



## OFFICE OF ALUMNI & CORPORATE RELATIONS INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, MADRAS

# YOUNG FACULTY RECOGNITION AWARD (YFRA) REPORT 2024 - 25

The Indian Institute of Technology Madras is known both nationally and internationally for excellence in technical education, basic and applied research, innovation, entrepreneurship, and industrial consultancy. The Institute is proud to bear the laureate of being the No.1 engineering university in India. More recently, IIT Madras has been given the title of Institute of Eminence.

### MESSAGE FROM DEAN

Greetings from the Office of Alumni and Corporate Relations!



**Prof. Ashwin Mahalingam**

**Dean, Alumni and Corporate Relations**

I extend our deepest gratitude on behalf of IIT Madras for your generous contributions towards Awards and Prizes. Your unwavering support is instrumental in shaping the success of our Young Faculty, while also benefiting the broader community. Together, we are advancing academic excellence and driving societal impact.

The awards and prizes funded by you have become an integral part of our faculty's journey, not only as financial support but as a beacon of encouragement. These recognitions serve to motivate our faculties to push boundaries and strive for greater achievements. Many of these faculties have expressed how these accolades have given them confidence and inspiration to take on bigger challenges.

Your partnership aligns perfectly with our vision of **#IITMforAll**. By investing in our faculties, you're not only contributing to their success but also helping to drive innovation. We look forward to continuing our collaboration and building on the positive impact we've achieved together.

We hope to build on this strong foundation with your ongoing support as we continue our mission. Your generosity is vital to sustaining our momentum and maintaining IIT Madras' role as a leader in education and research. We kindly invite you to continue supporting our endeavours, ensuring that future generations can thrive and make a meaningful difference in the world.

This report, thoughtfully compiled by the Awards and Prizes team, showcases the impact of your generosity. It reflects how your contributions have touched lives and helped shape the future at IIT Madras. Much gratitude and thanks for your continued support!

The Young Faculty Recognition Award was instituted in the year 2007. The award consists of a Cash prize of Rs.50,000/- and a citation presented to outstanding young faculty members to acknowledge and felicitate their achievements in their respective academic and pedagogic fields on Teachers' Day.



**Dr. Chaitanya Sharma Yamijala**  
**Assistant Professor**  
**Department of Chemistry**

### **Voice of the Awardee**

I am deeply humbled and honored to receive this recognition. I sincerely thank Dr. P. Balasubramanian and Dr. P. Manohar Anand for this excellent initiative that recognizes and encourages the work of young faculty members. To me, the application process itself was a rewarding experience since it allowed me to (i) reflect on my journey so far, (ii) organize my accomplishments, and (iii) gain a clearer perspective on the future direction of my research. While it is true that most researchers work primarily out of curiosity, recognitions like these serve as a powerful boost, and they affirm that the work we do is impactful and meaningful. Once again, thank you for this prestigious honor. I am grateful for the trust and confidence placed in me. I will maintain high standards in both research and teaching and will put my best efforts into the growth and development of our institute.

- *Chaitanya Sharma Yamijala*

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