

Indoor Golf comes to Alwarpet



Golfer's Edge Chennai (GEC) is a new indoor golf centre in the heart of Chennai city in Alwarpet, and it opened its doors to the public in March.

The centre features an ultra-realistic HD virtual simulator and an exclusive 170 sq.ft putting turf. While GEC caters to the golfing enthusiasts in the city with a fully air-conditioned indoor facility that

will enable visitors to play golf all-year-round, it keenly aspires to make learning golf affordable, accessible and entertaining to new players.

GEC has customized coaching sessions, affordable membership packages, and special programs for adults and children.

The golf simulator features practice modes to replicate a real golf driving range experience, and offers over 150,000 golf courses from around the world including the world famous Old Course at St. Andrews, Scotland (The Home of Golf), Pebble Beach Golf Links and Augusta National (home of The Masters Tournament) to play in.

With a high speed tracking camera and live analysis of every swing, chip and putt, the simulator offers a very real golfing experience to learn and improve your game.

Bharath Arvind and Hari Natarajan, Co-Founders of Golfer's Edge Chennai, are both avid golfers and sports enthusiasts who believe that golf is a fast growing sport in India, and want to make the sport available to a larger public. Bharath Arvind, says, "We have created this facility so as to make it a casual, comfortable, and safe environment for all visitors to experience golf in an entertaining and approachable manner.

"Our hope is that, maybe one day, we produce a champion golfer or top amateur who began their journey right here at GEC Chennai" he says.

GEC offers individual and group coaching classes for children and young adults. GEC will soon open its first summer camp for kids between 7-12 years.

For its kids coaching program and summer camps, the company has partnered with Golphin, an award winning company from Scotland that designs and manufactures junior golf sets, and will use Golphin's proprietary mobile app - MyPathway2Golf to make learning fun.

"Chennai is such a sports-obsessed city, but has limited opportunities for anyone wanting to play or learn golf. With GEC we hope to make it a more accessible and affordable sport, and with an indoor air-conditioned facility we hope we can make golfing a year-long sport, even in Chennai's hot summers", says Hari Natarajan.

GEC is a brand by TeeTime Ventures (TTV), a Bengaluru-based sports and recreational services company. Since 2014 TTV has successfully completed over 50 indoor golf and sports installations across India and Sri Lanka and works with the Hospitality, Real Estate, Sports, Corporate and Armed Forces industries amongst others. Golfer's Edge Chennai is the company's flagship experience centre.

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Kapaleeswarar temple new EO

P. K. Kavenitha has assumed last week as Joint Commissioner and Executive Officer (EO) at Sri Kapaleeswarar Temple. She had served earlier as DC and EO at Sri Parthasarathy temple and Kamakshi Amman Temple in Mangadu.

A seasoned upright officer known for her diligence to duty, she is expected to bring a sea change in the administration of the temple. She is among the senior officers of the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (HR&CE) office.

On assuming duty she was presented with temple honors and prasadams from Sri Kapaleeswarar

temple and also from Madhava Perumal Temple where she had earlier worked.

Kavenitha replaces R Hariharan who served as the EO for a brief period after the demise of the then EO D Kauvery.

Listing out her priorities the new EO said she will focus her attention on improving the facilities for devotees and cleanliness besides ensuring the sanctity of the temple

She said she will work hard to retrieve the usurped temple lands from encroachers and illegal occupants.



P. K. Kavenitha

OBITUARY

Jayashree Balachandran dies

Jayashree Balachandran co founding director of Business school of Logistics and Shipping Private Limited, Mandaveli and a resident of Third Main Road RA Puram passed away due to cardiac arrest on Tuesday. She was 53 and is survived by her only son Arsha. She was a woman of eminence in Logistics.



Jayashree Balachandran

She received Bharath Nirman Award from then Minister Ma Foi K.Pandiarajan in 2018 for her work in the propagation of logistics education, CIMSME Award for Women Entrepreneur of the year in 2019, Kings Brand award by WoW, Entrepreneur of the Year 2021 by the Logistics Skill Sector Council MSME & NSDC.

She had provided employment opportunities to around 300 students and had conducted Rural Awareness Programs about the Logistics industry and employment opportunities for more than 5000 students in various colleges. She was earlier resident of Mandaveli and lived in Mithila Apartments.

Now, the lock has vanished

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In our 25th May 2023 issue, we had published with photo that a post box in Kutchery Road near E1 Police Station was found unlocked and highlighted the problems that could cause to those who had dropped their letters in the post box hoping that the letters will reach the addressee safely and securely.

We also raised the question whether the postman who comes to collect the letters from the post box notice it or did he not come to collect the mails dropped in the box? The irony is that the Mylapore Head Post Office is just a stone's throw away from the post box.

We are shocked to find this week that the lock has gone – lock stock and barrel and missing. This raises a lot of questions on safety of customers' letters and also what if someone illegally gains access to the letters from the unlocked post box.

Dr Nataraj's books available in RA Puram

The five-volume collection of essays very useful for civil service and TNPSA Group I aspirants and authored by former Director General of Police and former Chairman of the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission Dr R Nataraj is now available in RA Puram.

Also books written by Dr Nataraj on various subjects and works of his father the late Uma Chandran, a well-known author such as Mullum Malarum (which later was made into a movie) and 25 other books are also available for sale.

The books can be purchased at Umachandran Publications, 12/50 Swathi Apartments, ground floor RA Puram Third Cross Street, RA Puram, 73584 18871, 63698 40450

