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Zanzibar**

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The IITM Zanzibar Chronicle

Learning Beyond Borders. Building Shared Futures.

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Campus & Academics

Growing Together, Learning Beyond Borders

At IIT Madras Zanzibar, learning goes beyond the classroom. Students from different backgrounds come together to learn, explore new ideas and prepare for opportunities that reach far beyond campus.



Learning in Progress

The March-June semester brought students across the BS programmes, alongside M.Tech programmes, through another phase of their academic journey. Classes, projects and examinations kept the campus community engaged, with the semester's final examinations concluding in July.

Welcoming New Learners

The admissions process brought new students closer to joining the IITM Zanzibar community. Alongside the BS and M.Tech admissions, the PG Diploma programme moved forward following approval by the IIT Madras Senate, extending learning opportunities to locations across Africa and the Middle East.

Learning Beyond the Classroom

Internships and career opportunities remain an important part of the student experience. The source report highlights internship placements for second-year students and continued efforts to connect graduating M.Tech students with employment opportunities.

Building Capacity Through Collaboration

Learning Together, Growing Together



Building Capacity for the Future of Public Auditing

IIT Madras Zanzibar joined hands with the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) to host an international training programme on Data Science, Artificial Intelligence and Cyber Security Audit - the first of its kind organised outside India. Conceptualised by CAG of India and supported by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, and the Office of the High Commissioner of India to Tanzania, the programme brought together senior audit professionals from Supreme Audit Institutions across Africa. IITM Pravartak Technologies Foundation coordinated the initiative.

Through this two-week certification course, participants explored how emerging technologies can strengthen public-sector auditing, improve accountability and help build future-ready audit institutions. The programme also created space for sharing experiences and strengthening professional connections across the region.

The initiative reflects a shared commitment to knowledge exchange, capacity building and stronger India-Africa collaboration in emerging technologies.

Beyond the Training Sessions . . .



The visit was also an opportunity to connect beyond the classroom. Official interactions and a Swahili night gave participants time to engage with one another and experience the warmth of local culture.

NACTVET Conducts Annual Supervision Visit

The National Council for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (NACTVET) conducted its annual routine supervision visit to IIT Madras Zanzibar.

The visit assessed the campus's compliance with technical education and training standards and included an inspection of campus facilities.



Exploring Collaboration with Zanzibar Ports Corporation



Officials from Zanzibar Ports Corporation (ZPC), led by Director General Akif Ali Khamis, visited IIT Madras Zanzibar for discussions on potential areas of collaboration and focused on research support through IIT Madras' National Technology Centre for Ports, Waterways and Coasts, a revamped M.Tech in Marine Engineering with subjects relevant to ZPC, and opportunities involving startups.

At the World Tourism Day Event

Prof. AK Suresh led a faculty team from IITM Zanzibar at the World Tourism Day event held at Hotel Verde and organised by the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities.

The team exchanged views with the Ministry's Permanent Secretary, Dr. Aboud Suleiman Jumbe, as part of the wider engagement with Zanzibar's tourism sector.



CONNECTING IDEAS WITH IMPACT

TECHNOLOGY AND AI EXPO ZANZIBAR 2026



IITM Zanzibar participated in the Tech & AI Expo Zanzibar 2026, engaging with the participants and the representatives from across the technology ecosystem.



Prof. Prabhu Rajagopal represented IIT Madras Zanzibar in a high-level discussion on AI-enabled governance, connected citizens, and empowered industries, highlighting the campus's engagement with Africa's evolving digital and innovation landscape.



TEAM NEXT GEN ZANZIBAR SECURES THIRD PLACE



IITM Zanzibar Team Next Gen Zanzibar secured **third place** at the Tech & AI Expo 2026, winning a prize of **TZS 1.5 million**.

IDEAS IN ACTION



The poster features a portrait of Prof. Prabhu Rajagopal, a man with glasses and a light blue polo shirt, standing with his arms crossed. The background is a mix of white and red with a network-like pattern. Logos for IIT Madras Zanzibar and Tech & AI Expo Zanzibar are at the top left. The text on the poster includes the professor's name and title, the event name, a description of the expo, and details about a fireside chat session on September 29, 2026, in Zanzibar, titled 'Connected Citizens, Empowered Industries & AI-Enabled Governments'.

IIT Madras Zanzibar
Learn Bold. Think Global. Lead Anywhere.

Tech & AI Expo Zanzibar

Prof. Prabhu Rajagopal
Director in Charge, IIT Madras Zanzibar Campus

Representing IITM Zanzibar at the
Tech & AI International Expo 2026

A major platform bringing together technology, AI, digital innovation, startups, industry and policymakers to explore Africa's digital transformation and the future of connected, inclusive economies.

HIGH-LEVEL FIRESIDE CHAT

Connected Citizens, Empowered Industries & AI-Enabled Governments

29 September 2026 | Zanzibar

Exploring how nations are reengineering service delivery through technology and AI to drive growth, competitiveness and inclusive digital transformation.

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Prof. Prabhu Rajagopal, Director in Charge, IITM Zanzibar, represented the campus at the Tech & AI International Expo 2026.

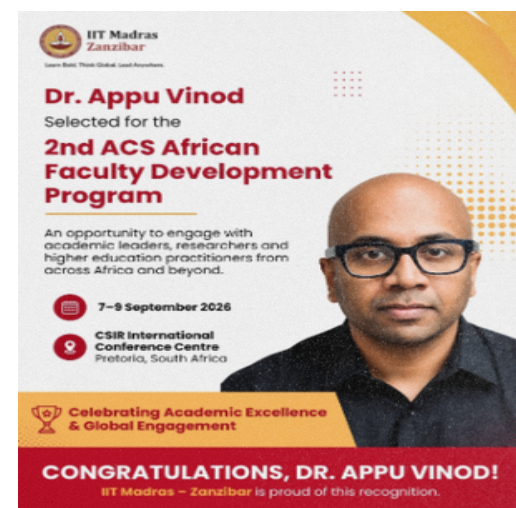
On 29 September in Zanzibar, he participated in a high-level fireside chat titled “**Connected Citizens, Empowered Industries & AI-Enabled Governments.**”

The discussion placed technology and artificial intelligence in the context of public services, industrial development and citizen engagement.

ACHIEVEMENTS IN FOCUS



**FROM EXPLORING
NEW FRONTIERS IN AI
TO DEVELOPING
PRACTICAL
SOLUTIONS FOR REAL-
WORLD CHALLENGES,
IITM ZANZIBAR'S
FACULTY AND
RESEARCH
COMMUNITY
CONTINUE TO MAKE
THEIR MARK.**



INDUSTRY & KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

LEARNING BEYOND CAMPUS

DARAJA SEMINAR SERIES

DARAJA
NM AIST-IITMZ Industry-Academia Webinar Series

**"Building Zanzibar's Future:
From Engineering Challenges to Innovation"**

About the Speaker
Yulia Baystrukova is a development executive at VIGOR Group and CEO of ONRIA Investments in Zanzibar, working across hospitality, residential, mixed-use and urban development. She holds a master's in Urban Planning and a bachelor's in World Economy from HSE University, Moscow, with prior experience at Mella Zanzibar, Zand Resort and UNECE. Her work focuses on development strategy, urban planning, construction, hotel operations and technology-driven innovations, including industry-academia collaboration with IIT Madras Zanzibar in Data Science and AI.

Ms. Yulia Baystrukova
Executive (VIGOR Group)
CEO of ONRIA Investments in Zanzibar

About the Talk
This talk explores the practical engineering challenges of developing hospitals, residential, mixed-use and urban projects in Zanzibar, covering design, coordination, infrastructure, coastal conditions, construction quality, material sourcing, logistics, and local execution. It also highlights the growing role of data, AI, and digital tools, and concludes with opportunities for stronger industry-academia collaboration through live projects and student engagement.

Wednesday, September 20, 2023
@ IITMZ Auditorium and Zoom
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (East Africa Time)

All IITMZ students and faculty are kindly requested to attend the webinar in person at the IITMZ Auditorium.

Daraja NM AIST-IITMZ Industry-Academia Webinar Series

Bridging Theory & Practice
Connecting regional excellence with industrial innovation

Frequency	Time	Location
2nd Friday/month	3:00 PM-4:00 PM EAT	Online (Live)

60-Minute Session Breakdown

- Industry Feature: Sector expert outlines current regional trends and operational challenges
- Academic Technical Responses: Targeted insights from NM AIST (7.5 mins) @ 17:42 (7.5 mins)
- Interactive Q&A and Discussion: Open floor for collaborative opportunities, networking, and deeper dialogue

Four Key Pillars of Value

- Problem Discovery:** Bridging industry use cases with academic insights
- UpSkilling:** Translating industry challenges into cutting-edge academic curriculum and practical skill development
- Translational Research:** Translating academic innovations into actionable industry solutions
- Industrial Consultancy:** Leveraging academic expertise to solve complex industrial challenges

ALL ARE WELCOME

[JOIN THE SESSION](#)

DARAJA
NM AIST-IITMZ Industry-Academia Webinar Series

Mr. Sameer Santhosh
Managing Director
Kamal Group, Tanzania

**"Recycling for a Sustainable Future:
Transforming Environmental Challenges
into Economic Opportunities"**

About the Speaker
Mr. Sameer Santhosh Gupta is the Managing Director of Kamal Group, Tanzania, with over 24 years of experience in manufacturing, services, and technology-driven businesses. He has led the Group's growth across steel, industrial and medical gases, coffee, mining, refining, and infrastructure. He is also actively involved in CSR, industry development, and strengthening India-Tanzania trade relations.

About the Talk
"Recycling for a Sustainable Future: Transforming Environmental Challenges into Economic Opportunities" explores how industrial waste can be transformed into valuable resources through recycling, innovation, and technology. The talk highlights practical examples from steel recycling, used oil recycling, and agro-processing waste, focusing on circular economies, ESG, sustainable business, and industry-academia collaborations.

Friday, August 14, 2026 | Online
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (East Africa Time)

Creating a space for ideas, expertise and collaboration between academia and industry through conversations that connect learning with real-world challenges.

Through expert-led webinars, IITM Zanzibar continues to bring industry perspectives into the academic environment, with discussions spanning sustainability, recycling, engineering and sustainable design.

CELEBRATING OUR INTERNS

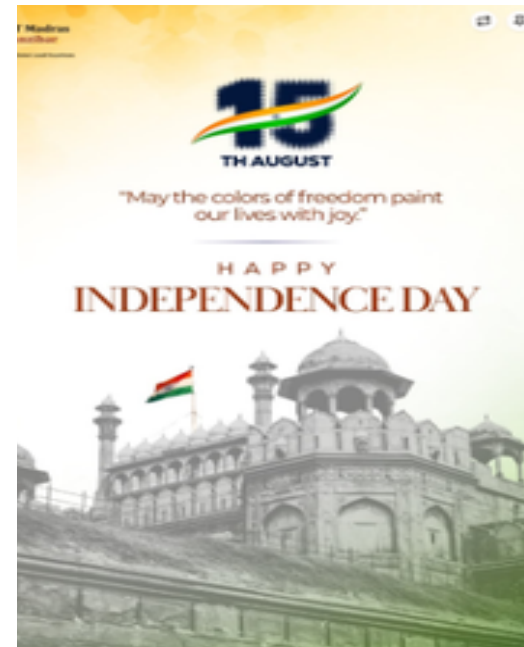


A proud moment for IITM Zanzibar's interns as they received certificates from VIGOR Group, recognising their learning and industry experience.

CAMPUS LIFE & OPPORTUNITIES

CELEBRATING INDEPENDENCE DAY

IIT Madras Zanzibar joined in celebrating India's Independence Day, honouring the spirit of freedom and the enduring friendship between India and Tanzania.



OPPORTUNITIES TO BE PART OF OUR CAMPUS

IIT Madras Zanzibar
International Teaching Experience (ITE) Program 2026

Overview
The International Teaching Experience (ITE) Program offers IIT Madras PhD scholars/Post Doctoral Fellows the chance to assist in the teaching at the IITM Zanzibar campus for four months (Oct 2026 – Jan 2027). The program aims to enhance teaching skills, broaden global exposure, and foster academic exchanges, benefiting both participating scholars and IITM Zanzibar students.

Program Details
Duration: 4 months (Oct 2026 – Jan 2027)
Expenses Covered: Travel to/from Zanzibar and living expenses during the program.

Courses you will be involved in
Mathematics
• Introduction to Calculus
• Engineering Calculations
• Applied Linear Algebra
• Numerical Methods for Engineers
• Computational Techniques
Computer Science
• Basics of Computing
• Introduction to Optimization
• Introduction to Graph Theory
• Programming and Data Structures
• Computer Vision
Engineering
• Fundamentals of Transport Processes
• Chemical Engineering Thermodynamics
• Chemistry Laboratory

Eligibility
• Current IIT Madras MSc/PhD scholars (3rd/4th year)
• Post Doctoral Fellows
• Cleared comprehensive exam
• Quality assurance participation
• Strong academic record and teaching interest

Timeline
• Application Start – Sep 01, 2026
• Application Deadline – Sep 10, 2026
• Interview Process – TBD
• Final Selection Announcement – TBD
• Commencement of Program – Oct 01, 2026

Benefits
International teaching experience, skill enhancement, stipend, travel coverage, research collaboration opportunities.

Scan here to apply

Indian Institute of Technology Madras Zanzibar
We Are HIRING
Open Position:
• MATRON • PATRON

Are you a compassionate leader dedicated to student welfare, health, and residential care?

IIT Madras Zanzibar is expanding its team, job units create a safe, supportive, and empowering home-away-from-home for our global students.

We're Looking for Proactive, Dedicated, and Driven Professionals to Join Our Growing Institute.

WHAT YOU WILL DO
• Oversee the day-to-day personal care, emotional welfare, and physical safety of students within the institutional hostel.
• Serve as the primary first responder for medical emergencies.
• Conduct daily inspections of hostel, classrooms, study facilities, and common areas to maintain safety standards.
• Manage accuracy of student records, facility logs, and house inventory with confidentiality.
• Lead incident reporting and execute crisis management protocols.
• Conduct weekly reports and communicate with respective department.

WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR
• **ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION:** Bachelor's in Nursing, Education, Social Work, or Psychology.
• Experience is an added advantage - teachers are welcome to apply.
• **CONTRACTUAL TENURES:** Good understanding of institutional accommodation policies, student disciplinary procedures, confidentiality requirements, and safeguarding obligations.
• **CORE COMPETENCIES:** Strong verbal and interpersonal skills, excellent listening, mentoring, and conflict resolution abilities with sound judgement and decision making.
• **LANGUAGE SKILL:** English.

APPLY NOW
PLEASE SUBMIT:
• Application Letter (addressed to the Chief Administrator)
• Curriculum Vitae (CV)
• Motivation Letter

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 23/09/2026
MORE INFORMATION: www.iitmz.ac.in

**Open to Tanzanian Nationals Only
*** Government employees MUST attach an Approval letter from a respective Principal Secretary.

IITM Zanzibar continued to strengthen its campus community by creating opportunities for dedicated professionals and educators to contribute, share knowledge and grow through campus roles and international teaching experiences.

With heartfelt condolences and in solidarity with the people of Tanzania.



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DEEPEST CONDOLENCES



IIT Madras Zanzibar extends its heartfelt condolences to
H.E. Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan
and her family on the passing of her husband,
Hon. Hafidh Ameer Hassan.



May his soul rest in eternal peace.
Our thoughts and prayers are with the bereaved family.

... IIT Madras Zanzibar

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