

# CM M K Stalin inaugurates school building, gym; reviews North Chennai development plans

Chennai, Sep 25 2024: Chief Minister M. K. Stalin inaugurated a newly built school building, reconstructed gym, and a memorial hall at a cost of Rs. 4.76 crore in areas under the Kolathur constituency.

Additionally, he inspected the construction work of a community welfare center on Muthukumarappa Street, estimated at Rs. 13.47 crore, and the

proposed site for building the Kolathur Public Service Center with a Sub-Registrar and Revenue Office on Paper Mills Road, worth Rs. 32 crore, under the Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority.

At the event held in Kolathur's G.K.M. Colony, he inaugurated the school building constructed at a cost of Rs. 4.23 crore. The ground and first floor,



costing Rs. 2.43 crore, were built under the Singara Chennai 2.0 Fund, and the second floor was built at a cost of Rs. 1.80 crore from MP P. Wilson's development fund.

He also inaugurated a renovated gym at the Madurai Saami Mutt, equipped with modern fitness tools, toilets, and storage rooms, built at a cost of Rs. 26.43 lakh. A memorial

hall at Neermay Nagar cremation ground, newly built at a cost of Rs. 26.29 lakh, was also opened. In total, buildings worth Rs. 4.75 crore were inaugurated by the

Chief Minister.

Earlier, at the event in G.K.M. Colony, the Chief Minister interacted with school students and distributed educational kits including book bags. He reviewed the construction of a three-story community welfare center, spanning 40,300 square feet and costing Rs. 13.47 crore. This center will feature a dining area, marriage hall, restrooms, and parking

facilities. He directed officials to expedite the completion of the work.

Under the North Chennai Development Plan, the Chief Minister also inspected the 0.74-acre site on Paper Mills Road, owned by the Revenue Department, where a Public Service Center, including a Revenue Office, Sub-Registrar Office, Co-working Space, and Commercial Complex, will be built at a cost of Rs. 32 crore. The

building will have a foundation, ground floor, and four additional floors.

The event was attended by Ministers K.N. Nehru and P.K. Sekar Babu, Mayor R. Priya, MPs P. Wilson, Kalanithi Veerasamy, R. Girirajan, MLAs Thaigam Kavi and Joseph Samuel, Deputy Mayor M. Mahesh Kumar, P. Ranganathan (Chairman of Tamil Nadu Warehousing Corporation), officials.

## Southern Railway's Fortnight-long Intensive Cleanliness Drive 'Swachhata Hi Seva 2024' celebrates decade-long Cleanliness initiatives

### Collective efforts by Railway employees, Students, Scouts & Guides, NGOs and Volunteers

Chennai, Sep 25 2024: Southern Railway has launched Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) 2024 campaign, commemorating the 10th anniversary of the Swachh Bharat Mission, initiated by Hon'ble Prime Minister on 2nd October 2014. This year's campaign adopts the theme of Swabhav Swachhata (habitual cleanliness) - Sanskaar Swachhata' (cleanliness as a value), and focuses on fostering a culture of cleanliness for a greener tomorrow, emphasizing eco-friendly practices, and promoting innovative waste management techniques.

The Special cleanliness campaign, which was launched on 17th September 2024, is being organised for a fortnight across the Southern Railway divisions, workshops and field units, organizing a variety of events aimed at increasing public participation and awareness of cleanliness and environmental conservation.

Key Highlights of Swachhata Hi Seva 2024 (Days 1-6):

Day 1: 17.09.2024 – Swachhata Pledges & Public Awareness Workshops

Shri R.N. Singh, General Manager, Southern Railway inaugurated the Swachhata Hi Seva 2024 by administering the Cleanliness Pledge to the employees of Southern Railway Headquarters

on 17th September 2024. The General Manager also participated in Shramdaan and Tree Plantation drive and urged the employees to contribute their committed efforts in making the cleanliness campaign successful. Divisional Railway Managers of all the six divisions, the Chief Workshop Managers of Golden Rock Work, Perambur Carriage & Wagon and Loco Workshops, Perambur Railway Hospital & Divisional Hospitals also launched the Cleanliness campaign.

The Chennai Division inaugurated the fortnight-long cleanliness drive at Dr. MGR Chennai Central station, with Shri Viswanath B. Eerya,

Divisional Railway Manager, Chennai flagging off a mass awareness rally to promote eco-friendly practices. Scouts, Guides, and sanitation workers participated, emphasizing the importance of cleanliness and banning single-use plastics.

Tree plantations and public awareness workshops were also conducted across divisions.

Day 2: 18.09.2024 – Safai Mitra Suraksha Shivirs & Health Camps

On the second day, Health camps and Safety workshops for the Conservancy Staff (Safai Mitras) were organized across divisions.

At Ernakulam Junction Railway station, Shri Suresh Gopi, Hon'ble Union Minister for Petroleum & Natural Gas and Tourism participated in the Swachhata pledge and sapling distribution. Health & Welfare Camps for Conservancy Staff (Safai Mitra Suraksha Shivir) was also held at Perambur Carriage Works in Chennai, with an awareness talk by the safety officer.

Day 3: 19.09.2024 – Marathons, Cyclothons & Walkathons

Chennai Division witnessed the start of Marathons, Cyclothons, and Walkathons to promote cleanliness awareness. Similar events were held in Palakkad, Tiruchirappalli, and Guruvayur stations, with large public participation. At Tiruchchirappalli Junction, a cyclothon rallied around the Kallukuzhi Railway Colony, while at Guruvayur, events were conducted in collaboration with Seva



Bharathi. Day 4: 20.09.2024 – SBM Sports Leagues & Tree Plantation

The Day 4 of the Cleanliness campaign was marked by Sports leagues. The Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) Sports League was organized for contract staff at Coimbatore and Tiruchchirappalli Division led a mass tree plantation drive, with over 1,000 saplings planted across the region, including at Golden Rock Workshop, Ariyalur, Vriddhachalam, and Diesel Shed/GOC. Thiruvananthapuram Division, in collaboration with the students of Kerala University Indoor Stadium, Palayam hosted a sports league in Trivandrum.

Day 5: 21.09.2024 –

Mass Tree Plantation Drive

Various divisions organized extensive tree plantation drives and cleanliness initiatives under the theme 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' (One Tree in the Name of Mother). Kannur celebrated the theme with poetry by environmentalist Unnikrishnan Namboothiri while Kollam witnessed a human chain, mass cleaning, and awareness talks.

Day 6: 22.09.2024 – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle (RRR) Initiatives

On the sixth day, the campaign emphasized the Reduce, Reuse, Recycle (RRR) concept, with Chennai Division organizing a Cyclothon, Walkathon, and Marathon from Chennai Central to Chennai

Egmore, flagged off by DRM Shri B. Vishwanath Eerya. An art exhibition at Chennai Egmore Station featured waste-to-art creations by Scouts, Guides, and Cub Bulls. The Valluvar Scout Group and Vasugi Guide Group also organized a Cyclothon, focusing on environmental conservation and sustainability.

Day 7: 23.09.2024 (Today) - Sale of recycled products

On Day 7 of the Swachhata Hi Seva 2024 campaign, Southern Railway organized a sale of recycled products to promote sustainability and waste reduction. Various eco-friendly items crafted from recycled materials were made available to employees and the public, emphasizing the

importance of recycling in reducing environmental impact. Competitions were also organised to kindle creativity in school children.

As the Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign progresses, more events are scheduled across divisions, including Shramdaan, Tree Plantation drives, sports leagues, marathons, waste segregation assessments, and art exhibitions promoting waste management and sustainability (Annexure-A).

Southern Railway invites rail users, students, NGOs, Volunteers, Scouts & Guides and the general public to actively participate in these initiatives, helping build a cleaner and greener environment.

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## India, Germany, Japan, Brazil form G4 Forum urges UN reforms based on text-based negotiations

Chennai, Sep 25 2024: External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar joined his colleagues from Germany, Japan and Brazil at the G4 Foreign Ministers' Meeting in New York during which they called for urgent reform of the UN through text-based negotiations.



In a post on X, the EAM said: "Glad to join the traditional #G4 Foreign Ministers Meeting along with colleagues @A Baerbock (Annalena Baerbock of Germany), @Kamikawa\_Yoko (Yoko Kamikawa of Japan) and Mauro Vieira (Brazil) in New York today.

"G4 reaffirmed its commitment for an urgent reform of the United Nations Security Council through Text Based Negotiations." A joint press statement issued on the occasion, said the four ministers met on the margins of the 79th Session of the United Nations General Assembly to assess the state of play and discuss prospects for a reform of the United Nations Security Council.

The G4 Ministers noted the current significant challenges to the multilateral system with the United Nations at its core. They stressed that a comprehensive reform of the Security Council is an essential part of

any endeavor to make the United Nations better reflect contemporary geopolitical realities and thus fit for the present and future.

They welcomed the "Summit of the Future" on 22 and 23 September 2024, where world leaders strongly called for urgent reform of the Security Council.

In this regard, the Ministers of Germany, India and Japan also welcomed Brazil's initiative of launching a Call to Action on Global Governance Reform in the context of the Brazilian Presidency of the G20.

They stressed the importance of transforming global governance and emphasized that discussions on reform of the UN Security Council remain a top priority following the "Summit of the Future".

The G4 Ministers reiterated their call for the expansion of the UN Security Council in both permanent and non-permanent

categories of membership, which has been supported by a significant number of Member States throughout the negotiation process, in order to increase the Council's legitimacy and ensure its effectiveness.

They agreed on the need to enhance the role and participation of developing countries, and those significantly contributing to international peace and security, in the Security Council, in both membership categories. In this vein, they also stressed the importance of an improved representation of under-represented and unrepresented groups and regions, such as Africa, Asia-Pacific and Latin America and the Caribbean, in both membership categories.

The Ministers reaffirmed their strong support to the Common African Position (CAP) as enshrined in the Ezulwini Consensus and the

Sirte Declaration.

Reviewing the work of the 78th Session of the UN General Assembly, the G4 Ministers positively noted the efforts by the Co-Chairs of the Intergovernmental Negotiations (IGN) including multiple rounds of debates on reform models proposed by States and Groups as a concrete step closer towards reform. At the same time, the G4 Ministers voiced strong concern over the persistent absence of substantial progress in the IGN and underlined the urgent need to begin text-based negotiations.

In this context, the G4 Ministers welcomed the recent increase of support of text-based negotiations. They noted the importance of the IGN's adherence to the membership to advance the issue. They concurred on continuing to discuss current UN related issues, including those in the Security Council.

## A special hockey masterclass for young players

Chennai, Sep 25 2024: On Sunday, during the 95th All-India MCC - Murugappa Gold Cup Hockey Tournament at the Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium, Chennai, over 30 school students from the Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Nellikuppam, R R Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Nellikuppam, Greentech Higher Secondary School, Maruthadu, and Modern Higher Secondary School, Nellikuppam, got an opportunity to be a part of an inspiring session led by Olympians SV Sunil, Rahul Singh, Devendra Walmiki and Devesh Chauhan, who gave the students lessons from their journey as sportspersons. The students also witnessed a short speech by Dr J Radhakrishnan, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary to TN Government and



Principal Secretary for Civil Supplies Department of Tamil Nadu. He emphasised the importance of teamwork and following their coaches' instructions.

"Years ago, if anyone had asked me whether hockey would become more popular, I may not have answered in the affirmative. But, now, given the efforts put into conducting tournaments such as these and increased importance given to it by the state government, hockey's popularity has

improved a lot more. Along with this, the Indian team's successful performance in the Olympics has also been inspirational for young players such as yourselves," said Dr Radhakrishnan.

The students were also the beneficiaries of a special hockey masterclass by Olympians V Baskaran and BP Govinda. Mr Baskaran and Mr Govinda taught basic hockey techniques to the budding players and demonstrated them in this 30-minute masterclass. They also

encouraged the students to play with them and taught them the importance of fitness and regular practice. "It was a great opportunity for me to be part of the session for the children from Nellikuppam. Govinda and I emphasised the importance of communication skills in a team, because that's what makes a team work well. I found the children to be very enthusiastic. It was inspiring for me too, and it will take hockey to great heights," said Mr Baskaran.

## Flipkart redefines Two-Wheeler shopping with a diverse range of Petrol and Electric options and a technology-driven buying experience ahead of the festive season

Chennai, Sep 25 2024: Flipkart, India's leading e-commerce platform, is gearing up for the festive season by redefining the two-wheeler shopping experience. The marketplace platform offers a diverse mix of petrol and electric two-wheelers from leading brands like Hero, Bajaj, TVS, Ola, Chetak, Jawa, Yezdi, Vida, Ather and more. With an extensive reach, covering over 12,000 pin codes across more than 700 cities, Flipkart is providing an unmatched convenience, affordability and reliability to customers nationwide, making this festive period the perfect time to ride into the celebrations with style.

Customers can also benefit from affordable financing options, including 5% unlimited cashback on Flipkart Axis Bank Credit Card, special deals from leading banks, and loyalty benefits

through Supercoins, making the process even more rewarding.

Jagjeet Harode, Vice President - Electronics, at Flipkart, said: "At Flipkart, we are dedicated to transforming the two-wheeler shopping experience for our customers. Our goal is to provide unmatched convenience and transparency, ensuring that every customer, whether in a city or semi-urban area, can easily find and purchase the perfect two-wheeler. Our range caters to both petrol and electric two-wheeler enthusiasts, reflecting our commitment to meeting the varied needs of our customers. We've introduced innovative features to empower our customers to make well-informed decisions confidently. By offering exceptional value through affordability, trust, and a wide selection, Flipkart has solidified its position as the premier destination for

two-wheeler shoppers."

"At Flipkart, we're committed to delivering a seamless, convenient, and transparent experience for customers purchasing two-wheelers. Our platform provides comprehensive and user-friendly On-Road Pricing, including insurance and registration, all in one place. Customers can complete the entire process—insurance, registration, and financing—from the comfort of their homes, supported by expert audio/video guidance. Additionally, advanced features like 3D and augmented reality enable customers to visualize two-wheelers in their own environment, ensuring a more informed and enhanced shopping experience," said Ravi Krishnan, Head of Category Experiences Product at Flipkart. Demand for two-wheelers on Flipkart

has soared by 6x in August, 2024 over last year. Growth for commuters, scooters and premium two-wheelers, particularly in the electric segment, continues to soar substantially. From entry-level bikes to high-end electric scooters, Flipkart is committed to meeting the evolving needs of Indian customers and driving growth in the two-wheeler market.

Flipkart's diverse portfolio offers a comprehensive range of two-wheelers, catering to the varied needs of customers. It includes petrol two-wheelers such as commuter bikes, premium sports bikes, and scooters from renowned brands. For those seeking sustainable options, Flipkart also features a wide selection of electric two-wheelers, ranging from low-speed models that do not require a license or registration to high-speed options from leading brands.

## Dantech Digital Dental Solutions Secures Rs.21 Crore (\$2.5 million) in Funding from a Group of Prominent Investors

Chennai, Sep 25 2024: Dantech Digital Dental Solutions, a leading dental prosthetic manufacturer, has successfully raised Rs.21 crore (\$2.5 million) in funding from a group of esteemed investors. The investment round includes contributions from Gunavanth Vaid, Unicornus Maximus, Shagun Capital Ventures, Wow Investments, Ten Eighty Investments, the promotor family of Tablets India, and a consortium of renowned dentists, among others.

The fresh capital infusion will fuel Dantech's ambitious growth plans, enabling the company to expand its domestic production capacity, broaden its product offerings, and enter key international markets. With a strong foothold in North



America, Europe, and Asia, Dantech is poised to become a global leader in the dental technology industry.

Founded by Dr. Shivashankar Mahadevan, a renowned dentist with decades of experience in custom dental prosthetics, and Varun Gunaseelan, a third-generation entrepreneur in the dental business, Dantech leverages cutting-edge technology and a deep understanding of the

more dentists worldwide."

Dantech's strategic focus on developing and manufacturing high-quality, technology-enabled medical devices aligns perfectly with India's "Make in India" initiative. By leveraging its technological expertise and lower cost structure, the company aims to challenge global players and drive domestic manufacturing of dental products.

"Dantech's commitment to quality, innovation, and dentist-centric care sets it apart," said Dr. Gunaseelan Rajan, Chairman of the Board. "We are confident that this investment will propel us to new heights and solidify our position as a leading player in the dental technology market."

## Indian Bank organised Mega Dairy Loan Campaign in Tiruvannamalai

Chennai, Sep 25 2024: On Saturday, September 21st, the Tiruvannamalai Zone of Indian Bank successfully conducted a special "Mega Dairy Loan Disbursement Campaign" at their Zonal Office in Tiruvannamalai. The event was chaired by Shri E. V. Velu, the Tamil Nadu State Minister of Public Works (Buildings, Highways and Minor Ports) alongside Shri D. Baskara Pandian, I.A.S., the District Collector of



Tiruvannamalai District. Key dignitaries in attendance included Zonal Manager Shri M. Arunpandian and Deputy Zonal Manager Shri K. Suresh, highlighting the

benefiting over 1000 dairy farmers, facilitating their efforts in enhancing dairy production and improving livelihoods in the region. This initiative not only supports individual farmers but also strengthens the overall dairy infrastructure in Tiruvannamalai, contributing to the economic development of the district and promoting sustainable agricultural practices among local communities.

significance of this initiative aimed at empowering local dairy farmers. During this campaign, Indian Bank disbursed about Rs.10 Crores in dairy loans

## Apollo Hospitals Chennai Awarded for Excellence in Deceased Donor Organ Transplantation by Tamil Nadu Health Minister

Apollo Hospital, Chennai, has been honored with the prestigious award for the Best Performance in Utilizing Deceased Donor Liver, heart & lung for Transplantation. The accolade was presented by the Honorable Minister of Health Mr. Ma Subramaniam, in the presence of the Additional Chief Secretary Ms. Supriya Sahoo, Minister of HR&CE Mr. Sekar Babu, and esteemed members of the assembly.



Apollo Hospital has long been a pioneer in organ transplantation, with an impressive track record in deceased donor contributions. This award highlights the hospital's ongoing commitment to saving lives through innovative organ transplantation techniques and the dedication of its expert team. Notably, Apollo Hospital was also the site of the state's landmark multi-organ donation, underscoring its leadership in this critical field of healthcare. The hospital's tireless efforts in promoting organ donation and ensuring the highest standards of care in transplantation have set a benchmark in medical excellence, further cementing Apollo Hospital's role as a leader in this life-saving endeavor.

## FPL MG Ambattur Unveils MG Windsor, India's 1st Intelligent CUV MG Windsor starts from INR 13,49,800 (Ex-Showroom)

Chennai, Sep 25 2024: JSW MG Motor India today announced the prices for the recently launched MG Windsor, starting at INR 13,49,800 (Ex-Showroom). India's 1st Intelligent CUV combines the comfort of a sedan and the expanse of an SUV offering a luxurious business-class experience to customers.



The CUV is offered with futuristic aerodynamic design, spacious and opulent interiors, reassuring safety, smart connectivity, driving comfort, and many hi-tech features. In addition, customers are ensured complete peace of mind through various initiatives such as a lifetime warranty on the

battery for the first owner, assured 60% buyback after three years, and one-year free charging at public chargers using the eHUB by MG app. The Windsor will be available in four colour options: Starburst Black, Pearl White, Clay Beige, and Turquoise Green.

The Windsor features an AeroGlide design language, which is futuristic and

transcends the concept of traditional segmentation. The interiors are opulent and luxurious with spacious Aero Lounge seats that can be reclined to 1350, coupled with the expansive Infinity View Glass Roof, adding to the business class experience. Immersive entertainment and smart connectivity features are powered by a massive 15.6" GRANDVIEW Touch

Display in the central console.

MG Windsor comes with a 38 kWh Li-ion battery pack, which is IP67 certified, delivering an impressive performance of 100KW (136ps) power and 200Nm Torque through four driving modes (Eco+, Eco, Normal and Sport) that results in a 332 km ARAI certified range on a single charge.

## Apollo Hospital Chennai hosts a Hands-on workshop On GAPS & Controversies in Deep Brain Stimulation

Chennai, Sep 25 2024: Apollo Hospitals Chennai raises the bar of excellence in neuroscience by organizing a one-day hands-on workshop on GAPS & Controversies in Deep Brain Stimulation led by well-known experts Prof. Dr. P. Vijayashankar, DM Neurology, clinical head, Apollo Advanced Movement Disorders program, and Dr. Arvind Sukumaran, a specialist in functional neurosurgery and deep brain stimulation with over a decade of experience. The workshop featured an internationally renowned neurologist, Prof. Dr. Jens Volkmann, Professor and Chair of Neurology at the University of Wurzburg, Germany. This event served as a platform to bring neurology experts from various hospitals in Chennai together to share the latest technological developments in Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) for Parkinson's disease (PD).

The workshop

included presentations from eminent neurologists and thorough discussions regarding the latest scientific findings related to DBS, which were beneficial for neurology experts to understand the developments and clinical issues of both techniques.

In the ever-changing world of Parkinson's disease (PD) management, Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) and Focused Ultrasound Thalamotomy (FUS) have gained significant attention. DBS has been a primary option for over 30 years, offering the ability to adjust and reverse the therapy to address different patient needs and medical cases. FUS has proven effective in treating patients with unilateral tremor-dominant PD for over a decade. The adaptable and versatile nature of DBS establishes it as a cornerstone therapy for a broad spectrum of Parkinson's symptoms, essential tremors, and dystonia.

Key Highlights of

the Workshop:

- \* In-Depth discussions about the benefits and limitations of DBS

- \* Expert insights from doctors from around the world and India

- \* Networking opportunities with leading neurologists from various hospitals

Dr. P. Vijayashankar, DM Neurology Clinical head, Apollo Advanced Movement Disorders Program, Apollo Hospitals Chennai, said, "We are very happy to host this special workshop to help neurology doctors stay up-to-date on the latest DBS advances. This workshop highlights the need to understand the gaps and debates in these treatments. I believe we as healthcare professionals have a duty to inform Parkinson's patients about current treatment options. We are thrilled to have Prof. Dr. Jens Wolkmann join us to share his know-how."

Prof. Dr. Jens Volkmann, Professor & Chair of Neurology at the University of Wurzburg Germany, said, "It's an honor to take part in this workshop and share my insights on the newest DBS developments. The sharing of ideas and experiences among experts will bring about new thoughts and perspectives on how to treat Parkinson's disease. The workshop emphasis on gaps and debates in DBS will spark important talks and discussions, which should lead to improved results for patients."

Apollo Hospitals Chennai demonstrates its commitment to excellence through events like the hands-on workshop about GAPS & Controversies in Deep Brain Stimulation. This proves it's at the forefront of medical advances. By working together and sharing what they know, Apollo Hospitals Chennai keeps setting new standards in neurology and raising the bar for medical care in India.

## Leela Palaces parent firm files IPO papers with Sebi, aims to raise Rs 5,000 cr

Chennai, Sep 25 2024: Schloss Bangalore Ltd, which operates Leela Palaces Hotels & Resorts, on Sunday filed preliminary papers with capital markets regulator Sebi to raise Rs 5,000 crore through an initial public offering (IPO).

This could be the country's largest IPO in the hospitality sector.

The company's proposed IPO is a combination of a fresh issue of equity shares worth Rs 3,000 crore and an offer for sale (OFS) of stocks valued Rs 2,000 crore by promoter Project Ballet Bangalore Holdings (DIFC) Pvt Ltd, according to the draft red herring prospectus (DRHP).

Schloss Bangalore, which is backed by Brookfield Asset Management, said proceeds of the fresh issue will be used for loan availed by the company and its subsidiaries and for general corporate

purposes.

As of March 2024, the company had a total borrowings of Rs 4,052.50 crore, the draft papers showed.

The hospitality chain company may consider raising Rs 600 crore in a pre-IPO placement round. If such placement is carried out, the fresh issue size will be reduced.

Schloss Bangalore, known for its luxurious hotels and resorts under "The Leela" brand, had a portfolio of 3,382 keys across 12 operational hotels.

As of May 31, 2024, its portfolio includes The Leela Palaces, The Leela Hotels, and The Leela Resorts, located across 10 destinations in the country.

On the financial front, the company has seen significant financial growth, with operating profit or EBITDA increasing from Rs 87.72 crore in FY22 to Rs 600.03 crore in FY24.

The draft papers filing comes at a time when country's IPO market is thriving, with around 60 main board companies having launched their initial share-sales this year so far.

According to HVS report, India's hospitality sector is set for strong growth as the country's GDP is expected to nearly double to USD 7.1 trillion by 2030 from USD 3.6 trillion in 2023.

The luxury hotel segment, which makes up just 17 per cent of the branded hotel market, is underdeveloped. Further, demand for luxury rooms is projected to grow at a rate of 10.6 per cent annually from FY24 to FY28, while supply will increase only 5.9 per cent, the report noted.

Moreover, domestic tourism and foreign tourist arrivals are also expected to rise, with annual growth rates of 13.4

per cent and 7.1 per cent, respectively, from 2024 to 2030, it added.

The IPO is being managed by a consortium of 11 merchant bankers -- JM Financial, BofA Securities India, Morgan Stanley India Company, JP Morgan India, Kotak Mahindra Capital Company, Axis Capital, Citigroup Global Markets India, IIFL Securities, ICICI Securities, Motilal Oswal Investment Advisors, and SBI Capital Markets.

Earlier this month, Pune-based Ventive Hospitality, a joint venture between Blackstone Group and Panchshil Realty, filed preliminary papers with Sebi to raise Rs 2,000 crore through an IPO.

Ventive Hospitality is a hospitality asset owner primarily focused on luxury offerings across business and leisure segments in India and the Maldives.

## Samsung Announces Special Offers on Galaxy S, M and F Series Smartphones Ahead of Festive Season in India

Chennai, Sep 25 2024: Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, today announced never-before-seen prices on select flagship Galaxy S, M and F series smartphones. The special pricing will allow customers to own Galaxy smartphones at their best prices available ever since their launch.

Galaxy S23 FE and Galaxy S23

Galaxy S23 FE originally priced at INR 54999 will be available at just INR 27999. Similarly, Galaxy S23 originally priced starting INR 74999 will now be available at just INR 37999.

Galaxy S23 FE is the number one selling android smartphone in India above INR 30000, according to Counterpoint Research. Early this year Samsung had announced the roll out of Galaxy AI features on more Galaxy flagship devices including Galaxy S23 Ultra, Galaxy S23 and Galaxy S23 FE, engineered to further the democratization of mobile AI. With the roll out of the Galaxy AI features, users of Galaxy S23 Ultra, Galaxy S23 and Galaxy S23 FE will be able to take advantage of several features including Circle to Search, Live Translate and Note Assist amongst others. The broader integration of Galaxy AI across the Galaxy ecosystem also enables a seamless user experience in day-to-day tasks on AI-supported models, driving new levels of efficiency.

Galaxy S23 FE comes with the flagship pro-grade nightography camera with 3x optical zoom and is powered by an epic 4nm chipset for ultimate and reliable performance, an attribute that is the backbone for epic experiences. The long-lasting 4500mAh battery intuitively adjusts to conserve energy, charging up to 50 percent in just 30 minutes.

Galaxy S23 is an epic device with all-new camera features, including Nightography capabilities in low light, 50MP adaptive pixel sensor for photos with incredible details, as well as advanced portrait photos with AI

Stereo Depth Map. It offers one of the fastest and most powerful performance ever in Galaxy to consumers with the Snapdragon® 8 Gen 2 Mobile Platform for Galaxy that is optimized for Samsung.

Galaxy S23 Ultra originally priced at INR 109999 will be available at a jaw dropping price of only INR 69999. Galaxy S23 Ultra comes with 200MP sensor with adaptive pixels which can capture images with epic details. With the Super Quad Pixel AF, the rear camera can focus on subjects 50% faster. Galaxy S23 Ultra comes with custom designed Snapdragon® 8 Gen 2 Mobile Platform for Galaxy to deliver one of the world's fastest mobile graphics. The flagship smartphone also comes with up to 2.7x larger vapor cooling chamber for reliable gaming performance.

Galaxy S24 Series Galaxy S24 Ultra originally priced starting INR 129999 will be up for grabs at only INR 109999. Similarly, Galaxy S24+ and Galaxy S24 originally priced at INR 99999 and INR 74999 will be available at just INR 64999 and INR 59999 respectively.

Galaxy S24 series ushers in a new era of mobile AI, enabling consumers to do more with Galaxy AI. Galaxy S24 series enhances and redefines the phone's most fundamental role: communication with Live Translate, two-way, real-time voice and text translations of phone calls within the native app. With Interpreter, live conversations can be instantly translated on a split-screen view. It even works without cellular data or Wi-Fi for messages and other apps. Chat Assist can help perfect conversational tones to ensure communication sounds as it was intended.

With the Note Assist feature in Samsung Notes users get AI-generated summaries and create templates that streamline notes with pre-made formats.

For voice recordings, even when there are multiple speakers, Transcript Assist uses AI and Speech-to-Text technology to transcribe, summarize

and even translate recordings.

Galaxy S24 Ultra's ProVisual Engine is a comprehensive suite of AI-powered tools that transform image capturing abilities and maximize creative freedom. The Quad Tele System on Galaxy S24 Ultra now comes with a new 5x optical zoom lens that works with the 50MP sensor to enable optical-quality performance at zoom levels from 2x, 3x, 5x to 10x, enabling users to take professional-grade photographs. Images also show crystal clear results at 100x with enhanced digital zoom.

Nightography capabilities have also been upgraded on Galaxy S24 Ultra thanks to its 1.4 µm pixel size which is 60% bigger. Performance and durability are core foundations of Galaxy S24 Ultra. Galaxy S24 Ultra is equipped with Snapdragon® 8 Gen 3 Mobile Platform for Galaxy that delivers remarkable NPU improvement for incredibly efficient AI processing. Galaxy S24 Ultra comes equipped with 1.9 times larger vapor chamber, improving device surface temperature while also maximizing sustained performance power.

Galaxy S24+ and Galaxy S24 feature a streamlined one-mass design and comes with 50MP triple camera setup. With upgraded Nightography capabilities, photos and videos shot with Galaxy S24+ and S24's AI Zoom are brilliant in any conditions, even when zoomed in. Galaxy S24 series' ProVisual Engine is a comprehensive suite of AI-powered tools that transform image capturing abilities and maximize creative freedom. Whatever the task, Galaxy S24+ and Galaxy S24 provides an incredible experience thanks to the enhancements in its chipset, display and more. Equipped with a 6.7" and 6.2" display respectively, Galaxy S24+ and Galaxy S24 can reach up to 2600 nits of peak brightness. 1-120 Hz adaptive refresh rate on the smartphones also improve performance efficiency.

Galaxy M and F Series

Samsung also announced exciting festive offers on Galaxy M and F series

smartphones. Galaxy M35 5G originally priced at INR 19999 will be available at just INR 13999. Recently launched Galaxy M05 and Galaxy F05 will be available for INR 6499.

Galaxy M35 5G Galaxy M35 5G promises to redefine the smartphone experience with several segment-leading features. Galaxy M35 5G is powered by a 5nm-based Exynos 1380 processor with a Vapour cooling chamber for lag free performance and blazing-fast gaming experience. The smartphone comes with Segment's only Corning® Gorilla® Glass Victus®+ display protection for enhanced durability, segment-leading 120Hz sAMOLED display, 6000mAh long-lasting battery, stunning camera capabilities with Nightography and OIS (No Shake Cam) and other advanced features such as Samsung Wallet with Tap & Pay feature.

Galaxy M05 and Galaxy F05

Galaxy M05 comes with features like 50MP dual camera, a long-lasting 5000mAh battery with 25W fast charging, and a stunning 6.7" HD+ display, promising an immersive entertainment and enhanced camera experience. The smartphone is powered by MediaTek Helio G85 processor which allows seamless multitasking, enabling users to run multiple apps without any lag.

Galaxy F05 sports a stylish leather pattern design which exudes premium aesthetics. Galaxy F05 elevates the photography experience with its 50MP Dual camera capturing vibrant, detailed photos, even in low-light conditions with aperture F/1.8, while the 2MP depth-sensing camera delivers pictures with enhanced clarity. Galaxy F05 has 8MP front camera that helps capture high-quality selfies.

The offers on Galaxy S23FE, Galaxy S23, Galaxy S23 Ultra, Galaxy S24+ and Galaxy M35 5G will go live starting September 26, 2024. Offers on Galaxy S24 Ultra, Galaxy S24, Galaxy M05 and Galaxy F05 are already live.

## Slam Lifestyle & Fitness Studio launching it's New Branch at Adyar inaugurated by J.Saravanan, I.R.S & Dr.Sam Paul

Chennai, Sep 25 2024: Slam Lifestyle & Fitness Studio is one of the biggest and finest gym in the town. The outlet has a wide spread of 6,000 Sqft. With international standard equipments, Certified trainers, Functional training & Cross fit, Indoor and Outdoor boot camp, Elevated cardio section with 180 degree view, Unique spinning studio & exclusive CrossFit area. They have personalized transformation programs executed by well trained and certified professionals.

Slam Lifestyle & Fitness Studio inaugurated by Chennai Commissioner of Income Tax Mr.J.Saravanan, I.R.S & Chairman & MD Paulsons Beauty &



Fashion Pvt Ltd., Dr.Sam Paul, CEO, Paulsons Group Mr. Blessing A.Manikandan also graced the occasion.

Few words about Slam Lifestyle & Fitness Studio:

This is where your life changes. Our workout programs are a class apart – Slick 30 minute HIIT modules, Hardcore powerlifting clinics, Gruelling body transformation boot camps, Yoga, Combat, Bodybuilding. Name it

and we'll game it. You are now finished with mediocrity, Slam is here to turn you into a superhuman!

The fitness mantra of SLAM is to keep our programs simple, timeless and results based, all our programs overlap at some level and are completely scalable from a beginner to competitive level. Our coaches are trained in strength, bodybuilding and functional fitness, our workout spaces are

fully equipped without wasting any space on gimmicks, the gym comes with a clear focus on results and goal setting.

Our mission is to bring great service, facilities, coaching and top of the line programming to every neighbourhood at an affordable price.

Location Details: SLAM LIFESTYLE & FITNESS STUDIO, Adyar Gandhi Nagar BRANCH at #45,& 47, 1st Main Road, Gandhi Nagar, Adyar CHENNAI-600 020. (NEAR ODYSSEY ADYAR)

Contact Details: Mr. Sandeep 97107 80591, Mr. Amiya Kumar Das 7975223917 Contact number slam Adyar : 99441 09756.

## Evexia Lifecare Ltd. Approves Fund Raise through Preferential Issue of Convertible Warrants

Chennai, Sep 25 2024: Evexia Lifecare Ltd., engaged in the trading of chemicals, manufacturing of intermediates, agricultural produce and various other products of consumer goods, has announced that the company has approved the issuance of up to 24 Crore Convertible Warrants, of the company, at a price of Rs. 3.60/- per Warrant aggregating to up to Rs. 86.40 Cr by way of preferential issue, subject to necessary approval of the members of the Company and other regulatory



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authorities, as maybe applicable.

Recently, the company announced that its members approved the issue of the foreign currency convertible bonds in the Annual General Meeting held on July 9, 2022. The board has considered and

approved conversion of 25 bonds into equity shares as per the terms and conditions of the issue of FCCB. Recently, the Board of Directors at its meeting held on June 17, 2024 had also considered and approved conversion of 75 bonds into equity shares as per the terms

and conditions of the issue of FCCB. Earlier, Evexia Lifecare Ltd. Announced that it had incorporated a Subsidiary Company namely EVEXIA LIFECARE AFRICA LIMITED which is registered with the Registrar of Companies for England and Wales. The Registrar of Companies for England and Wales has issued a Certificate of Incorporation for the same. Evexia Lifecare Formed the New Subsidiary to Set Up Pathology Labs in Africa.

## Encouraging India towards an API-driven Compliance System, Tally eyes a CAGR of 30-40% in 3 years

Chennai, Sep 25 2024: With the continued vision to empower the backbone of the Indian economy – the fast-growing MSME sector; Tally Solutions today announced the global launch of the all-new TallyPrime 5.0, elevating its suite of Connected Services. A leading technology company providing business management software, Tally brings a new paradigm in connected services with API-driven tax filing. The launch is in line with the company's vision to enhance business operations for the mid-mass segment both in India and globally.

The latest version with 'Connected GST' will serve as a consolidated interface for all online GST operations, without having to visit the GST portal. This release further strengthens

Tally's connected experience which includes e-invoicing and e-way bill generation capability, WhatsApp integration, etc. Additionally, addressing the increasing demand in the Middle East and Bangladesh, TallyPrime 5.0 adds advanced multi-lingual capabilities that will extend to Arabic and Bangla language interfaces with phonetic support.

The new solution encapsulates an array of unique features including a direct connect\* to the GST portal which enables fast data upload/download, GSTR1 return filing, new recon flexibilities, including GSTR-1 recon and GSTR-3B recon features unique to Tally, Input Tax Credit (ITC) at risk identification and ledger creation. The feature also supports

end-to-end 'bookkeeping to return filing', bringing an integrated experience.

With this new launch and other product pipeline initiatives, Tally is aiming to expand its current user base of 2.5 million+ by 50% over the next 3 years, while eyeing a CAGR growth of 30-40%. Sharing his views, Mr. Tejas Goenka, Managing Director, Tally Solutions said, "We're continuously innovating our technology to help simplify business operations for MSMEs. Our latest release is designed to make GST filing simpler and hassle-free for Indian businesses. Currently, only a small portion of businesses use API-based filing, but we're aiming to change that. With this latest launch, our focus is to consolidate the end-to-end GST filing journey

of MSMEs, enabling them to save 60%-70% of their time. This release will also give a real-time status of their suppliers' GST, safeguarding their ITC."

MSMEs are seeking effective tech solutions for their operations, and TallyPrime 5.0 provides a simple, secure, and reliable solution. It enhances business management with new features and builds on existing ones like e-invoice generation, user-friendly dashboards, WhatsApp integration, and Excel imports. This new launch is in line with Tally's mission to connect businesses with their ecosystem and elevate user experience. The latest release is free for all active TSS subscribers.

\*TallyPrime 5.0 allows online operation for GSTR1, GSTR2A, GSTR2B, GSTR3B and CMP-08.