

Dear fellow IITM Alumni,

This is a year-end update about our alma mater IIT Madras, the recently formed IITM Foundation and the rejuvenated IITMAANA.

We had a phenomenal year at IITM

Did you know that we ranked

- #1 among engineering and technology institutions in India ([details here](#))
- #1 in consultancy earnings in India ([details here](#))
- #1 most robust startup ecosystem in India - 4 of 5 finalists in ET startup awards 2016 ([details here](#))



We're all set to continue the momentum under Prof. Ramamurthi's leadership

Our progress towards the [Strategic Plan 2020](#) has been steady. With the appointment of Prof. Bhaskar Ramamurthi as Director for a second five-year term, the Institute leadership remains intact and committed to see this through to 2020.

We have a big uptick in Alumni activities in the US

We have close to 10,000 alumni in the US. With the new database efforts being launched by MAANA, alumni can connect with each other through this exclusive [IITM alumni network](#) and other social/professional media venues. In addition to the Bay area chapter, the NJ, Houston, DC and Philly chapters have been active this year and we expect to grow next year. We also organized several interesting events this year, including visits from the Director & Dean, Professors, Chennai flood relief fundraiser, the Gajendra Circle event and many social and networking gatherings.

Alumni Fundraising update

- **In 2015**
 - IITM raised \$10M
 - IITM Foundation endowment size reached \$450K
- **In 2016**
 - IITM raised \$4M
 - IITM Foundation endowment size reached \$2M



We want to seize the opportunity to create a world-class engineering institution on par with MIT and Caltech

As your experience with the best graduate schools in the US has shown, lasting institutions are built with generous help from alumni. Towards that, our eyes are set on a much bigger goal - to raise a \$100M endowment by 2020. With an endowment of that magnitude, we can continue to do exceptional research that can help us maintain the lead as the institute with the most joint doctorate programs(15) with leading universities around the world than all the other IITs combined, or file the most number of patents(248) amongst all the IITs. It helps us establish endowed professorships, and fuel innovation ecosystem that is unique to IITM, with seed funding, incubation facilities and mentorship from alumni.

As you think of year-end giving and how best to invest your dollars into the future, we'd love to talk to you about the amazing progress we are making at IIT Madras.

We're excited to have the opportunity to build a radically different IITM with your help. Happy holidays!

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