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To
Prof. B Ravi
Director
National Institute of Technology Karnataka
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Dear Prof. B Ravi,

Greetings from the Indian Institute of Technology Madras!

Each year, many students who clear the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) secure admission to premier engineering institutions but face significant financial challenges. At IIT Madras, we are deeply committed to enabling meritorious students pursue their education without financial barriers. We have been raising funds from our alumni & corporate partners to support such students through scholarships.

Through these efforts, we introduced the **Vidyalakshmi Scholarship Scheme**, a merit cum means scholarship, for financially burdened students across 23 IITs a couple of years ago. We are now extremely pleased to extend the Vidya Lakshmi Scholarship scheme, to students of all NITs and a few other premium Government Institutes across India

This initiative, anchor funded and supported by **PowerGrid Corporation of India** under its CSR funding, is designed to ensure that students from families with an annual parental income below ₹5 lakhs across India can pursue their B. Tech studies tuition-free, contingent upon maintaining good academic performance. As part of their vision, priority will be given to support girl students in B. Tech programs.

IIT Madras is serving as the nodal institute for administering this scheme across multiple institutes, ensuring transparency and equity in the allocation of scholarships across participating institutions. Students selected under this scheme will continue to receive support throughout their academic program, subject to satisfactory academic progress.

In view of the above, I am pleased to invite your esteemed institution to participate in this initiative and request your support in the following:

1. **Confirmation of your institution's participation** in the scheme.
2. Nomination of **five eligible B. Tech students for FY 2025–26**, in line with the following criteria:
 - a) Currently enrolled in a B. Tech program.

- b) Annual parental income between ₹1–5 lakhs
- c) Students from EWS and OBC categories are eligible.
- d) Minimum CGPA of 6.5.
- e) A minimum of 2 if not 3 nominations out of the 5 should be girl students.

A) We would request you to kindly revert by 29th September 2025 on your willingness to participate in this scheme.

B) We also request you to nominate a representative at your Institution to liaise with IIT Madras for administering the scheme and sharing the necessary documentation.

C) We will be sharing the application link shortly to facilitate the submission of student details.

For any queries, our team in the Alumni & Corporate Relations office at IIT Madras would be glad to assist and can be reached as below -

1. Mr Vijayakumar , Chief Operations Officer, ACR Office for any further information on the scholarship.

Email - s.vijayakumar@acr.iitm.ac.in, Phone - +91 99414 34777

2. Ms Kalpana / Ms Sumithra from our deployment team for any operational queries on administering the scholarship. They will be the POCs from our side thereafter for the scholarship administration

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The Vidyalakshmi scholarship already covers over 200 students across 23 IITs and we are now introducing it to students of NITs and leading Govt Engineering Colleges across India to ensure a wider pool of student beneficiaries and result in a lasting impact in contributing to the technological prowess of the country across domains. A portal is being maintained for ease of administration of the same and our team will help guide you in this initiative.

Based on your confirmation, further details will be shared

We look forward to your participation.

With warm regards,

Sincerely yours,



V. Kamakoti