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TECHNOLOGIES FOR A BETTER TOMORROW

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Powering the Next Phase of FinTech Innovation



As India's digital financial ecosystem continues to evolve, the need for innovative, secure and inclusive financial solutions is growing rapidly. To address this, IIT Madras and Computer Age Management Services (CAMS) are expanding their collaboration through the **CAMS IIT Madras FinTech Innovation Lab (CIFIL)**, strengthening its focus on research, innovation, startup development and talent building.

The expanded partnership will focus on areas such as **AI in financial services, digital payments, blockchain, cybersecurity, RegTech, WealthTech, InsurTech and financial inclusion.**

Students and entrepreneurs will benefit through research projects, internships, hackathons, mentoring and industry interactions. By bringing academia, industry and startups together, CIFIL aims to accelerate fintech innovation, develop future-ready talent and create practical solutions for real-world challenges across India's financial services ecosystem.

See how the next phase will take shape

CSR PROJECT SHOWCASE

When Science and Support Power Sporting Success



Reaching the highest levels of para-sport requires more than talent; athletes also need sustained financial support, scientific assessment and specialised performance guidance.

To help bridge this gap, SBI Foundation, in collaboration with IIT Madras, launched the Para-Athlete Sports Scholarship Programme through Acrophase.

Phase 1, launched in 2025 with 26 para-athletes, delivered strong results. In the first year, the cohort collectively **won 70 medals across national and international competitions — 32 gold, 22 silver and 16 bronze.** Jhandu Kumar also went on to win India's **first medal at the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games.**

Building on this impact, Phase 2 was recently opened to support 80 para-athletes across eight Paralympic disciplines.

CSR SPOTLIGHT

Building India's Semiconductor Future



India's semiconductor sector is expanding rapidly, but the country still faces a critical gap: limited access to advanced fabrication, packaging and testing infrastructure, along with a shortage of professionals trained on industry-grade systems.

IIT Madras aims to bridge this gap through the proposed **Centre for Advanced Semiconductor Technologies**, creating a comprehensive training and prototyping ecosystem. The Centre will focus on:

- Hands-on training in semiconductor fabrication, advanced packaging, SMT assembly and microfluidic technologies
- Access to industrial-grade cleanrooms, wire bonders, compression moulding, laser singulation, lithography and plating systems
- Training opportunities for engineers, diploma holders, ITI graduates and early-career professionals
- Building an industry-ready workforce, reducing induction time and dependence on foreign expertise
- Strengthening employability, sustainable livelihoods, inclusive growth and India's semiconductor value chain

The initiative will also contribute to **Atmanirbhar Bharat and the India Semiconductor Mission.**

Be Part of the Solution

NEWS AND EVENTS

IIT Madras Highlights India's Innovation Potential at GCC Expo 2026



India has exceptional talent, strong research capabilities, government support and a thriving startup ecosystem. Yet, the challenge lies in translating more breakthrough research into scalable, real-world impact.

At **GCC Expo 2026**, where IIT Madras participated as a Gold Sponsor, Ms. Vasudha Narasimhan, Senior Vice President – Corporate Relations & CSR, IIT Madras, presented a compelling perspective on **"India's Innovation Paradox."**

She highlighted how deeper collaboration between academia and GCCs can bridge this gap through **joint research, technology development, startup partnerships, incubation, talent development and CSR-supported research programmes.**

Such partnerships can help move promising research closer to enterprise needs and enable GCCs in India to not only build for the world, but also help create what the world needs next.

PARTNER SPEAK

"Every 4 minutes, a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer in India. We are dedicated to addressing this challenge, and our collaboration with IIT Madras marks a significant step in driving healthcare innovation. Together, we aim to contribute to the broader goal of promoting indigenous, affordable solutions and innovation in healthcare, making a positive impact on the lives of breast cancer patients"



Mr. Rathin Lahiri
Head Marketing & CSR,
SBI General Insurance Ltd

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