

## Launch of “ PROF. V.S.RAJU INSTITUTE CHAIR” in ICSR – IIT Madras



Cheque being handed over to the Director Prof Bhaskar Ramamurti by Prof. V. S. Raju and Mrs. V.S. Raju.

Prof. V.S Raju obtained his Masters in engineering from IISc and Doctorate from University of Karlsruhe, Germany. Prof .V. S. Raju was a Professor in IIT Madras and later became the Director of IIT Delhi. In a career spanning over 4 decades Prof. Raju had performed in many roles, like teaching, research, administration, Industrial consultancy etc. He coordinated major R&D projects on Ocean Energy. He was a Lead Partner in Byrraju Foundation which adopted 155 villages in 5 districts of Andhra Pradesh. He was responsible for Safe Drinking Water and Livelihoods. Currently, he is active in enhancing the quality of Higher Education in the country, helping Institutions such as IIT’s at Gandhi nagar, Mandi, Jodhpur, Madras; and others.

Prof. V.S.Raju and his family have generously donated Rs. 65 Lakhs towards setting this chair. Incidentally, all his children, viz. two daughters and son all graduated from IIT Madras.

**The occupant of Prof. V.S Raju Chair is Prof Ravindra Gettu, Dean IC&SR Department.** He was unable to attend the event and shared his thoughts through a short video message.

- **Photos of Prof. V.S Raju Chair Launch:** <https://goo.gl/7yUocR>
- **Video Link of Prof. V.S Raju Chair Launch:** <https://youtu.be/wqIz4UlsaE4>
- **Prof Ravindra Gettu's Short video message:** <https://youtu.be/RTSIIIMM85aE>

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