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Egyptian President visits India - Strengthens partnership

President of Egypt, His Excellency Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, was the guest of honour at India's 74th Republic Day function on January 26, 2023 at New Delhi. During his 4-day State visit to India (January 24 to 27), the President helmed the India-Egypt Business Roundtable held on January 25, 2023.

The participants at the Business Roundtable included ministers from both India and Egypt, senior government functionaries, representatives from trade bodies, industrial leaders and company representatives. India's Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and Textile Minister, Piyush Goyal, led the Indian side at the Roundtable.

Delivering the keynote address, the Egyptian President, stressed the opportunities available in his country for overseas investment.

The Sanmar Group Deputy Chairman, Vijay Sankar, spoke about the vital role being played by India-Egypt Business Council for over a decade in

assisting and supporting companies from both countries. He also mentioned the attractive industrial climate in Egypt, and impressed upon the Indian companies to explore good business opportunities available there. He mentioned that TCI Sanmar Chemicals had established huge facilities in the chemicals segment at Port Said, Egypt, with a FDI of \$1.5 billion and is the largest Indian investor in Egypt.

TCI Sanmar Chairman, PS Jayaraman, explained the activities of the company and sought support from the Egyptian authorities to resolve a few ongoing matters.



Vijay Sankar greeting Egyptian President, His Excellency Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, in the presence of Indian President Her Excellency Draupadi Murmu.



(L to r): Saurabh Tripathi, Vijay Sankar, Egyptian Ambassador, HE Wael Hamed, CP Gurnani and PS Jayaraman.



President of Egypt, HE Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, at the India-Egypt Business Roundtable, with Indian Minister of Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal, and Member of Indian Parliament, Rajkumar Ranjan Singh.



Banquet hosted in honour of the 'Distinguished Guests' at the Rashtrapathi Bhavan on January 25, 2023. (L to r): Indian Ambassador to Egypt, Ajit Gupte, President, ASSOCHAM, Sumant Sinha and Vijay Sankar.

Jayaraman meets Egyptian Minister

On the sidelines of the visit of the Egyptian President, Chairman, TCI Sanmar, PS Jayaraman, met with Planning and Economic Development Minister Dr Hala Helmy El-Said and explained the strong presence of TCI Sanmar in the chemicals segment there and its plans. The Minister appreciated the efforts of TCI Sanmar and assured complete support from her government.



TCI Sanmar launches the 4th Sustainability Report 'Road to Green Production'

TCI Sanmar launched the fourth sustainability report, titled 'Road to Green Production,' in December last. The same was released by Former Minister of Petroleum and Director on the Board of TCI Sanmar Chemicals His Excellency Sameh Fahmy, and was received by Director of TCI Sanmar Chemicals General Mostafa El-Behairy in the presence of Chairman PS Jayaraman and Managing Director S Ganeshkumar.

TCI Sanmar is one of the few petrochemical companies in the MENA (Middle East and North Africa) region that publishes an annual sustainability report in compliance with the GRI standards and guidelines.



The company is the first in MENA and African regions to tap into unconventional ways to produce non-fossil fuel-dependent PVC. It's also the first in the petrochemical industry to issue an environmental product declaration for PVC.

Their Royal Highnesses Crown Prince and Princess of Denmark visit Chennai

In a first from the Danish Royal family in two decades, Denmark's Crown Prince Frederik Andre Henrik Christian and Crown Princess Mary Elizabeth paid an official visit to India at the invitation of Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar. His Royal Highness, the Crown Prince had last visited India in 2003. Earlier, Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II visited India in 1963 as Crown Princess, and later Princess Benedikte visited Chennai in 2004.

The Royal Couple was accompanied by Denmark's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Lars Lokke Rasmussen, Minister for Environment, Magnus Heunicke, and Minister for Climate, Energy and Utilities, Lars Aagaard, along with senior officials and a high-level business delegation visited Chennai on March 1, 2023. Prior to visiting Chennai, the Crown Prince

couple were in Delhi on February 26, 2023. The visit of the royal couple is bound to further strengthen and enhance the close and friendly ties between India and Denmark.

The Crown Prince visited the IIT Madras Research Park, where a session on next-generation fuels and energy systems was held. "Tamil Nadu has identified 15 offshore locations to establish wind turbines. Denmark is collaborating on a plan to establish the first wind farm offshore in Tamil Nadu. I have a strong belief that we can support one another in developing these technologies while learning how they can be implemented in different contexts," said Lars Aagaard.

Additional Chief Secretary, Industries Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, S Krishnan, was present on behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu. A total of four projects were



Governor of Tamil Nadu RN Ravi hosted a lunch for the Royal Couple at Raj Bhavan on March 1, 2023. Vijay Sankar seen standing, 3rd from right.





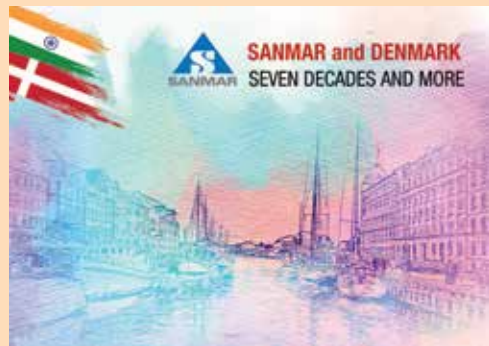
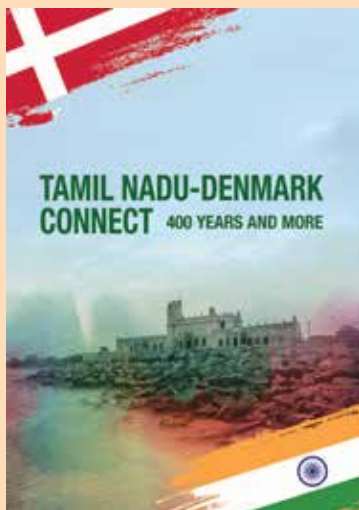
Honorary Consul General, Royal Danish Consulate, Chennai, Vijay Sankar and Sukanya Sankar are seen seated with Danish Ambassador to India HE Freddy Svane and Lise Frederiksen, wife of Ambassador.

announced, for which memorandums of understanding were signed. IIT Madras will collaborate with Danish researchers on a project on the hydrogen economy. FLSmith has joined as the founding member of the Energy Consortium, IIT Madras, according to an MoU signed. Danfoss and IIT Madras will undertake joint work on drinking water for the coastal regions using renewable energy, according to another MoU.

Her Royal Highness the Crown Princess visited the L&T campus and participated in discussions on setting up a Centre of Excellence for collaboration between L&T and Danish companies.

Danish Major Grundfos, Chennai, hosted a seminar on water sector cooperation between Denmark and Tamil Nadu. Her Royal Highness, The Crown Princess of Denmark along with the Danish Minister for Foreign Affairs, Lars Løkke Rasmussen, and other members of the Danish Delegation were part of this seminar.

To mark the visit of the Royal Highnesses to Chennai, the Royal Danish Consulate, Chennai, brought out two books. One was on the Sanmar-Danish relationship that spanned over four decades. And the other, on the Tamil Nadu and Denmark's 400 years and more connect. The publication of the two books signifies the lasting relationship between Sanmar and Denmark.



Honorary Vice Consul, Royal Danish Consulate, Chennai, SB Prabhakar Rao, seen with his wife Rajakumari at the function.

On March 1 evening, the Royal Danish Embassy hosted an event to commemorate the ‘Tamil Nadu – Denmark Partnership for Sustainable growth.’ The event was attended by the Danish Royal delegation including HRH The Crown Prince of Denmark, HRH The Crown Princess of Denmark, the Danish Minister for Climate, Danish Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Danish Ambassador to India, HE Freddy Svane, Honorary Consul General, Royal Danish Consulate in Chennai, Vijay Sankar and Honorary Vice Consul, Royal Danish Consulate in Chennai, SB Prabhakar Rao. On behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu, Minister of Finance, Palanivel Thiagarajan and Minister of Information technology and Digital services, Mano Thangaraj graced the event.

This was followed by a dinner hosted by Danish Major Grundfos to mark their silver jubilee year in India.

Sanmar and Denmark Connect

It all began seventy five years ago—in 1947—when Chairman Emeritus of The Sanmar Group, KS Narayanan, travelled to Copenhagen to study cement technology at the Danish major, FLSmidt—more than three hundred years after the first Danes arrived in Tranquebar on the Coromandel coast.

From the time Honorary Consuls for Denmark were appointed, only Danes residing in India were for long considered for the appointment. KS Narayanan was the first Indian to be appointed Honorary Consul of Denmark in 1975.

Sankar succeeded Narayanan as the Honorary Consul General of the Royal Danish Consulate in 1989 and held that post till 2017. He was succeeded by his son Vijay Sankar. The Danish association spreads over three generations and remains rock solid.

SB Prabhakar Rao, one of the earliest employees of The Sanmar Group, remains a crucial fulcrum connecting the generations in the Sanmar family in this inter-country bonding exercise, as the Honorary Vice Consul of Denmark in Chennai.

The promoter family of The Sanmar Group, has an over seven-decade connection with Denmark, including a nearly five-decade long close association with the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. They represent the Danish Consular Affairs in South India, protecting the interests of Denmark and its expatriates and promoting economic, cultural, social and commercial interests in the southern States of India.



(L to r): Honorary Consul of Spain in Chennai, Vijay Sankar (now Honorary Consul General of Denmark in Chennai), Honorary Consul of Greece in Chennai, N Kumar, Commercial Counsellor, Danish Embassy, Lars Christiansen, Danish Ambassador to India in Delhi, HE Freddy Svane, Chairman Emeritus of The Sanmar Group, KS Narayanan, Honorary Consul General of Denmark in Chennai, N Sankar, and Honorary Vice Consul, Royal Danish Consulate, SB Prabhakar Rao (2010).

Danish History - both interesting and intriguing

The history of Denmark, as with most nations, is filled with interesting and intriguing events. The Danish monarchy is one of the oldest in the world. In the 9th century, the country was actually divided into different kingdoms, but by the next century, it became one. As a group, the Danes were the sea-faring type and they raided other parts of Europe like England and Ireland. However, they were more than just rapacious raiders, and they created the first towns in Ireland — Limerick, Cork, and Dublin.

Amidst the wars and raids, there was a religious churn in Denmark, and historians mark the efforts of some Christian missionaries at proselytisation as a major watershed in the annals of Scandinavia (and by extension, Denmark).

Middle ages of the Danes

By the Middle Ages, Denmark started to lurch towards a firmer identity. Valdemar I, who was the king of Denmark between 1157 and 82), ended the Wend (Slav) threat to Danish shipping. He won independence from the Holy Roman emperor, and gained church approval for hereditary rule by his dynasty, the Valdemars. From then on, the country began to grow steadily richer.

The daughter of King Valdemar IV of Denmark, Margaret, was another important historical figure. When she was six-years-old, she was betrothed to Haakon, king of Norway and son of King Magnus Eriksson of Sweden and Norway. Soon, Margaret became Regent of both Denmark and Norway. In 1388 Swedish nobles rebelled against their king and declared Margaret, Regent of Sweden. In 1389 her soldiers captured the Swedish king although his supporters held out in Stockholm until 1398. Margaret became the undisputed ruler of the three Scandinavian states. In 1397 Erik, grandson of her sister, was crowned king of Denmark, Sweden, and Norway at Kalmar. This union of three kingdoms was



Her Majesty Margrethe II, Queen of Denmark.

called the Union of Kalmar. Its capital was Copenhagen.

From 1784, Crown Prince Frederick was Regent of Denmark and he introduced reforms.

By the mid-20th century, Denmark had found its identity and was happy with it. It remained neutral during the First and Second World Wars. In 1949 Denmark joined NATO and in 1953, the Danish constitution was changed.

The Monarchy as it is today

When he signed The Constitutional Act of Denmark in 1849,



Amalienborg Palace

King Frederik VII converted the Danish monarchy into a constitutional monarchy.

Queen Margrethe II (born 1940) has been Denmark's monarch since 1972. She is the first female monarch of Denmark since Queen Margrethe I (1376-1412). Her son Crown Prince

Frederik André Henrik Christian (born 1968) will be the next one to ascend the throne, part of a line that reaches all the way back to Gorm the Old (believed to be born around year 900) and Harald Bluetooth (born around 940). Prince Frederik's son Christian (born 2005) will continue the line into the future. (On 14 May 2004, the Crown Prince married Mary Elizabeth Donaldson, who is now the Crown Princess).

Today, Denmark is a constitutional monarchy ruled by a representative democracy.

Danish heritage in Tamil Nadu



Tranquebar (Tharangambadi)

Tranquebar, known for many centuries as Tharangambadi, the land of the singing waves, is 284 km away from Chennai. It was the first Danish trading colony in the tropics in the period 1620–1845. Once a busy port, this town helped the Danes to export pepper, tea and silk from India to Denmark.

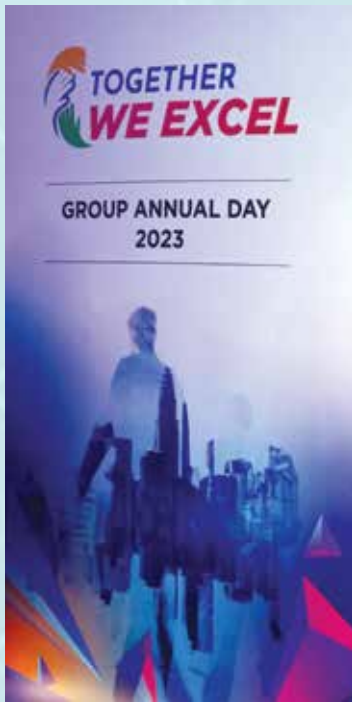
The Danes reached India at Tharangambadi, a part of the kingdom of Thanjavur in 1620. Its king, Raghunatha Nayak, granted them Tharangambadi under a treaty with King of Denmark, Christian IV. He also gave them permission to build a fort there. In 1620, the Danish East India Company was established. Two centuries of Danish heritage has left important cultural and architectural imprints, which can be seen in colonial houses, churches, cemeteries, and, most notably, the Dansborg Fort.

Kaj Schmidt Memorial in Chennai

Schmidt Memorial on Elliot's Beach at Besant Nagar, Chennai, commemorates the gallantry of a Dane, Kaj Erik Gjolstad Schmidt. Kaj Schmidt went bathing at Elliot's Beach on the second-last day of 1930, along with four co-workers from the East Asiatic Company. They noticed three swimmers in peril in the water and immediately went to their rescue. In the process Kaj Schmidt was carried away by the waves and lost his life. Moved by Schmidt's act of sacrifice, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir George Frederick Stanley, Governor of Madras, ordered the construction of a memorial in his honour. The memorial was unveiled on November 29, 1931.



The Sanmar Group Annual Day 2023 'Together We Excel'



Sanmar celebrated its Annual Day 2023 on February 16-17 at the Taj Coromandel. Welcoming the gathering, Narayan Sethuramon set the tenor of the evening, 'We decided on the central theme of this year's Group Annual Day (GAD) as 'Together We Excel' as we wanted to reinforce the message that all of us are one group – The Sanmar Group, and instead of looking at ourselves as individual companies or as a corporate division, let us look at ourselves as Sanmar. The scale, the size, and the millions of man-years of experience inside the group will help us achieve my favourite term nowadays, 'Sprint a Marathon.'

The décor of the hall was in keeping with the theme and so was the cuisine curated with recipes from across the country.

A view of the audience.



Vijay Sankar presented an overview of the group's businesses and expressed superior confidence and trust in people as the key drivers to profitability, expansion and growth. "While we had a very difficult last year with profits down and turnover flat, I am still left with thoughts of optimism about





Children of employees performed at the Group's Annual Dinner on February 16. Krishna Kumar Rangachari's daughter Vibha rendered a soulful Carnatic music recital and K Rajendran's granddaughter, Rithika Lavanya, entertained the audience with a delightful Bharatanatyam performance. This was followed by scintillating fusion music by popular violinist Sayee Rakshith accompanied by R Abinandan on the guitar – and the duo enthralled the audience.

Well in keeping with the 'Together We Excel' theme, Sanmar literally beat in unison on Day 2 which kick-started with a high-energy ice-breaker of music & rhythm on the djembe drums by Siddith Gulwadi.

Boston Consultancy Group India Chairman, Dr Janmejaya Sinha, took the audience through a stimulating speech on 'India's time has come.'

Beginning with the definition of the commonly used term 'megatrend or mega transition' as a discernable structural shift that has crossed the industry applications and has the potential to lead to inexorable growth and quick scaling, Dr Sinha went on to elaborate on the four inescapable mega trends redefining the world and business today in the context of:

- Unfolding global geopolitics
- Inexorable challenge of climate change
- Burgeoning data and digital revolution
- Momentous demographic transition

According to Dr Sinha, "These transitions are not reversible. They are upon us. And we'll have to see how they play out."

We are facing an uphill battle against climate change and it is imperative for companies to strengthen their net zero commitments.

– Dr Janmejaya Sinha



N Kumar with Dr Janmejaya Sinha.

the future vindicated primarily by optimism in our people. Investment and support will follow wherever there is a strong aligned management team. It's not one person but the team that matters and the alignment of the team ensuring that the common business goals are met," he affirmed.

Janmejaya Sinha
Chairman, Boston Consulting Group

Conversation with
MM Murugappan
Chairman,
Hindustan Universal (CUMI)



I think the important thing is we need to be humble enough to say that we don't know everything. And not just in terms of knowledge, but in terms of the adaptability and adaptability of situations. When in doubt, ask. And I think we shouldn't have any alarms about asking somebody who knows. And when I say asking somebody, it can be anyone in the hierarchy.

– MM Murugappan



privilege of working with members of the family and particularly Mr Sankar. And I've had the privilege of working with him because we went to the same college. His vintage was earlier and then later on, of course, we had the same teacher in Dr Laddha. And I worked with him on committees and boards, and I've learned hugely even as a young boy, where he allowed me the space to express myself. So I come here with a sense of great respect and gratitude," he said.

I would be perfectly honest in saying that the energy put into foreign policy over the last few years is truly remarkable.

– Dr Navdeep Suri

CUMI Chairman, MM Murugappan, talked of his longstanding relationship with the Sankar family. "It's over generations. And I must say that apart from this warmth of family and fondness of friendship, I've enjoyed the

Murugappan and Dr Janmejaya Sinha kept the audience hooked with their frank, interactive fireside chat. They scaled a gamut of subjects including India, a young and aspiring country going forward, geopolitics, market



Sanmarites enjoying music and rhythm on the djembe drums conducted by Siddith Gulwadi.



R Venkatramani and Jose Ignacio receiving their prize for winning numbers in the spinning wheel from B Visweswaran and PU Aravind, respectively.

trends, rising cost, demographics, people capability, technology, data and digital trend, startups, and most importantly, on leadership.

Diplomat Dr Navdeep Suri kept the audience engaged with trends or themes that stood out to him as initially a participant and then as an observer of foreign policy from an Indian perspective.

“Actually, foreign policy is a bit of a continuum, and successive governments have built upon the accomplishments of the past,” Dr Suri felt.



PS Jayaraman presenting a memento to Dr Navdeep Suri.



(L to r): MM Murugappan, Vijay Sankar, Dr Janmejaya Sinha and N Kumar.

Whether it's geopolitics, economics, or leadership, it was a forenoon of learning for the discerning audience.



Vibha Krishna Kumar



Rithika Lavanya



Violinist Sayee Rakshith accompanied by R Abinandan on the guitar.



The Sanmar Group Annual Safety Award winners (for the year 2022).



Special Tribute: N Sankar, The Leader, The Man

In the afternoon of Day 2, there was a very special session with several employees from across the group sharing their experiences in person and in camera and bringing out so many facets of the great man, N Sankar. The session began with historian Sriram V, who was closely associated with NS, paying a tribute in his inimitable style.

“He was a presence. He was remarkable and it was such an impression when you went and met him... He resurrected the Madras Musings, a fortnightly, and he had started off with six corporate supporters that had become 12 corporate supporters and went on to become 23 corporate supporters. The wonderful thing was that he had practically established a solid foundation for this magazine.

And he would run this magazine exactly the same way he would run one of his companies. And that is what gave me an insight into what kind of a person he was in the corporate world...

When it came to the editorial, not once did he ever interfere with what



Sriram V

we were doing. This was a man who could claim he was owning the newspaper. After all he was bringing in the funding, he was calling all the corporate donors.”

Ramkumar Shankar, who was working closely with NS in his office from 1993-96, anchored the session and in his introductory remarks observed, “We have been having Group Annual Days for over 30 years now. And the one constant at all of these Group Annual Days has been Mr Sankar’s presence. He made it a point not to miss even one of the Group Annual Days for whatever



Constraints of physical presence are there for ordinary people like us. And not for people who leave behind significant legacies. Because, it is in these legacies that they live on. The biggest legacy Mr Sankar has left behind is The Sanmar Group.

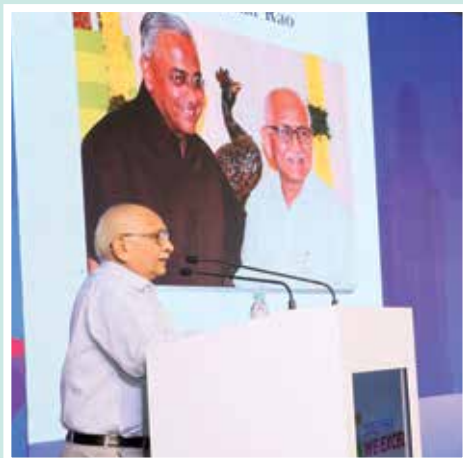
- Ramkumar Shankar

reason. He would be there listening in on the presentations, interjecting, questioning and always participating. Invariably, he would give the closing remarks. In good years, he would congratulate us. In bad years, he would encourage us. In all these years, he inspired us.'



In his concluding remarks Narayan Sethuramon said, "It is not just leadership. We will all be better human beings if we try to lead every facet of our lives the way NS lived his."

Sankar was to me a role model and perfection personified. If I am standing before you today, it is because of him. I owe my life to him. He is my 'Prana Datha'. - SB Prabhakar Rao



There are many facets of him that have appealed to me and there are a few that stood out for me. The first is decision-making. It's better to make a decision quickly than sit on the problem and wait for the best decision, which could be late. Another one that struck me, 'you have to be extremely passionate when you work on something', he would say. But at the same time, you must have the maturity to take a step back and understand if things are not going right. The next was about building trust, and I don't think there are better examples of that than the relationships he built with several joint-venture partners. - B Visweswaran

He was a solution-oriented personality. If you had a problem or committed a mistake and tried to explain to him, he would already know what the problem was and he would offer solutions. "I believe and trust my team," he would say. - PS Jayaraman



I have close to 43 years of professional experience... Boss for me is only NS. I define the term boss as one whom you do not fear but respect. Respect comes out of the support you get from him and also the guidance and compassion.

- S Sankaran



The Group Annual Day is also the time of the year for recognition of exemplary performance and long tenure with the group. This year, eleven Sanmarites from various business units were chosen for their exceptional performance at work. For their long and dedicated tenure with the group for 30, 35 and 40 years, 13 Sanmarites were recognised with Long Service Awards.



Employees of the Year
(L to r): J Srinivasan Rangan, Capt K Rajasekaran, B Jayashankar, John Sunder Chellappa, S Subramanian, CV Subba Rao, K Balasubramanian, Vijay Sankar, N Kumar, B Visweswaran, KV Neelakantan, H Shyam Kumar, Dr Krishna Kumar Rangachari and I Manohar.



Long Service Awards
(L to r): Bharath Reddy, KR Mohan, RB Satish Kumar, K Balasubramanian, N Kumar, Vijay Sankar, N Muralidharan and VS Ramesh.



Long Service Awards
(L to r): G Srinivasan, Vijay Sankar, N Angappan, R Selvam, S Ravichandran, and N Kumar.

BS&B President Tiffen Kenneally visits Sanmar Joint Venture at Karapakkam

BS&B Safety Systems' USA President Tiffen Kenneally was in Chennai on March 13, 2023, and he visited BS&B Safety Systems (India) at Karapakkam, which is a 4-decade-old joint venture with Sanmar.

He had fruitful interactions with all the company's senior executives at the plant. Deputy Chairman of The Sanmar Group, Vijay Sankar hosted a lunch at the Sanmar headquarters.

Kenneally had a tour of the new plant, including the new expansions of the Stores, Explosion Vent and the Laser cutter buildings. Kenneally wrote on the whiteboard at the stores that "Quality is Conformance to the Customers' requirements" and emphasised to the team its importance. The LLC - 'Lessons Learnt Card' display was shown to him, which depicts the errors and their corrections pictorially.



At the Safety Head Shop.

At Rupture Disk manufacturing shop, in the meeting room, Kenneally penned on the board the importance of (a) Sales, (b) Cost of Sales, and (c) Daily Throughput. This should be the 'mantra' during the daily coordination meeting of the operation team, he felt.

He had a first-hand look at the new machinery at the Rupture disk shop, the safety head shop and the CEP cell. In addition, Kenneally saw the Nibbling machine, the refurbished 1600 T press and the laser cutter.

There was a tree planting session, which captured the essence of the natural bounty at the Sanmar Engineering, Karapakkam campus.



Tree planting by Tiffen Kenneally with B Visweswaran by his side.



The BS&B India plant team.

Mrs Madhuram Narayanan Block at the Cancer Institute renovated and rededicated

The 23-year-old Mrs Madhuram Narayanan Block at the Cancer Institute was renovated and modernised with a liberal donation from The Sanmar Group CSR Trust. The block was rededicated by N Kumar and Vijay Sankar of The Sanmar Group on January 20, 2023.

Chairman of the Cancer Institute, R Seshasayee said, “For N Sankar, the purpose was more important than the money involved. He supported a number of institutions, including Cancer Institute, much before CSR was mandated.”

The uplift of this building was very close to my father’s heart and was one of the final projects he signed. “It gave him comfort that it was on track. The project has come out exceedingly well. It is an honour to be associated with an institute of this stature that has done unparalleled work,” said Vijay Sankar.

“It is a pleasure to see the Mrs Madhuram Narayanan Block, which was named after my mother, renovated and modernised,” said N Kumar. “Being a cancer survivor and after having lost some of the family members to the disease, I truly appreciate the work of the institute.



Vijay Sankar and N Kumar of The Sanmar Group at the inauguration of renovated Mrs Madhuram Narayanan Block at the Cancer Institute. (L to r): R Seshasayee, Chairman, Cancer Institute; E Hemanth Raj, Medical Director, Sukanya Sankar, Chandra Sankar, and CN Raghavendran, architect.

While there are other centres treating cancer, in terms of both cost and excellence, this institution stands very tall,” he said.

The modernisation and expansion at the cost of about Rs. 7 crores have helped Mrs Madhuran Narayanan Block to improve its physical infrastructure. The modernised block has new consultation rooms, an emergency ward, 23 state-of-the-art patient rooms, two iodine therapy facility rooms as per the BARC standards, and nurses’ stations, among other facilities.

The Sanmar Group has consistently supported the Cancer Institute since 2000. Much earlier, KS Narayanan, Chairman Emeritus of The Sanmar Group, was a benefactor of the Cancer Institute. Over the years, The group



N Kumar inaugurating the Iodine Therapy facility at the Cancer Institute.

has contributed liberally towards infrastructure development, medical equipment and research activities in the Cancer Institute.



Rajah of Palayampatti Shield

22nd title triumph

Jolly Rovers regain the prestigious Rajah of Palayampatti Shield

Jolly Rovers Cricket Club clinched the TNCA league Palayampatti Shield for the 22nd time by scoring maximum points with seven outright wins in 11 league matches that concluded on March 9, 2023.

The Rajah of Palayampatti Shield is a symbol of pride in Tamil Nadu cricket, and Jolly Rovers regained the prestigious title in the TNCA First Division League.

It was an outstanding effort by the team backed by superlative performances of several players. Here's a glimpse of the main performers of the season:

Sai Sudarshan - The brightest prospect among the pack, aggregating 1003 runs at an average of 91.18 with 4 centuries and 5 fifties. Currently playing for Gujarat Titans in the IPL.

Baba Aparajith - Consistent all-rounder, he played a pivotal role in both the title victories. He played crucial knocks under pressure and bowled

The Sanmar family has been running the iconic Jolly Rovers Cricket Club successfully for over 56 years, since the time KS Narayanan took over the team on July 29, 1966.

KS Narayanan and his sons N Sankar and N Kumar, and his grandson Vijay Sankar have been identifying and nurturing some of the most deserving talent the game has to offer in this part of the world, and transforming it into a winning professional combination of the highest order.



Standing (L to r) : S Arun, Harsh Davey, Anton Andrew, Ram Arvindh, P Sakthi, M Mathivanan, Fiyas Wajahat, Saravana Kumar, Mohd. Azwan, Varun Goud, Sachin Rathi, Jaganath Sinivas, Mohan Prasath, D Rahul, Jaswanth, R Suthesh.

for Jolly Rovers

VA Parthasarathy Trophy

astutely to claim key breakthroughs. He scored 797 runs at an average of 56.93 with one 100 and six 50s. His off-spin scalped 33 wickets with 3 five wicket hauls.

Jalaj Saxena - Spearheaded the bowling department with 42 wickets with 5 five wicket hauls. Played a pivotal role in all the victories.

Mohan Prasath - An able ally to Jalaj in the spin department, he snapped 47 wickets with 5 five wicket hauls.

Sonu Yadav - Scored 394 runs at an average of 28.15 with 4 fifties. Also had 7 wickets with his medium pace.



It was the first full season for Bharath Reddy without N Sankar, and this 17th first division title is one dedicated to his mentor and the man who meant everything to him from the time he joined Sanmar, in the early 1980s. According to Bharath, "N Sankar was very passionate about cricket in the five and a half decades he was associated with Jolly Rovers."

Bharath Reddy has been responsible for bringing the team together and keeping it in the forefront, with 57 wins in 40 years of his association with Sanmar.

Sachin Rathi - The find of the season, a terrific performer for the club with 30 wickets with 3 five wicket hauls. His best bowling figure was 7 for 47 and was instrumental in most of the outright wins.

Anchored by Bharath Reddy, the recent crowning with the Palayampatti Shield for the 22nd time is testimony to the fact that the reputation built over several decades of Jolly Rovers being the team to beat in the first division remains undiminished.



Sitting (L to r) : Danasekara Pandian, Shyam Sundar, Sonu Yadav, Ankeet Bawane, Baba Aparajith, Baba Indrajith, N Kumar, Vice Chairman, Vijay Sankar, Deputy Chairman, The Sanmar Group, Bharath Reddy, Kaushik Gandhi, R Sathish, Sai Sudharsan, Ajay Kudua, J Hariesh.

9th title win

Jolly Rovers retains the VA Parthasarathy Trophy

Jolly Rovers CC defeated Globe Trotters SC by five wickets to retain the VAP Trophy one-day tournament at the IITM-Chemplast ground on March 19, 2023.

It was Jolly Rovers' ninth VAP title and also the fourth time grand double of winning the Palayampatti Shield and one-day tournament the same season.

Main performers of the VAP win include:

Ram Arvindh was the top run getter for the club with 263 runs at an average of 87.67 with two 50s and a 100.

Standing (L to r) : *Vijay Kumar, Kanhaiya Kumar, Harsh Davey, Tharun Kumar, Ram Arvindh, M Mathivanan, Saravana Kumar, Md Azwan, Fiyas Wajabat, Jaganath Sinivas, Varun Goud, Sachin Rathi, R Suthesh, P Sakthi, Mohan Prasath, D Rahul, Jaswanth, Anton Andrew, Kannan, S Arun.*

Sitting (L to r) : *R Sathish, Ankeet Bawane, Baba Aparajith, Baba Indrajith, Bharath Reddy, Ashok Sigamani (President-TNCA), Sai Sudharsan, Kaushik Gandhi, Sonu Yadav, J Hariesh, Ajay Kudua, Hemant Kumar.*

Sonu Yadav, who was the man of the finals, had an aggregate of 232 runs and 13 wickets in the tournament. Currently in RCB-IPL team.

Kaushik Gandhi led from the front with 197 runs with an average of 49.25 with one 50 and one 100.

Baba Aparajith played a couple of crucial knocks and aggregated 192 runs with an average of 48.

Fast bowlers **Saravana Kumar** and **D Rahul** scalped 12 and 9 wickets respectively in the tournament.

Mohan Prasath was the lead spinner who took 12 wickets in the tournament.





Men behind Jolly Rovers:

The big differentiator for the winning team has been the men in the background - the coaches and support staff.

(L to r): Mohd. Azwan (Physio) Shyam Sundar (Physio), Dhanashekhara Pandian (trainer), Bharath Reddy, Ajay Kudua, J Hariesh (Coach), R Suthesh (Coach) and S Arun.



Key Performers in the grand double



Baba Aparajith, Mohan Prasath, Sonu Yadav, Sai Sudharsan and Jalaj Saxena.



The players alongwith Bharath Reddy met Vice Chairman N Kumar and Deputy Chairman, Vijay Sankar at The Sanmar Group Chennai headquarters on March 11, 2023.

The seventh batsman to score a triple hundred in the history of Rajah of Palayampatti Shield.



Vimal Kumar, Alwarpet Cricket Club scored 230 and 318 not out in the second half of the season. He is the second highest run getter in the TNCA league season with 994 runs.

Sanmar-Vidya Mandir Sportstar U-14 cricket tournament

The Sanmar-Vidya Mandir Sportstar Invitational U-14 cricket tournament this year featured 31 matches and was spread over a period of seven days. While 24 league-level matches were played for 20 overs, seven matches were played at the quarterfinal, semi-final and final stages. St Bede's school was declared the winner and Vidya Mandir School, Mylapore, the Runners-up.

Jolly Rovers cricketer and first class Ranji trophy player Kaushik Gandhi,

who was the chief guest, distributed the trophies to the winners on January 27, 2023 in the presence of Vidya Mandir School Vice Principal, SH Kanchanamala.



Safety workshop for the leadership team at Sanmar

DuPont Sustainable Solutions conducted an accelerated 'Safety Leadership Workshop' for the Sanmar leadership team on January 10, 2023 keeping in mind that leadership and commitment are the stepping stones for successful safety management.

This 5-hour Executive Leadership Workshop designed by DuPont for the leadership team delved into various topics including FELT leadership, managing plants, high risk and methods for better decisions and safer actions at the workplace.



(L to r): The Sanmar leadership team - CV Subba Rao, G Sankara Subramanian, Krishna Kumar Rangachari, K Satyanarayana Rao, Ramkumar Shankar and PS Jayaraman interacting with DuPont faculty.



(R to l): Sanmar's T Sankar, R Kalidas and VSV Rajan with DuPont faculties.



The Sanmar leadership team at the DuPont Safety Leadership Workshop.

Sarod, a new addition to the Sanmar Shipping Fleet



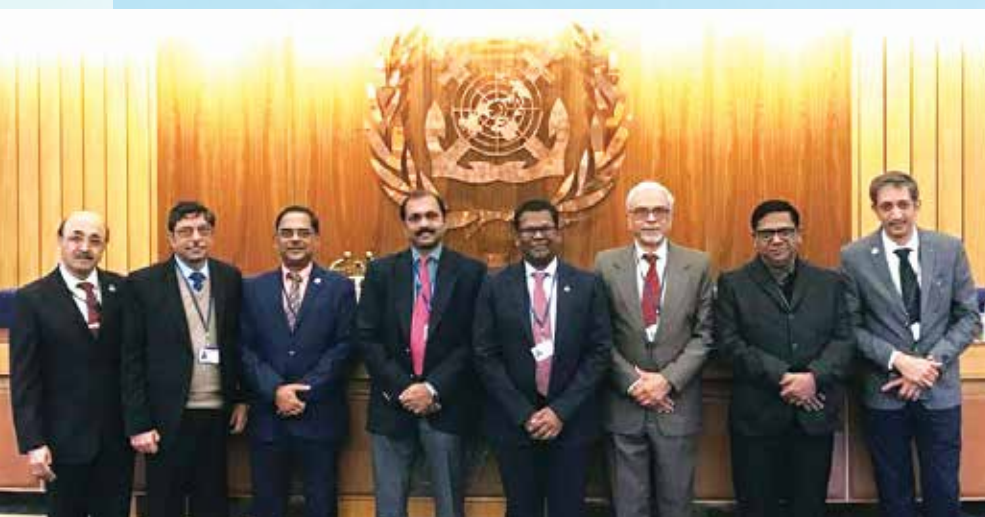
The latest to join the ever-expanding Sanmar Fleet is Sanmar Sarod, a long-range 1 (LR1) clean petroleum Product tanker. The vessel is a 74,994 DWT clean product tanker capable of simultaneously carrying three grades of clean petroleum products.

Sanmar Sarod is built to a high specification from the Minaminippon

Shipbuilding yard in Japan. The ship is a 2007-built double-hull oil tanker classed with the Norwegian classification society Det Norske Veritas and joined the company's fleet in December 2022. She is compliant with NOx Tier 1 emission standards.

With the addition of the Sanmar Sarod to the Sanmar Shipping fleet, the company's presence in three size sectors of clean product transportation, the LR2, LR1 & MR, has further been enhanced, making it more versatile in the present market with all possible optimum parcel sizes for transporting clean petroleum products.

The vessel has been fitted with the ballast water treatment system and energy-saving devices. She has the highest rating of CAPI for maintenance standards.



CPK Kashyap is seen third from left.

CPK Kashyap of Sanmar Shipping was a part of the Indian Delegation to the 79th Session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 79) and the Intersessional Working Group on reduction of Green House Gas emissions from the Maritime sector (ISWG-GHG 13), held in London, at the IMO headquarters, between the December 5 and 16, 2022. Kashyap has been part of the India subgroup of MEPC since 2018.

New facilities inaugurated at Vaidheeswara School, Mettur

The Vaidheeswara Higher Secondary School, Mettur, run by the Vaidheeswara Matriculation Vidyamandir Trust of Chemplast Sanmar, was renovated and rededicated with new facilities to become a modern centre of learning offering free education to all.

The new facilities include a computer lab, boys' sanitation block, girls' sanitation block, and a new perimeter wall with an imposing facade.

R Kalidas, Advisor, The Sanmar Group, inaugurated the facilities on January 7, 2023, in the presence of K Sathyanarayana Rao, Deputy Managing Director, Central Technical Department, and MN Bhaskaran, Executive Director - Operations, Chemplast Sanmar, teachers and students.

It was a nostalgic and emotional moment for R Kalidas, a veteran, who holds the credit of being the very first employee of Chemplast, looking back at the facilities at Mettur, where he began his career more than 55 years ago.



R Kalidas inaugurating the computer laboratory facility.



R Kalidas, K Sathyanarayana Rao and S Gajendiran visiting the new infrastructural facilities at Vaidheeswara Schools, Mettur.



(Centre from L to r): Sreedhar Vasudevan, R Sakkaravarthi, S Gajendiran, K Sathyanarayana Rao, R Kalidas and MN Bhaskaran from Sanmar with the Vaidheeswara School teachers.

Iconic Institutions of Chennai

Stanley Medical College and Hospital

Among the iconic institutions that add heft to the stature of Chennai as the medical capital of India is the Stanley Medical College and Hospital. The history of this preeminent institution makes for fascinating reading. Its origins though were humble. According to many historical accounts, the college and the hospital emerged from the womb of a hospital and dispensary, named 'Native Infirmary', which was established by the Assistant Surgeon John Holen Underwood in 1797. This nondescript dispensary grew up to the Royapuram Medical School in 1903. It was a

small school that operated out of the Old Bullet Factory of the East India Company, according to an article in the newsmagazine, *Madras Musings*.

But it was when the five-year LMP (Laboratory Medicine and Pathobiology) course was inaugurated on March 27, 1934, the Royapuram Medical School was renamed Stanley Medical School in honour of the then Governor of Madras Presidency Sir George Fredrick Stanley.

In 1938, the Stanley Medical School was upgraded as Stanley Medical College. The college, which was affiliated to the Madras University then, took in 72 students to the MBBS course in its inaugural year. Simultaneously, between 1937 and 1939, the new clinics opened included those for venereal, leprosy, dental, ear, nose and throat, and ophthalmic, and separate clinics were organised for Departments of Medicine, Surgery, TB, Dermatology, Electro-Cardiography and Orthopaedics. Permission to start MD and MS courses was given in 1948.

As we said, the beginnings were unheralded, and many departments of the then fledgling institution operated out of the Madras Medical College, and it remained tied to the coattails of the latter till 1950 when



Stanley Medical College became an independent institution.

From then on there was no looking back as the institution grew from strength to strength, notching many a first in the medical annals of the country. As far as known from published records, the first successful heart operation in India was done in Stanley Hospital on November 10, 1948, on a girl of 11 years with persistent patent ductus arteriosus.

By 1952, the Department of Anatomy was upgraded with courses for MSc and PhD in Anatomy. The institution of a Dean to administer both the College and Hospital was created the same year.

There are many doyens who helped the hospital and college to blaze a new trail. The first Dean was Dr Ananthanarayana Iyer who established the Institute of Anatomy at Stanley in 1955. The plastic surgery unit at Stanley officially began in 1971 thanks to the efforts of alumnus Prof. Dr R Venkataswami. In 1973, the Hand Injury Service Centre, the first in the country, was started. In 1980, the Centre introduced microsurgery for hand injuries, the first in the country. The hospital's Department of Surgical Gastroenterology was the first public sector hospital in India to perform a successful liver transplant in 1995.

Today, most of the old buildings have been replaced by newer structures in order to cater to the needs of a larger patient population. A rare surviving bit



of heritage in a forgotten corner is an obelisk with the Aesculapius insignia raised in Maj. EWC Bradfield's time to remember 12 doctors who sacrificed their lives in the Great War.

Stanley Medical College is rated one among the top medical colleges in the country, and some of the well known names in the medical fraternity have had their foundation here. Among its illustrious alumni are: Dr Prathap Chandra Reddy, Dr N Mathrubootham, Dr Sudhagar Eswaran, Dr Govindappa Venkataswamy, popularly known as Dr V, Dr Vilayanur Subramanian Ramachandran, Dr Tonse Madhava Ananth Pai, and Dr Balu Sankaran.

The list is endless. So is the service that the hospital and the college is rendering.

