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# McDonald's Chennai Launch

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# Mc D comes...

n equally enthusiastic Ranjit Paliath, Director South, McDonald's India beamed,"We are really excited about opening our stand-alone restaurant in Chennai. This is the 23rd restauarant in the South and we are planning to open around ten more restauarants in Chennai alone." When questioned about why he chose Anna Nagar as the destination for the restaurant, his reply was quick, "We chose this area because it is the commercial hub and Second Avenue is a very prominent location." For the residents of Anna Nagar, who were expecting a McD at Ampa Mall, this restaurant comes as a pleasant surprise. "Since there were problems with the opening of Ampa Mall, we could not open our restaurant there. But once the mall is



ready to be opened to public, you

can expect another restaurant there," said Ranjit.

Even before the restaurant was officially opened it managed to grab a lot of attention with curious onlookers queuing to check out the new hang out. Now that it is finally open, Anna Nagarites have reasons to rejoice for McD is finally here with its lip-smacking burgers and

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To commemorate the launch of McDonald's launch, Mr. Ranjit Paliath Chennai can now look standalone, restaurant in Chennai, McDonald's India said "We their favourite products Aishwarya Dhanush, are thrilled to open our first such as the newly daughter of legendary standalone restaurant in introduced Chicken actor Rajinikanthm was Chennai and present the McNuggets, McVeggie, present to grace the people of the city a truly McChicken, McAloo McDonald, the iconic that offers a quick, tasty Wraps made of whole Chief Happiness Officer & affordable eating out wheat, Maharaja Mac and of McDonald's, was experience. accorded a traditional McDonald's restaurant at has developed a special welcome to Chennal by Anna Nagar will continue menu to suit Indian Aishwarya and the to deliver the same quality tastes, preferences and festivities kiched off with of food, excellent service sensibilities with separate a beautifully choreogra and a relaxed ambience enclosures for vegetarian

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# McD comes to Anna

AT Second Avenue

Inter Anna Nagar and you will be surprised to find a golden arch and a giant inflatable clown sitting atop a building, right at the centre of Round Tana. Regualrs at Ascendas, however, will be familiar with McDonald's motif and the smiling 'Ronald McDonald.'

A visibly excited Aishwarya Dhanush, who was invited to be the chief guest at the launch, confessed her liking for food from McD. "I love the burgers and the fries at McD and I am going to bring my son here often," she said.

THE INTERNATIONAL FOOD GIANT MCDONALDS SETS FOOT IN ANNA NAGAR, MUCH TO THE JOY OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD...

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# MC DONALD'Sfirst standalone restaurant in Anna Nagar



To commemorate the launch of McDonald's first standalone restaurant in Chennai, Aishwarya Dhanush, daughter of legendary actor Rajinikanthm was present to grace the occasion. Ronald McDonald, the iconic Chief Happiness Officer of McDonald's, was accorded a traditional welcome to Chennai by Aishwarya and the festivities kiched off with a beautifully choreographed Bharatnatyam performance.

Speaking at the launch, Mr. Ranjit Paliath, Director South, McDonald's India said "We are thrilled to open our first standalone restaurant in Chennai and present the people of the city a truly global, family dining option that offers a quick, tasty & affordable eating out experience. The McDonald's restaurant at Anna Nagar will continue to deliver the same quality of food, excellent service and a relaxed ambience that we are renowned for globally."

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# McDonald's restaurant opened at Anna Nagar

McDonald's, the world's leading food service retailer has announced the opening of its Fictive faurant in Chenr Bihopala Nagar.

The restaurant has a capacity of 115 seats and also has a children 's party area that customers can hire for birthday celebrations and children's parties.

On the occasion of the launch of the restaurant, Aishwarya Dhanush, daughter of Actor Rajnikanth was present. Ronald

McDonald, the iconic Chief Happiness Officer of McDonald's was accorded welcome to Chennai by Aishwarya. There was also a Bharatanatyam performance in the festivities. Ranjit Paliath, Director South, McDonald's India said, they will present the people of Chennai City, a truly global, family dining option that offers a quick, tasty & affordable eating out experience.

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# McDonald's to open 10 restaurants in South

Chennai: McDonald's, a food service retail chain, is planning to invest Rs 30 crore to open 10 restaurants in southern states. Currently the chain operating 23 restaurants in the four states of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Karantaka. Speaking to reporters in Chennai after opening inagurating its's first standalone restaurant, Ranjit Paliath, Director-Southern Region, McDonalds said that across the country the company had planning to open 25-30 stores by 2010, of which 10 will be opened in southern states. The investment will be made along with by its joint veture partner, for Western and Southern regions, Hardcastle Restaurants Private Limited.



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BS REPORTER Chennai, 5 July

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# Now, drive through at McDonald's

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Chennai

FAST food chain McDonald's is leveraging its new concept of drive-in restaurants to increase footfalls, while its happy-price menu has helped it grow during financially difficult times.

Of the 40 new restaurants the chain will have this year, a considerable number will be drive-in ones, which provide the customer the convenience of being served at his vehicle.

"Innovation in formats and menu has resulted in consistent growth in the country. Our expansion plans focus on the convenience of the customer with the primary aim of serving them what they want and where they want it," said Banjit Paliath, director

(south), McDonald's India.

McDonald's has seen 10 to 12 per cent more footfalls in drive-in restaurants. Of the 160 outlets it has, 20 per cent are drive-in ones; the others are standalone outlets and those within food courts. "Our outlets have a total of around 12 million footfalls a month," Paliath said.

According to Paliath, the happy-price menu of Rs 20 a meal had helped the company attain a 30 per cent same-store growth rate last financial year. The wholly-owned subsidiary of McDonald's International has two joint ventures (JV) in India—with Hardcastle Restaurants for the South Plaza Restaurants for the North and East.

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# McDonald's at Anna Nagar

NT Bureau

Chennai, July 4:
Now customers in Chennai can
look forward to feasting on their
favourite menus such as the newly
introduced chicken McNuggets,
McVeggie, McChicken, McAloo
Tikki and chicken McGrill at
McDonald's newly opened restaurant in Anna Nagar.

The world's leading food retailer has opened its first standalone restaurant at Anna Nagar in Chennai on Friday. Speaking at the opening of the restaurant, McDonald's India — South director Ranjit Paliath said this restaurant as part of the expansion plans in southern India had focus on the convenience of the visitors with the primary aim of serving them what they want, where they want it. 'McDonald's India with its constant innovation in formats and menu has shown consistent growth in the country,' he said.

He said the company has plans to open 10 more restaurants in the southern region by the end of the year and in Chennai it has targeted to open nearly 5 to 7 food outlets by 2010. Celebrity Aishwarya Dhanush and Ronald McDonald, the chief happiness officer of McDonald's, were the special invitees to the opening ceremony.

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# McDonald's expansion

CHENNAI: McDonald's is set to double its network in the south. Hardcastle Restaurants, the JV partner of McDonald's India for the west and the south, will add 25-30 stores across the southern states in the next three years at a cost of Rs 75-90 crore, Hardcastle Restaurants southern director Ranjith Paliath said at the launch of its second outlet in the city on Friday.

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Caption: McDonald's opens in Anna Nagar. Aishwarya Dhanush and Ronald McDonald the special guest at the event inaugurated the restaurant in the traditional way.



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Headline: "First McDonald's outlet inaugurated in Anna Nagar, Chennai"

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# சென்னை-அண்ணா நகரில் தமிழகத்தின் முதல் மெக்டோனல்ஸ் உணவகம் திறப்பு

உணவகத் தொழிலில் உலகின் முன்னணி நிறுவனங்களில் ஒன்றான மெக்டோனல்ஸ் முதல் முதலாக சென்னையில் தம்முடைய தனித்தவம் மிக்க உணவகத்தைத் தொடங்கியுள்ளது. சென்னை, அண்ணாந்கர் ரவுண்டானாவிற்கு அருகில் அமைந்துள்ள இந்த உணவகத்தை நடிகர் ரஜினிகாந்தின் மகள் ஐஸ்வர்யா தனுஷ் தொடங்கி வைத்தார்.

பர்கர் ஃபிரென்ச் ஃபிரை ராப் என்று பல்வேறு விதமான உண்பண்டங்களைக் குடும்பத்டதாடு உண்டு மகிழ்வதற்கு ஏற்ற வகையில், 115 பேர் அமர்வதற்கு உகந்த இடமாக இப்புதிய மெக்டோனல்ஸ் கோல்டன் ஆர்ச்சஸ் எனப்படும் குடும்ப உணவகம் அமைந்துள்ளது. மேலும், குழந்தைகளின் பிறந்தநாள் கொண்டாட்டங்கள், குழந்தைகளின் விருந்து நிகழ்ச்சிகளுக்கு தேவையான நிகழ்ச்சிக் கூடமும் இத்துடன் இணைந்துள்ளது.

மெக்டோனல்ஸ் உணவகத்தை திறந்து வைப்பதற்காக சென்னைக்கு வருகை தந்த இந்நிறுவனத்தின் முதன்மை மகிழ்ச்சி அதிகாரி ரொனால்ட மெக்டோனல்டுக்கு ஐஸ்வர்யா பாரம்பரிய முறையிலான வரவேற்பினை அளித்தார். இதனையடுத்து, மிகச் சிறந்த பரதநாட்டிய நிகழ்ச்சியும் இனிதே நடைபெற்றது. மெக்டோனல்ஸ் இந்தியாவின் தென்னக இயக்குநர் ரஞ்சித் பாலியாத் இத்தொடக்கவிழா நிகழ்ச்சியில் பேசுகையில், சென்னையில் எங்கள் மெக்டோனல்ஸ் தனிநிலை உணவகத்தை திறப்பதில் நாங்கள் பெருமகிழ்ச்சியடைகிறோம் என்றார்.