



## IIT Hyderabad Inaugurates the “Ashok Vemulapalli Floor” to Celebrate Legacy and Innovation

### Highlights:

- **Transformative contribution by Mrs. Sunitha Vemulapalli honouring her husband’s legacy, inspiring innovation at IIT Hyderabad.**
- **The contribution of the donor represents not just philanthropy, but a shared vision between academia and industry to nurture innovation ecosystems for the future.**

**Hyderabad, 15 October, 2025** – IIT Hyderabad (IITH) inaugurated the “**Ashok Vemulapalli Floor**” in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE), commemorating a landmark moment in the institute’s journey toward global excellence in innovation, research, and technology. The floor has been named in honour of **Mr. Ashok Vemulapalli**, Founder of Trigeo Technologies, through the generous support of **Mrs. Sunitha Vemulapalli**, celebrating her husband’s visionary contributions to industry and technology.

This **contribution of donors to IITH**, represents not just philanthropy, but a shared vision between academia and industry to nurture innovation ecosystems for the future. The inauguration ceremony was graced by **Mr. and Mrs. Vemulapalli**, along with **Prof. B. S. Murty**, Director, IITH, **Prof. Mahendrakumar Madhavan**, Dean Alumni and Corporate Relations and **Prof. Antony Franklin**, Head, Department of CSE.

Following the inauguration, **Mr. Ashok Vemulapalli** engaged with students and faculty, sharing his professional journey and entrepreneurial insights. As the founder of Trigeo Technologies, he has led pioneering work in **Artificial Intelligence (AI)**, **Machine Learning (ML)**, **engineering solutions for the petrochemical industry**, **Building Information Modelling (BIM)**, and **Digital Twin technologies**—all areas that resonate deeply with the research frontiers of IITH.

Speaking on the occasion, **Prof. B. S. Murty**, Director, IITH, remarked: “This moment signifies more than a contribution—it symbolizes **a convergence of vision and purpose**. The Vemulapalli family’s commitment exemplifies how leaders from industry can empower academic institutions to accelerate technological innovation and global impact.”

**Prof. Antony Franklin**, Head of CSE, added: “This contribution ‘Ashok Vemulapalli Floor’ to the department helps us establish an advanced laboratory, collaborative space that fosters computing research that is aligned with real-world problems.”

Expressing her sentiments, **Mrs. Sunitha Vemulapalli** said: “My husband and I are deeply grateful to IITH for giving us the opportunity to contribute to its inspiring journey. This initiative is not just about recognition—it is about nurturing innovation, supporting young minds, and continuing a legacy of technological progress that reflects his life’s work and values.”

**Prof. Mahendrakumar Madhavan**, Dean Alumni and Corporate Relations, expressed heartfelt gratitude, noting: “This gesture reinforces the growing culture of giving in higher education. The Vemulapalli family’s vision aligns beautifully with the mission of IITH to create a vibrant, globally connected research ecosystem.”

This contribution reflects a **shared commitment to shaping India's next generation of innovators** and underscores how philanthropy can serve as a catalyst for progress in higher education. The funds will be utilized to enhance infrastructure, foster interdisciplinary research, and empower students to pursue frontier technologies with global relevance.

Through this transformative act, **IITH continues to emerge as a new-age IIT**—one that bridges industry and academia, legacy and innovation, to build a future-ready ecosystem for technological excellence and societal impact.

### **About IIT Hyderabad:**

IITH, established in 2008, has reached a respectable position in Academics, Research, Technology development and Startups in a short span of 17 years. In the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), IITH advances its position to 7<sup>th</sup> among Engineering institutes, crossing for the first time one of the first generation IITs, and is at 6<sup>th</sup> rank in Innovation, while it has maintained its rank within the top 10 Engineering Institutes ever since NIRF was launched. IITH is ranked 664 in QS World University Ranking-2026 (among top 10% of global institutions in citations per faculty) and among the top 10 Engineering Institutes in India. IITH secured 46 positions by 31 faculty in Global Top 2% Scientists World list 2025 released by Stanford University (SU) in collaboration with Elsevier across two categories. IITH has been striving for excellence with a motto of "Inventing & Innovating in Technology for Humanity (IITH)".

With 330+ full-time Faculty and 5,750+ Students (PG+PhD students accounting for about 60%), IITH has a strong research focus with 5100+ Projects worth of Rs. 1600+ Cr of R&D funding (Rs. 335+ Cr funding in 2024-25, i.e. Rs. 1+ Cr per faculty), 12,440+ Publications, 2,33,000+ Citations, 600+ Patents (210+ Patents in 2024 and a commitment to "Patent a Day: Mission 365" for 2025), and about 330+ Startups (that have generated 1100+ jobs with a revenue of Rs. 1500+ Cr).

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