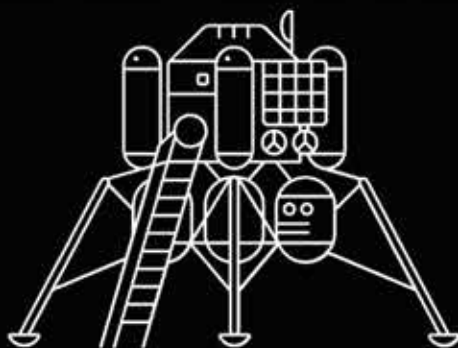


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Production block inauguration at Chemplast Sanmar's Custom Manufactured Chemicals Divn., Berigai



The first phase of a new multi-purpose production block was inaugurated on August 10, 2023, at the Custom Manufactured Chemicals Division, Chemplast Sanmar, Berigai. The facility has been set up at an investment of Rs.300 crore. The facility was inaugurated by Vijay Sankar, Chairman of Chemplast Sanmar, in the presence of the Board of Directors. The new block is fully automated and incorporates various

Vijay Sankar in conversation with Aditya Jain and Vikram Hosangady.

(L to R) Aditya Jain, Krishna Kumar Rangachari, Ramkumar Shankar, G Sankara Subramanian, Vijay Sankar, Sanjay Bhandarkar, Dr Lakshmi Vijayakumar, Vikram Hosangady and Yogeeswara Basappa Gowda.



sustainability initiatives to reduce water consumption.

“This block was safely constructed in a record period and demonstrates Chemplast Sanmar’s ability to build and bring on stream a multi-purpose production facility that meets the highest global standards. This new block is in line with our commitment to grow in the Custom Manufactured Chemicals business,” said Vijay Sankar.

Custom Manufactured Chemicals Division manufactures advanced intermediates and active ingredients for global agrochemical, pharmaceutical, and fine chemical innovators.



Vijay Sankar and the Board of Directors of Chemplast Sanmar Limited at the Production plant, Berigai.



A major step forward in strengthening ties between the two countries



Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi was on a two-day visit to Cairo on June 24 – 25, 2023. During the visit, Egypt's President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi discussed ways to further deepen the partnership between the two nations, including intrade, investment, defence, security, renewable energy, cultural, and people-to-people ties.

On the concluding day, Prime Minister Modi signed a landmark strategic partnership treaty, which the two sides had agreed upon during Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi's visit to New Delhi in January 2023 as the chief guest for the Republic Day parade.

Two world leaders, Prime Minister of India and President of Egypt in Cairo on June 25, 2023.

Key TCI Sanmar personnel including PS Jayaraman, Chairman and S Ganeshkumar, Managing Director in the Indian Community interaction with the Prime Minister of India in Cairo on June 24, 2023.



Modi visit to Egypt

On the occasion of the state visit of the Indian Prime Minister to Egypt, Chairman, TCI Sanmar Chemicals, P S Jayaraman, was interviewed by Doordarshan, India's national television.

During the interview, Jayaraman observed that the visit of the PM was a major step forward in strengthening the ties between the two countries. The Prime Minister of India and the Egyptian President have been visionaries prioritising development, which has provided the needed impetus to the respective economies.

The two countries, India and Egypt, have also been in a favourable position to drive the advantages of a large population by way of attracting investments and boosting domestic consumption, he said.

He added that the Egyptian government is looking at India to develop industries in the areas of IT, healthcare, education, and Petrochemicals and is keen on providing the necessary infrastructure and creating an ideal ecosystem for such investments.

With an investment of 1.5 billion dollars, The Sanmar Group is the largest Indian investor in Egypt.



One of the VCM plants in Port Said.



P S Jayaraman interviewed by Vishal Baristo, Roving Anchor of Doordarshan News.

Kalamkriya launches heritage book *Kalpakam's Golu with Gowri Dolls*

A bilingual book titled *Kalpakam's Golu with Gowri Dolls* by Kalpakam Srinivasamurti was released on July 23, 2023, at the TAG Centre. The author thanked Chandra Sankar, Kalamkriya, who motivated her to write a book on golu and also published it.

Kalpakam's Golu documents with pictures various dolls and golu setups, the memories of Navaratri celebrations. The book gives an account of how Kalpakam

has been arranging thematic Golus during Navaratri using wooden dolls around 2 feet called 'Gowri Dolls' obtained from Mysore. The themes of her golus include the story of Ayyappan, Kumaraguruparar, the Soundarya Lahari, the Saivite Saints Appar, Sundarar and Manikavasagar, Purandaradasar and Nandanar, among several others.

Former Judge of the High Court Prabha Sridevan released the book and writer Sivasankari received the first copy.



Chandra Sankar with Kalpakam Srinivasamurti



(L to R): Writer Sivasankari, author of the book Kalpakam Srinivasamurti, former judge of the High Court Prabha Sridevan, and Mathangi, daughter of the author.



Vijay Sankar and Chandra Sankar at the event.

A view of the audience.



SANSAFE: Excellence in Process Safety Management

The Sanmar Group has been sailing towards 'ZERO Harm Culture' through a systematic approach to Process Safety Management and Behaviour Based Safety since 2022.

Recently, the group engaged DuPont Sustainable Solutions (DSS+) as a consulting partner for the 'Transformation of Safety Culture' programme that will be implemented through Process Safety Management and Behaviour Based Safety programs. This will be beneficial for Sanmar to manage the operational and process safety risks and drive operational excellence sustainably.

This programme was launched by Vijay Sankar, Deputy Chairman of The Sanmar Group, along with Ramkumar Shankar, Managing Director of Chemplast Sanmar Limited and Dr Krishna Kumar Rangachari, Deputy Managing Director, Custom Manufactured Chemicals Divn., in the presence

of corporate business managers at a formal event held on July 21, 2023.

DSS+ Regional Director, Asia Pacific, Srinivasan Ramabhadran, Managing Director, India, Joseph Oommen, and Principal, India, Hitesh Thaker, presented an overview on DSS+, which was followed by 'Leading Safety Effort' workshop for senior management in the Chennai Corporate office and also across the Chemplast Sanmar plant locations at Mettur, Cuddalore, Karaikal, and Berigai.



Senior management team from The Sanmar Group at the safety workshop.



CHILDS Trust Hospital dedicates the fifth floor in memory of N Sankar

The Kanchi Kamakoti CHILDS Trust Hospital dedicated the renovated fifth floor in the hospital in memory of N Sankar, Chairman of The Sanmar Group, and also the hospital's founding trustee. To mark this, a function was held on July 14, 2023, in the presence of AC Muthiah, Chairman of Childs Trust Hospital.

N Ram, Director of The Hindu Group Publishing, commissioned the facility, which has seven air-conditioned single rooms. In his address, Ram said, 'It was

a fine gesture to dedicate the floor to celebrate a good and distinguished life, marked by achievements in the business field and meaningful contributions in other areas of social life.'

"Sankar's achievements as a third-generation industrialist, he was intellectually gifted, steps ahead of many of his peers in spotting opportunities, particularly in manufacturing fields," he said.

Speaking on the occasion, Vijay Sankar said that it was an emotional moment



(L to R): Dr Janani Sankar, Medical Director, Childs Trust, N Ram, Director, The Hindu Group, AC Muthiah, Chairman, The Childs Trust, and Vijay Sankar, The Sanmar Group, Dr Chandra Mohan, Advisor, P Ravishankar, CEO, and Dr Bala Ramachandran, Childs Trust during the dedication of the renovated fifth floor at Kanchi Kamakoti CHILDS Trust Hospital in memory of N Sankar.



(L to R): N Ram, AC Muthiah, Chandra Sankar, Vijay Sankar and N Kumar.

for him and his family as Childs Trust was dear to his father, and he was grateful for the dedication of the floor in his father's memory.

AC Muthiah spoke on his close association with N Sankar and he

recalled that it was because of Sankar that he took up the chair at the Childs Trust. He also mentioned with pride that all the efforts of the Board of Childs Trust have been recognised as it has been selected for the second consecutive year as the best pediatric hospital in India according to a global online survey conducted by Newsweek magazine in 27 countries.



AC Muthiah, Chairman, The Childs Trust addressing the audience. Dr Priya Ramachandran, Dr Janani Sankar, and N Ram are seen.

TCI Sanmar Chemicals, Port Said, Egypt

Recognition by GAFI

The Government of Egypt recognised TCI Sanmar Chemicals as 'one of the designated best 15 pioneering companies' for its CSR and sustainable initiatives carried out during the year 2021. On July 13, 2023, Vadivel Subramaniam, Chief Operating Officer, received the recognition from Hossam Heiba, CEO of General Authority for Investment & Free Zones (GAFI), Government of Egypt.

TCI Sanmar's selection was based on the company's initiatives towards Vocational Training programs, contribution to the Polio Vaccination campaign, measures taken to fight the COVID-19 pandemic, and other environment and sustainable practices adopted by the company.



TCI Sanmar launches training workshop with the National Council for Women



TCI Sanmar Chemicals, Egypt in partnership with the National Council for Women (NCW) conducted a workshop for 135 women in various craft forms including loom beadwork, accessory making, burlap bag design, leatherwork, painting on canvas, and stained glass. The focus was empowering women and fostering economic independence.

These activities are aligned with The Sanmar Group's commitment to create a positive impact on the community by promoting skill development, economic empowerment and gender equality.

EBRD-CII Roundtable held at Delhi

In a roundtable meeting organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) on July 19, 2023, in New Delhi, PS Jayaraman, Chairman, TCI Sanmar Chemicals met with Odile Renaud-Basso, the new President of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), London and the senior executives of the institution. This was the President's maiden visit to India.

Following the roundtable meeting, PS Jayaraman attended an exclusive luncheon meeting hosted by EBRD, during which he apprised the President of EBRD and her colleagues about the world-class and largest manufacturing facilities for Caustic Soda, PVC, and



PS Jayaraman in conversation with Odile Renaud-Basso President of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), London and Nandita Parshad, Managing Director, Sustainable Infrastructure Group, EBRD.

Calcium Chloride Granules established by TCI Sanmar Chemicals at Port Said, Egypt.

He also explained how the company has turned around and achieved close to design capacity production. TCI Sanmar's CSR work and adoption of strong ESG standards were also discussed during the meeting.



'Manufacturer of the Month' by Economic Daily Enterprise

TCI Sanmar has been chosen as the 'Manufacturer of the Month' by Enterprise - a leading economic daily in the MENA region published in Egypt. The section features key manufacturing companies, taking a detailed look at their success factors, challenges, and future goals.



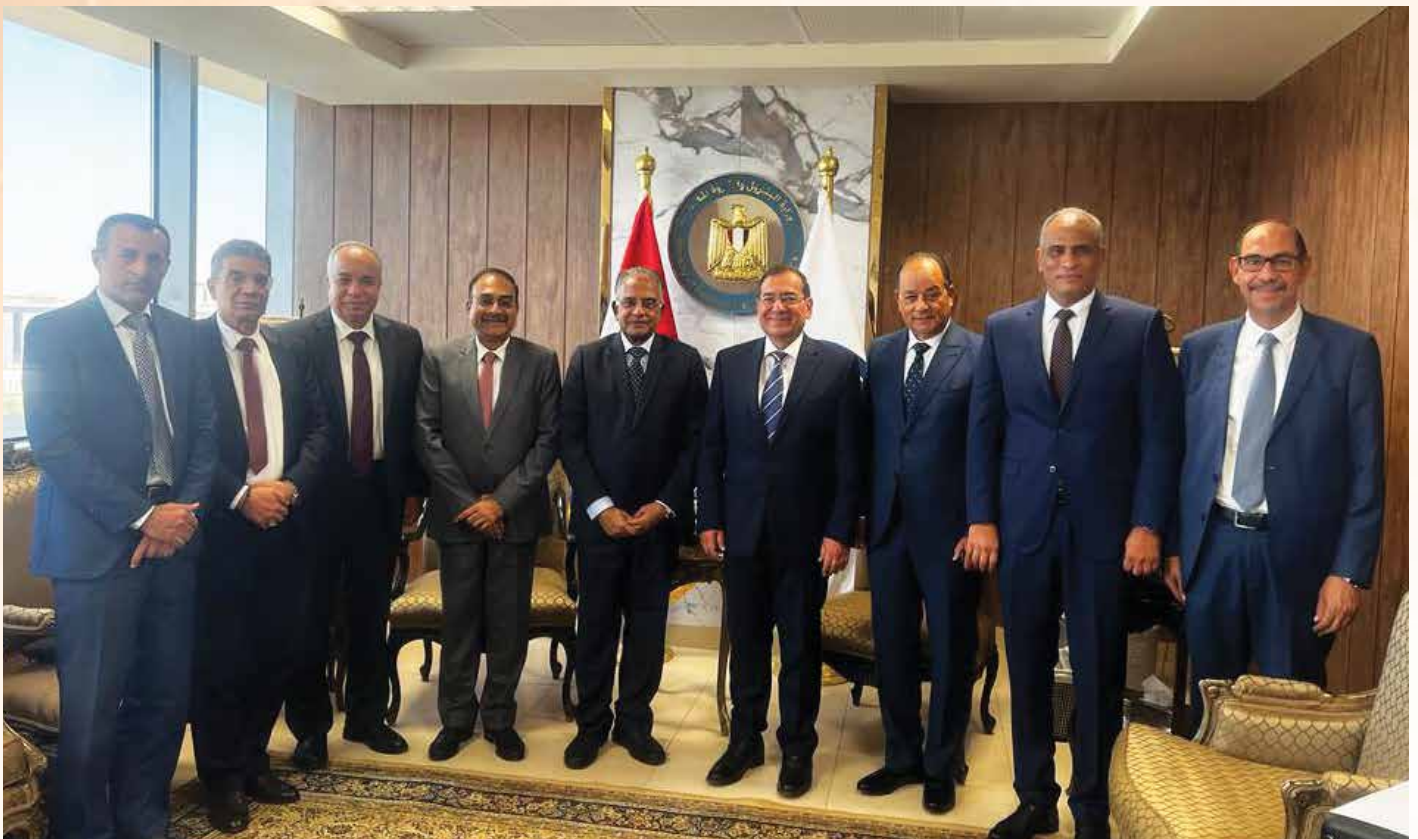
PS Jayaraman meets the Minister for Petroleum and Mineral Resources, Government of Egypt

PS Jayaraman, Chairman of TCI Sanmar Chemicals and his team met with Tarek El-Molla, Minister for Petroleum and Mineral Resources on August 8, 2023, at the Minister's office in Cairo.

The meeting was also attended by the Chairmen of United Gas Derivatives Company (UGDC), Egyptian Natural Gas Holding Company (EGAS), Egyptian Petrochemicals Holding Company (ECHEM) and the leading Engineering company, ENPPI.

Besides apprising the minister on TCI Sanmar's current achievements

including the production of PVC at more than the design capacity level, Jayaraman gave an update on the company's proposed Ethylene import project using UGDC's berth at Damietta Port and the way forward. The minister appreciated the positive development in the project and assured complete support to the company. The Chairman of EGAS also acknowledged the transparency displayed by TCI Sanmar and narrated the efforts being taken by both EGAS and UGDC to support the project.



Amr Salah - GM, Corporates Follow-up, Operation, ECHEM, Refaat Ahmed - UGDC Chairman, Ahmed Moussa Kawashti, TCI Sanmar, S Ganeshkumar, TCI Sanmar, PS Jayaraman, TCI Sanmar, Tarek El-Molla - Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources, Magdy Galal - EGAS Chairman, Ibrahim Mekky-ECHEM Chairman, Mohamed Abdul Aziz - ENPPI Chairman.

9th edition of CII India – Conclave on Latin America and Caribbean

Narayan Sethuramon, Managing Director of Sanmar Engineering, chaired the valedictory session of the recently concluded 9th edition of the CII India – Latin American and Caribbean Conclave. The other panelists in the session were: Her Excellency Delcy Eloina Rodríguez Gómez, Executive Vice President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and Minister of People's Power for Economy, Finance and Foreign Trade, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Meenakshi Lekhi, Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, Sunil Barthwal, Secretary – Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India.

Narayan summarised the takeaways of the two-day conclave and highlighted the fact that this was the beginning of a new journey in India-LAC relations, marked by deep cross-border partnerships across multiple sectors. This can create a powerful alliance that fosters inclusive development, advances technological innovation and jointly addresses global challenges. He emphasised that the two regions share a strong bond of history, culture, and common aspirations. At the same time, he reiterated that for economic partnerships to succeed, people-to-people ties also need to be nurtured.

He also highlighted that India is playing a catalytic role in strengthening the integrative forces for the early realisation of the Global South's goals and that India and LAC countries can play an instrumental role in



further strengthening South-South Cooperation through deeper bilateral trade and investment ties. He concluded by requesting all the attendees to see the conclave as a stepping stone to further the economic partnerships between India and the Latin America and Caribbean region and create a powerful alliance that will not only drive growth in the regions but also contribute significantly to global prosperity.

(L to R): Seated on the dais: Narayan Sethuramon, Meenakshi Lekhi, Minister of State for External Affairs and Culture of India, and Delcy Eloina Rodríguez Gómez, Vice President of Venezuela.



Narayan Sethuramon interacting with S Jaishankar, Minister of External Affairs of India at the CII India event.

Vijay Sankar calls on FM Nirmala Sitharaman



Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman chaired the review meeting in Chennai on August 5, 2023, with the chairpersons and senior officials of the regional banks in the southern region.

Vijay Sankar, Deputy Chairman, The Sanmar Group called on the Union Minister during her visit.

Vijay Sankar greets His Royal Highness the Crown Prince of Denmark



Vijay Sankar, Honorary Consul General, the Royal Danish Consulate at Chennai, attended the Honorary Consular Conference held at Sønderborg, and Copenhagen, Denmark from June 12-14, 2023. He greeted His Royal Highness the Crown Prince of Denmark, the Patron of the Consular Conference, and the Crown Princess of Denmark.



Vijay Sankar with Robert Uggla, Chairman, AP Moller Maersk Group in Copenhagen during June 2023.



SB Prabhakar Rao, Honorary Vice Consul General, the Royal Danish Consulate at Chennai, presented books on Sanmar-Danish Connect to Dan Jørgensen, Danish Minister for Development Cooperation and Global Climate Policy on July 28, 2023 during his visit to Chennai to participate in G-20 working group meeting.

relationships

PS Jayaraman meets with the Minister of State for External Affairs, Government of India

On the side-lines of 6th India-Arab Partnership Conference held in New Delhi on July 11-12 2023, PS Jayaraman, Chairman of TCI Sanmar Chemicals met with V Muraleedharan, Honourable Minister of State for External Affairs & Parliamentary Affairs, Government of India and discussed TCI Sanmar's activities in Cairo/Port Said.



DG Shipping visits Sanmar Headquarters in Chennai

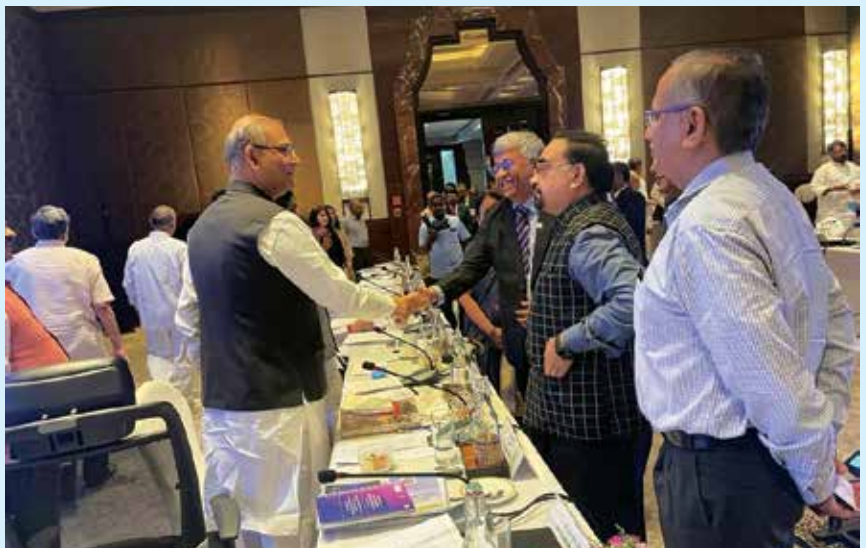
The Director General of Shipping, Shyam Jagannathan, visited The Sanmar Group headquarters in Chennai on August 3, 2023.



(L to R): CV Subba Rao, CPK Kashyap, Vijay Sankar, DG Shipping Shyam Jagannathan, S Satyanarayana Murthy, Engineer Surveyor, MMD, Chennai, and R Karthik.

MCCI delegation with the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance

Ramkumar Shankar, Managing Director, Chemplast Sanmar and Vice President, The Madras Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI) at a meeting of the MCCI delegation with the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance, chaired by Jayant Sinha on August 21, 2023 at Chennai.



Celebrating

Palayampatti Shield and VA

As part of the grand double victory (Palayampatti Shield and VA Parthasarathy trophy), the Sanmar management organised a get-together for its players on July 16, 2023, at Madras Cricket Club.

This was the fourth time that Jolly Rovers had achieved this feat and is the only club to do so thus far in the TNCA league. Since its inception, Jolly Rovers have won 69 titles out of which 22 titles are the TNCA League Palayampatti Shield and 9 titles are the VA Parthasarathy trophy.

The meeting provided an opportunity for several former Jolly Rovers



Vijay Sankar addressing the cricketers. Bharath Reddy is seen standing beside.



'grand double'

Parthasarathy trophy

cricketers, ex-test cricketers and the current generation of cricketers to exchange ideas and discuss playbooks.

With an emphasis on player development and current sensation Sai Sudarshan knocking the doors of the Indian team, the road ahead for Jolly Rovers is going to be an exciting one with many under-19 cricketers.

Vijay Sankar, who shares his father N Sankar's passion for the game, graced the occasion and interacted with all the cricketers. He spoke about his family's passion for the game and wished the boys for the upcoming season.



(L to R): Satyajit Medappa, Bharath Reddy, PS Moses, V Prasad, Vijay Sankar and S Badrinath.

Bharath Reddy, the force behind the Sanmar cricket team for more than four decades said, "Vijay is following the footsteps of his father with the same drive and passion for the sport. His vision for the future has led the teams investing in many youngsters with Sai Sudarshan leading the way with his exceptional performances and talented players like Ajitesh, Lakshay Jain, Vimal Khumar, and promising U19 cricketers being drafted in. I see a great future for the teams under his leadership as he has raked in 2 trophies under his belt in the first year itself."

Cricketers, past and present, from Jolly Rovers celebrating the 'Grand Double'.



Renovation of Kavipuram Anganwadi



Chemplast Sanmar, Mettur renovated the Kavipuram Anganwadi to drive home the message that anganwadis can be centres for the nutritional, educational, and emotional growth of pre-school children in the village.

On August 4, 2023, on behalf of the management of Chemplast, S Gajendiran, R Sakkaravarthi, and Sreedhar Vasudevan, inaugurated the Anganwadi in the presence of Ponnuvel, Chairman PN Patty town panchayat, Renuka, Executive Officer PN Patty town panchayat, Inbavalli, Child Development Project Officer, Bhuvana, Ward Councillor, Opinion leader, ICDS team and public.



Free Eye camp for students from economically weaker sections

Chemplast Sanmar organised a free eye check-up camp for economically weaker section students at government schools in collaboration with Aravind Eye Care Hospital.

This camp was conducted in two stages on August 22 and 30, 2023. In the first stage, 706 students were screened. In the second stage,

100 students were screened. Spectacles and further consultations were also provided after the second stage of screening.



Chemplast Sanmar, Mettur

Social Security Camp

At the request of the villagers, Chemplast Sanmar, Mettur conducted a Social Security camp on August 6, 2023, at Thippampatti ward at two locations and 400 people benefitted through this camp.

Chemplast has been training the Village Development Officers (VDOs) on online and offline application processes for some time now, and the VDOs have been creating awareness among the villagers on the various schemes available at Central and State Governments for the villagers.



Iconic Institutions of Chennai

War Memorial

In the backdrop of World War I, a remarkable display of valour unfolded as over a million Indian soldiers fearlessly dedicated themselves to the British military forces.

A poignant tale emerged, with more than 70,000 soldiers making the ultimate sacrifice in conflicts that spanned Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. The memory of their unwavering commitment is now immortalised through monuments standing proudly in numerous major cities across the subcontinent.

These memorials are solemn testaments to the bravery and dedication of those who gave their lives. From the grandeur of the Glorious Dead Cenotaph in Kolkata

to the intricate beauty of the Teen Murti Memorial in Delhi, each structure encapsulates a unique aspect of remembrance. Not to be overshadowed, the cantonment town of Pune hosts a pair of memorials, modest in size yet exuding a graceful reverence for the fallen.

And Chennai too has a hoary monument for the bravehearts. It's of course the Victory War Memorial, which is located south of Fort St. George (which is the seat of the state government) and marks the beginning of the 13-km-long Marina beach. It is a circular rock and marble structure built in the area that formerly housed the coastal belfry and was once called 'Cupid's Bow'.

Interestingly, before its establishment, the open roundabout was a meeting point for British officers and army personnel. It was a place of not only military discussions but also romantic encounters, gossip, disputes, and even scandals involving the handful of European women residing in the city. With its growing popularity, the roundabout gained embellishments, including bandstand ornate lamp posts, which was one of the reasons why it got the colloquial monicker 'Cupid's Bow.'

Constructed in 1936, the Memorial honours those who laid down their



lives for their country since the First World War. Situated on the famed Marina beach road, it was constructed to commemorate the victory of the Allied armies during World War I (1914-1918) and later became the Victory War Memorial for World War II (1939-1945) in memory of those from the Chennai presidency who lost their lives serving the nation.

The tradition stayed even after India's independence, and the memorial continued to honour the country's fallen soldiers, including those who died in the 1948 Kashmir conflict, the 1962 Sino-Indian War, and the 1965 and 1971 Indo-Pak Wars.

Crafted from towering marble, the Memorial is adorned with English, Arabic, Tamil, and Telugu inscriptions on all four sides. The upper section features a plaque bearing the word 'Victory' alongside the years 1914 and 1918. Just below, another plaque displays the years 1939 and 1945. The base carries the inscription, "To the memory of all those from the Madras Presidency who lost their lives in the service of the nation and post-independence martyrs," which is echoed in other languages. Short extensions from the corners display the names of units under the Madras Presidency that fought in the wars. Stout pillars stand at each corner, bearing the names of independent India's martyrs.

Encircling the memorial is a pillared pathway within a well-maintained lawn adorned with flower beds. Unfortunately, entry beyond the

boundaries is restricted. Above the memorial, the Indian flag proudly flutters on a pole. The towering tricolour is visible long distances and throughout the year. The flag instils a feeling of oneness and patriotism amongst all the citizens and reminds them about the supreme sacrifices made by the soldiers in the highest tradition of the services. The flag mast, measuring 30.5 metres in height, proudly holds aloft the 20 feet by 30 feet tricolour, which adds to the grandeur of the Victory War Memorial. Every year, wreaths are laid on the second Sunday of November to honour the fallen soldiers. While November 11th marks the end of World War I and is celebrated as Remembrance Day globally, the commemorative ceremonies usually occur on the second Sunday of November, referred to as Remembrance Sunday.

Aside from the Victory War Memorial, the city also has the Madras 1914-1918 War Memorial at Nandambakkam. It was built to commemorate more than 1000 servicemen and women who died in India during the First World War, who were buried in civil and cantonment cemeteries whose graves were considered to be unmaintainable after the country gained its independence in 1947. For several years now, work has been on to reinstate the original graves of many of these individuals. The official commemoration of reverting to the original burial location of over 900 individuals has already been done. However, their names remain on the Madras 1914-1918 War Memorial.

Collectively, these monuments form a tapestry of remembrance, honouring the profound sacrifices made by those Indian soldiers who journeyed far from their homeland to battle it out in a global conflict. Their stories are etched into the very essence of these memorials, serving as a reminder of the cost of freedom and the power of unity in times of adversity.





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