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GVK CSIA, Mumbai inaugurates 'GVK Lounge' at T2



Dr GVK Reddy, Founder Chairman and Managing Director, GVK; Mr G V Sanjay Reddy, Vice Chairman, GVK; Mr Rajeev Jain, CEO, MIAL; Mr Sunil Kapur, Chairman, TFS and other dignitaries at the inauguration event

GVK CSIA T2 has launched its all new Luxury Lounge for its first / business class travellers. The 'GVK Lounge' was inaugurated by our Founder Chairman and Managing Director, Dr GVK Reddy. This is the first ever common Luxury Lounge in the country unlike other global and Indian airports which usually have different first/business class lounges for different airlines. Spread across an area of 30,000 sq. ft. in two levels-Level 4 and 3, the GVK Lounge has a total capacity to accommodate 440 guests at any given point in time.

It boasts of some latest technologies and innovative facilities like Concierge Services, Smoking Zone, F&B, Bar, Luxury Spa, Shower Area, Relaxation Area, Library and a Business Centre, in keeping with MIAL's ideology of encouraging product, service and design innovation to complement the overall ambience, design and architecture of the new intergrated T2.



'GVK Lounge' at GVK CSIA T2



GVK CSIA wins Condé Nast Traveller Readers' Travel Awards 2014

Mr G V Sanjay Reddy, Vice Chairman, GVK was bestowed with an Excellence Award for 'Shining the World's Spotlight on India' with GVK CSIA T2 at the Condé Nast Traveller Readers' Travel Awards 2014, JW Marriott New Delhi Aerocity. At the same event, GVK CSIA also received the award for being a favourite among readers. GVK CSIA was declared the best airport in India and was runner up to Changi Airport, Singapore in the Airports category. Mr Rajeev Jain, CEO, MIAL received the award for GVK CSIA.



Mr G V Sanjay Reddy receiving the Excellence Award by Ms Divia Thani Daswani, Editor, Condé Nast Traveller India and Mr Nicholas Coleridge, President, Condé Nast International



Mr Rajeev Jain receiving the Readers Favourite Airport Award by Ms Divia Thani Daswani, Editor, Condé Nast Traveller India and Mr Nicholas Coleridge, President, Condé Nast International

GVK CSIA conducts an Evacuation Drill

GVK CSIA conducted an Evacuation Mock Drill which provides virtually the only means, short of an actual incident. This helps in measuring the state of readiness and tests the effectiveness of an emergency/evacuation response plan. The mock drill was conducted at T1-A&B and T2.



Evacuation Drill at GVK CSIA T2

GVK CSIA bags the top scorer trophy at TAPA-FSR workshop



Mr Vinayak Sohani receiving the trophy

GVK CSIA associates, Mr. Vinayak Sohani and Cdr Lokesh Uttarwar (Retd) bagged the Top Scorer Trophy and Certificate respectively at the two-day TAPA-FSR workshop, New Delhi. TAPA (Technology Asset Protection Association) is a global forum of security, insurance and logistics professionals established to ensure the safe and secure transport, storage and warehousing of TAPA members' assets throughout the world.



Cdr Lokesh Uttarwar receiving the cerificate

GVK CSIA celebrates Children's Day

On the occasion of Children's Day, GVK CSIA invited children from an NGO for a tour of the airport. They were taken around the airside and terminal operations of the airport. Their favourite characters dressed as 'Chota Bheem' and 'Doraemon' surfed around the airport distributing chocolates to the kids.



Children's Day celebrations at GVK CSIA T2

GVK CSIA T2 starts Valet Parking service

As part of the continuous efforts to elevate passengers' experience at GVK CSIA T2, a Valet Parking Service has been introduced to facilitate the visitors at the airport.

This service provides hassle free parking to its visitors and is being well recieved by the passengers.



Valet Parking service at GVK CSIA T2

Children's Day celebrations at GVK KIA



GVK KIA employees together with their Children indulged in fun activities to commemorate Children's Day through an Aero Modeling exercise.

This is the activity involving design, development and flying of small air vehicles. Children along with their parents and advising company Akshay Aerosports (P) Ltd created their own airplanes and flew them. The kids also got the opportunity to go on an airside tour. Tea and snacks, a few pictures, a certificate and a little gift for them concluded the day well-spent.

Children's Day celebrations at GVK KIA, Bengaluru

GVK KIA becomes the first e-Freight compliant airport in India

GVK KIA has been recognized as first e-Freight compliant airport in India by IATA for operationalization and implementation of the e-freight process. The e-freight will help minimize cargo turnaround time, the cost and use of paper documents involved in the air freight process and thus enhance efficiency of operations.

It shows BIAL's commitment towards environmental sustainability. The e-freight concept was launched by IATA in 2006 as part of the simplification of the business program.



GVK KIA, Bengaluru

GVK ENERGY



Transmission line connected to the power grid

330 MW Shrinagar Hydro Project connects to the Northern grid

Shrinagar HEP crossed a major milestone when 7.16 km of transmission system was connected to the power grid.

The line charging test was conducted successfully in collaboration with the UP Power Transmission Corporation Ltd. (UPPTCL) on behalf of the UP Power Corporation Ltd (UPPCL), thus paving the way for commissioning of the hydro-electric project within the next few months.



Dam View

"Tool Box Talk" at Goindwal Sahib TPP

Goindwal Sahib TPP has begun Tool Box Talk pertaining to safety awareness for its employees. Tool Box Talk is an informal group discussion conducted every morning focussing on a particular safety issue. Such tools would help promote safety culture among employees at the project site.



Tool Box Talk Session at Goindwal Sahib TPP

Jegurupadu CCPP celebrates "Vanabhojanam"

Jegurupadu CCPP employees celebrated Vanabhojanam along with their families. It is an annual picnic undertaken during 'Kartika Masam' in Andhra Pradesh. The employees conducted the puja followed by a small get-together. The event turned out to be a great platform for fostering togetherness among GVKites.





Vanabhojanam celebrations at Jegurupadu CCPP

GVK TRANSPORTATION

Jaipur-Kishangarh Expressway Project conducts training for 'Fast Tag'

Jaipur-Kishangarh Expressway Project conducted training on Fast Tag operations at the Toll Plazas. Mr D. R. K. Sharma, Senior Manager, Data Base Applications trained the staff for effective toll operation. 'Fast Tag' is the name of the Electronic Toll Collection System which is introduced at Jaipur-Kishangarh toll plaza. The training was attended by toll operation managers, senior supervisors and line assistants.



Fast Tag training session at Jaipur-Kishangarh Expressway Project



Toll Plaza at Jaipur-Kishangarh Expressway Project

Deoli-Kota Expressway Project progresses further

The construction of water tanks for the fire safety of the tunnel as well as Emergency Egress and Portals has been completed at the site. The tunnel is now through with construction of pavement works. These developments take the project closer to commissioning.



Through view of the tunnel



Exit construction

GVKONE

GVK one conducts Finale Event for "Win at one" festival

The "Win at one" finale event was conducted on 14th November 2014 with exciting activities to mark Children's Day celebrations. The Chief Guest for the finale event was Mrs Shalini Bhupal. Win at One - The Mega Shopping festival is a signature event of GVK One. This event is held every year during the festive season of Dashehra and Diwali to encourage and reward every one who shops at GVK One.



Mrs Shalini Bhupal, ED- TAJGVK Hotels with Mr Sanjay Bansal-Head, GVK one



Children's day celebrations at the finale event



Mrs Shalini Bhupal presenting the Bumper prize



Taj Banjara organizes "Soup Week"

Taj Banjara's HR department organized a Soup Week for its associates. The Cafeteria Chefs including Mr Saidulu, Mr Raghavulu, Mr Surendra, Mr Vijaya Kumar along with Continental Chef, Mr Prasad from the Food Production department prepared different varieties of soup alongwith the regular menu in the cafeteria to delight the associates.



Chefs-Saidulu and Prasad at Soup Week event, Taj Banjara

Taj Banjara and Taj Clubhouse conduct Cake-Mixing ceremony

With Christmas round the corner, the cake preparations start well in advance. The first step towards making the cake is the mixing process, formally called the Cake-Mixing ceremony, a ritual religiously followed all over the world and said to be a harbinger of good tidings and happiness.

Taj Banjara and Taj Clubhouse carried this beautiful tradition forward and began the cake preparation with the mixing of ingredients and soaking them. Regular guests and important socialites of the city were invited for this event. Everyone enjoyed this tradition as it was a novel way to ring in the festive season. The ambience was lit up with lot of cheer from the guests with loads of mixing and clicking of selfies.



Cake Mixing ceremony at Taj Banjara

Cake Mixing ceremony at Taj Clubhouse

Taj Clubhouse introduces Fitness sessions for security associates

Taj Clubhouse has introduced fitness sessions for its security associates to enhance fitness. The session includes jogging followed by yoga. They have also suggested that other departments join them for this session that contributes towards employees' fitness and energy levels.





Fitness sessions at Taj Clubhouse

GVK BIO

GVK BIO signs definitive agreement to acquire Vanta Bioscience

GVK BIO has signed a definite agreement to acquire Vanta Bioscience, a full service preclinical contract research organization, headquartered in the USA and operating out of Chennai. The acquisition of Vanta Bioscience further strengthens GVK BIO's Integrated Drug Discovery platform by providing expertise in delivering full-fledged IND enabling services. Vanta Bioscience is a leading GLP toxicology and safety assessment service provider in India with GLP trained scientific personnel with an aggregate experience of more than 100 years of expertise in study, design and execution.



Vanta Bioscience

GVK BIO features in prestigious publications

GVK BIO has multiple papers published in prestigious scientific Journals:

1) Manuscript entitled "Lot-to-lot consistency of live attenuated SA 14-14-2 Japanese encephalitis vaccine manufactured in a Good Manufacturing Practice facility and non-inferiority with respect to an earlier product" got published in "Vaccine"

2) The study titled "Rotavirus gastroenteritis among children less than 5 years of age in private outpatient setting in urban India" sponsored and funded by MSD Pharmaceuticals, for which GVK BIO was the full services provider got published in "Vaccine". GVK BIO's support has been acknowledged by MSD.

3) In collaboration with MSKCC, Discovery Services Team at GVK BIO has got a paper published in "ACS Chemical Biology" titled "Novel Imidazoline Antimicrobial Scaffold That Inhibits DNA Replication with Activity against Mycobacteria and Drug Resistant Gram-Positive Cocci" to its credit. GVK BIO synthesized all the molecules for which the studies were conducted.



GVK BIO donates to the Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister's Relief Fund

GVK BIO contributed Rs. 20 Lakh to the Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister's Relief Fund for taking up relief measures in cyclone-hit Vishakhapatnam and its neighbouring districts. The GVK BIO employees donated their one day salary amounting to Rs. 10 lakh and an equal amount was donated by the company. The severe cyclonic storm 'Hudhud' was one of the two strongest tropical cyclones of 2014 within the North Indian Ocean, as well as the most destructive tropical cyclone in the basin since Nargis in 2008.



Novel Imidazoline Antimicrobial Scaffold That Inhibits DNA Replication with Activity against Mycobacteria and Drug R Gram-Positive Cocci

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Mr Chandrababu Naidu, CM of Andhra Pradesh receiving the cheque from GVK BIO

GVK BIO collaborates with Takeda Pharmaceuticals

GVK BIO and Takeda have jointly agreed to evaluate the pre-clinical proof-of-concept for certain indications of selected therapeutic compounds to develop novel indications for the previously failed compounds. GVK BIO has leveraged its experience and expertise in Drug Discovery and has developed a unique Drug Repurposing Platform called GRIP (GVK BIO Repurposing Integrated Platform). GRIP is a combination of proprietary Repurposing Database, eight different Repurposing Algorithms, Analytics tools and Visualization engine.



Takeda Pharmaceuticals

GVK EMRI-Chhattisgarh observes World Stroke Day

GVK EMRI-Chhattisgarh observed World Stroke Day from 1st Nov 2014 to 3rd Nov 2014 in all major districts. The GVK EMRI Sanjeevani Express and 102 Mahtari Express teams along with the Health Deptt. and Administrative Deptt. organized health camps and ambulance demonstration at various locations. The event witnessed huge participation.





Health Camp

Ambulance demonstration

GVK EMRI participates in "Swachh Bharat" Campaign

Led by Mr Krishnam Raju, Director - GVK EMRI, senior colleagues and other staff members from various departments participated in 'Swachh Bharat' Campaign.As part of this initiative, they cleaned a slum area "Ambedkar Nagar" in Hyderabad. This initiative would surely encourage citizens of the state to come forward and contribute towards a cleaner India.





GVK EMRI's staff contributing towards the 'Swachh Bharat' Campaign

GVK EMRI hosts delegates from Afghanistan and UK

GVK EMRI Hyderabad Centre hosted delegates from NHS Leadership Academy, UK and Ministry of Health (MOPH) Government of Afghanistan & USAID Afghanistan. The delegates were shown the training facilities, ambulance demonstration etc. The visitors were impressed with the facility and appreciated the efforts of GVK EMRI team.



Afghanistan delegates at GVK EMRI



NHS, UK delegates at GVK EMRI



GVK EMRI associates felicated at Chitvel High School in Andhra Pradesh

GVK EMRI-Andhra Pradesh associates felicitated by Chivtel High School

On the occasion of Children's Day, Chitvel High School invited the ambulance team, EMT-M. Venkateswarlu and Pilot-V. Dayanand to conduct an awareness programme for school children. GVK EMRI associates were also felicitated by the school management for successfully handling a snake bite case at Chitvel High School.

Significant Days of the month

World Aids Day-Dec 1st

World Aids Day, observed on 1st December the world over is dedicated to raising awareness of the AIDS pandemic caused by the spread of HIV infection. Government and health officials, non-governmental organizations and individuals around the world observe this day, providing education on AIDS prevention and control.



International Civil Aviation Day - Dec 7th

International Civil Aviation Day is observed on December 7th annually to raise awareness of the importance of international civil aviation and the role that the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) plays in international air transport. The organization is a United Nations (UN) body responsible for developing international standards for aviation safety.



Christmas-Dec 25th

Christmas is an annual commemoration of the birth of Jesus Christ and a widely observed cultural holiday, celebrated on December 25th by people around the world. A feast central to the Christian liturgical year, it closes the Advent season and initiates the twelve days of Christmastide, which ends after the twelfth night. Christmas is a public holiday in many of the world's nations, is celebrated by an increasing number of non-Christians and is an integral part of the holiday season.



