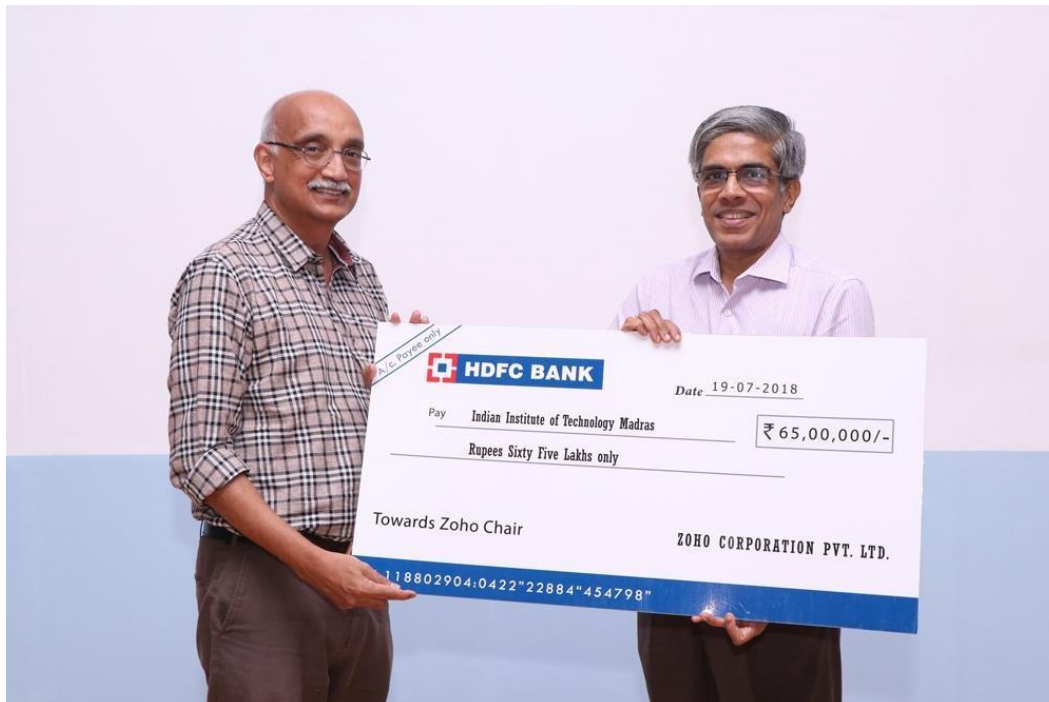


## Launch of “ZOHO CHAIR” in Electrical Engineering – IIT Madras



Cheque being handed over to the Director Prof Bhaskar Ramamurti by Prof. Nagarajan, Dean I & AR on behalf of Zoho Corp.

Mr Shridhar Vembu generously contributed towards Zoho Chair, CEO of Zoho Corp. the company behind the Zoho suite of online applications. He co-founded AdventNet in 1996, and has been CEO since 2000. Prior to Advent Net, Sridhar worked as a wireless systems engineer at Qualcomm, Inc. He obtained his Bachelor & degree in Electrical Engineering from IIT Madras in 1989 and Ph.D from Princeton University.

**Prof. Bhaskar Ramamurti, Director of IIT M is the Occupant of ZOHO Chair, Electrical Department** a great teacher, researcher and academic administrator over the years. He has taken IIT M to the No 1 engineering institution in the country with his visionary leadership. Prof. Bhaskar Ramamurthi got his B.Tech in Electronics from IIT Madras in 1980, and his M.S. and Ph.D is Electrical Engineering from the University of California at Santa Barbara, in 1982 and 1985 respectively. After working at AT&T Bell Laboratories for a couple of years, he joined the faculty of IIT Madras in 1986. He took over as Director, IIT Madras in September 2011. His areas of specialisation are Communications and Signal Processing. His research work is in Wireless Networks, Modulation, Wireless Data, and Audio and Video Compression.

He is currently also honorary Director of the Centre of Excellence in Wireless Technology, IIT-M Research Park. He is a Fellow of the Indian National Academy of Engineering and International Medical Sciences Academy. He was awarded the Vasvik Award for Electronic Sciences and Technology for the year 2000, the Tamil Nadu Scientist Award for Engineering and Technology for the year 2003 and the India Semiconductor Association Techno Visionary Award for the year 2011 and the Doyens of Madras Award for the year 2014.

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