MD Pai Comes in Support of IIIT-Delhi for Research Programmes

Mohandas Pai has recently joined hands with Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology (IIIT-Delhi) and has become the philanthropic force funding and supporting the institution in improving the quality as well as the numbers Ph.D. students. One of the main motives of this collaboration is to provide the students with an opportunity to present and defend their work in international conferences of repute. This will empower the Ph.D. graduates with more knowledge, mental strength, and confidence to be the global researchers of tomorrow.

In the past too, the two have come together for the welfare and well-being of the students. It was in 2009 that Mohan contributed Rs 20 L to the institute to establish T.V Raman Pai Faculty Research Fellowship (later renamed to Kusum and Mohandas Pai Faculty Research Fellowship). Together with the philanthropic strength provided by Mr. Pai and with matching funds from Institute and the interest generated the corpus of Rs. 55 L was generated.

This time the grant has increased and MD Pai is contributing………….. along with the matching funds from IIIT-Delhi's side to meet the shortcomings if left any and create MD Pai International Conference Travel Fellowship to support the CS Ph.D. students with their research work and travel costs at the global level.

"The ethics and educational strength entrusted by IIIT-Delhi in its students is world-acclaimed, but there are certain global standards in terms of technicality and mechanics where these scholars lack. And, to help these scholars rise above all standards and meet all the global expectations, we are providing our support to them both financially and mentally." – Commended by the spokesperson of MD Pai.

"India needs to rapidly expand its research manpower, particularly in IT, and for these top institutions like IIIT-Delhi need to ramp up their Ph.D. programs, and support their Ph.D. students to become world-class researchers. I am happy to note that IIIT-Delhi has emerged as a

high-quality research focused institute, with a strong Ph.D. program. And I am happy to support the Ph.D. students of IIIT-Delhi," he further added.

On this development, Prof. Pankaj Jalote, Director at IIIT-Delhi said, "*Computer Science is a unique discipline in which top conferences are often considered as the main venues for publishing research results. These conferences are very selective and are spread across the world with an acceptance rate of 20% to 30% of the papers submitted only. Presenting papers in these conferences, and attending them and meeting people, is a key aspect for the Ph.D. students of CS discipline. Hence, to facilitate the growth of these students at the global level, IIIT-Delhi has joined hands with MD Pai and generated a corpus fund of ------- for them."*