Ph.D. Degree in Industrial Management and M.Tech. Degree in Industrial Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology Madras, Chennai. He did his UG Degree from SVU, Tirupati.

Dr. C. B. Rao has over forty-four years of diversified experience in strategic and operational leadership of large reputed companies, including global multi-national corporations, in India. Dr. Rao is a prolific writer with over one hundred and thirty publications in economic and business dailies and refereed journals.

Contributions of Dr. C Bhaktavatsala Rao as Dr. Ajit Singhvi Chair Professor in the Department of Management Studies (DoMS)



Dr. C Bhaktavatsala Rao has been serving as Dr. Ajit Singhvi Chair Professor in the Department of Management Studies, Indian Institute of Technology Madras, since 2018.

As Dr. Ajit Singhvi Chair Professor, Dr. C B Rao has been teaching identified courses and taking sessions within the courses of senior faculty for MBA, EMBA and VLM students.

A few initiatives of the Chair occupant:

- Conducted Industrial and Business Domains Course in 2018 and 2019 for MBA students
- Took Sessions on Global Alliances, Business Models, Technology Management, CEO Agendas, Quality Operations, Leadership Essentials, Indian Economy Growth Issues, Contemporary Issues in Management etc., under Integrative Management Vertical led by Professor L Prakash Sai
- Conducted orientation lectures and presentations for MBA students
- Developed cases and evaluated as Judge in inter-collegiate management competitions by DoMS (Samanvay 2018 and 2019, Shaastra 2019 and 2020)



- Participated in the interview and selection processes of MBA and EMBA as well as PhD programs
- Participated in all major departmental events such as Research Colloquiums, MBA/EMBA inaugural programs, student development programs

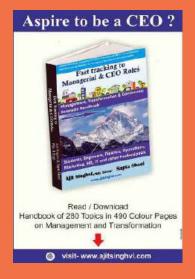


 Developed a 12-week NPTEL-Swayam Course on Entrepreneurship (set to be offered in January-April 2020 slot)

Apart from contributions in Integrative Management and Strategy, Prof C Bhaktavatsala Rao has been collaborative with faculty members of DoMS to provide industry perspectives related to their respective specializations.



Dr. Ajit Singhvi is a well-wisher of IIT Madras. It is glad that he evinces interest in visiting IIT Madras and he contributes to the growth and development of IIT Madras. He is keen on the Heritage of IIT Madras, and visited the Heritage Centre of IIT Madras. He interacts with the faculty & students of "Department of Management Studies" regularly. His vision for students and aspirants has concieved as a book, "Fast tracking to Managerial & CEO Roles".













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IIT Madras is incredibly grateful for Dr. Ajit Singhvi's exceptional generosity and support in nurturing the development of this premier academic and research institute. His contributions to the development of IIT Madras will be cherished forever.





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