

# CM mocks Chandy’s Vizhinjam legacy, says it’s not enough to lay foundation

Kerala: Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Wednesday sneered at the contribution of the Oommen Chandy government in the Vizhinjam International sea-port project. “It is not just enough to lay the foundation stone. The world’s biggest ships are now docking at Vizhinjam,” the Chief Minister told reporters.

“It is not by pushing any ordinary boat into the waters that we are going to inaugurate the port,” Pinarayi said with a tongue-in-cheek smile, a sly reference to the CPM’s oft-repeated charge that the Chandy dispensation



had, during its last days, gone on an inauguration spree of even half-complete projects. Just an hour before, Minister for Ports V

N Vasavan also had used the same gag line to undermine the Congress’s claim that the Vizhinjam project was Chandy’s vision. “The foundation was laid, but the Chandy government did nothing more,” Vasavan said.

Both the Chief Minister and the ports minister said that one of the world’s largest shipping companies, the MSC (Mediterranean Shipping Company), had included Vizhinjam port in its Jade Service, which meant that the Vizhinjam port was now connected to all major global ports.

“Vizhinjam has now emerged as the face of South India’s cargo movement,” the CM said.

Then, as if taking a statesman-like approach, the Chief Minister said that it had to be understood that the project was not the discovery of this government or the Chandy government before it. “This is the fruition of a process that had begun decades ago,” he said. But he was clear which stretch in the process was the most important. “In the realisation of the project, the last nine years were the most critical,” the CM said.

# GRT celebrates Puducherry Tourism, launches new sustainability initiatives



Chennai, Apr 30 (TSIT) Radisson Resort Pondicherry Bay (part of GRT Hotels & Resorts) hosted a special Green event today in Chennai to celebrate Pondicherry’s inclusion in Lonely Planet’s Top Destinations to travel in 2025. In the presence of Pondicherry Minister of PWD, Tourism and Aviation K Lakshminarayanan and Mr. Vikram Cota, CEO of GRT Hotels & Resorts, three major announcements were unveiled.

Puducherry has earned a prestigious spot on Lonely Planet’s - “Best in Travel 2025” list, ranking it 2nd in the world to visit – and notably, it’s the only Indian destination featured this year.

A dynamic leadership, utilization of the Government of India initiatives to develop destinations have sustained this town as a preferred destination. During the event, Radisson Resort Pondicherry Bay introduced a new experiential offer crafted to celebrate Pondicherry’s global recognition. The package offers guests a curated itinerary including a sunrise buffet breakfast, welcome amenities, a half-day city tour, a Franco-Tamil dining experience at Bay Bistro, discounts on F&B and spa services, and a special farewell gift—delivering a truly immersive and memorable Pondicherry experience.

Furthering its commitment to sustainability, GRT Hotels announced the launch of GReaT Green Meetings across its properties. The initiative empowers corporate guests to host eco-friendly MICE events through carbon footprint tracking, tree planting offsets, reduced plastic use, low carbon menus, and other green practices—redefining responsible hospitality in India. A strategic partnership with Viruksham Foundation to plant trees and offset the carbon footprint generated during events. A collaboration with EcoIndex, an environmental tech platform, to accurately calculate event-related emissions using their efficient carbon footprint calculator app. Release of “The GReaT Butterfly Effect” – A Book on GRT’s Sustainability Journey. Mr. Vikram Cota unveiled his book The GReaT Butterfly Effect, documenting GRT Hotels’ inspiring journey towards sustainability. The book showcases how small conscious choices in hospitality can lead to transformative environmental and social change, serving as a real-world playbook for businesses embracing responsible growth.



MLA Thiru Inigo S. Irudayaraj called on the Honble Chief Minister and presented him with a portrait of Pope Francis, following his participation in the memorial service of Pope Francis at the Vatican on behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu.

# Chandrayaan-3 APXS measures volatile elements in South Polar region

Chennai, Apr 30 (TSIT) Scientists of the Physical Research Laboratory (PRL), Ahmedabad have analysed the concentrations of volatile elements measured at Shiv Shakti statio near the South Polar Region, using the Alpha Particle X-ray Spectrometer (APXS) onboard the Pragyan rover of the Chandrayaan-3 mission.

A comparison of the APXS measured abundances with the other available data revealed anomalous depletion in sodium and potassium, but enrichment in sulfur in the soils at the highland landing site.

This study published in the journal Nature Communications Earth and Environment has revealed potential presence of primitive lunar mantle materials at the landing site, which was excavated during formation of the South Pole-Aitken (SPA) basin 4.3 Ga ago and redistributed by subsequent impacts on the SPA basin ejecta.

The primitive mantle contributed the excess sulfur, which got mixed up with the materials at the landing site, ISRO said in a update on Wednesday.

The low levels of sodium and potassium at the landing site suggests that the KREEP (potassium, rare earth elements,

and phosphorus) might not have existed at the place and time of SPA basin formation. This new finding makes the Chandrayaan-3 landing site a promising site to access primitive mantle samples, which is otherwise lacking in the existing lunar collections. On 23 August 2023, the Chandrayaan-3 mission marks the first successful landing in the South Polar Region of the Moon. The Alpha Particle X-ray Spectrometer (APXS) aboard Pragyan rover directly measured the elemental composition of the Moon’s surface at unexplored location, i.e., Shiv Shakti statio located at 69.37 deg S, 32.32 deg E in the southern high-latitude highlands of the nearside of the Moon. The APXS measurement of major elements supported the lunar magma ocean (LMO) hypothesis. It also provided clues for the presence of lower crust and/or upper mantle materials at the landing site. The APXS also measured abundances of volatile elements, including sodium, potassium, and sulfur in the highland soils, and reported varied concentrations ranging from 700-2800 ppm, 300-400 ppm, and 900-1400 ppm, respectively. Scientists from the PRL have made a detailed analysis of the abundances of these volatile elements.

# Ode Spa Launches Its 3rd Flagship Airport Retreat at Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Redefining Wellness Travel

Hyderabad, April 30, 2025 – In a landmark moment for wellness travel, Ode Spa, part of the visionary Ridhira Group, proudly announces the launch of its outlet at the departure terminal of Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad. This marks Ode Spa’s third outlet within the airport premises and it’s ninth in Hyderabad city, reinforcing the brand’s presence in one of India’s fastest-growing hubs for travel and wellness. True to its evolving philosophy—Pause. Recharge. Fly.—Ode Spa reimagines the travel experience, offering flyers a purposeful respite to reconnect with themselves before continuing their journeys.

With this opening, the brand reinforces its commitment to making wellness an essential and accessible part of the travel experience.

With a strong presence in over 15 cities across India, Ode Spa remains committed to bringing transformative wellness experiences closer to travellers and urban communities alike. According to GMR Hyderabad International Airport Limited (GHIAL)’s official Annual Report 2023-24, Hyderabad International Airport handled over 25 million passengers in the last fiscal year, with a significant proportion comprising transit and frequent flyers. Recognising the growing need for intentional wellness amidst today’s fast-paced travel, Ode Spa offers a much-needed sanctuary for travellers to pause, breathe, and recharge—transforming layovers into moments of meaningful rest, rejuvenation, and holistic care.

Thoughtfully curated for today’s relentless pace of life, Ode Spa at Hyderabad International Airport offers travellers a rare chance to pause and reconnect with themselves before their next journey begins. Blending the wisdom of traditional healing practices with the precision of



modern innovation, the spa invites guests to experience therapies that are more than indulgence—they are essential acts of self-care. Whether it’s a Swedish or Balinese massage to ease the strain of long hours, a natural facial to refresh travel-weary skin, or an AI-personalised treatment tailored to immediate needs, every offering is designed to restore balance from within. With hydrating body wraps, therapeutic scrubs, aromatherapy, and reflexology, Ode Spa transforms layovers into a retreat—reminding travellers that in a world where constant movement is inevitable, true wellness must be intentional. It’s not just a spa stop—it’s a holiday before the holiday, a moment to recharge body, mind, and spirit, when it’s needed most.

“This isn’t just a spa launch—it’s the start of a new way to travel. We have always believed that wellness should not be a luxury but a lifestyle. With this launch, we are bringing that philosophy to the traveller in transit—delivering balance, comfort, and a sense of calm, even amidst the rush of chaotic terminals and demanding travel schedules,” said Ritesh Mastipuram, Founder and Managing Director, Ridhira Group.

With over 50 lakh clients serviced and a thriving community of 1.2 lakh members across India, Ode Spa has firmly established itself as a trusted name in luxury wellness. Rooted in a holistic philosophy, the brand blends globally celebrated healing techniques with cutting-edge wellness technologies to create transformative experiences that nurture physical vitality, emotional balance, and spiritual harmony. Committed to making wellness an essential part of everyday living, Ode Spa champions accessibility through thoughtfully priced luxury offerings, while maintaining environmental responsibility with non-chemical, natural products. As it continues its rapid expansion, Ode Spa is redefining modern wellness—seamlessly merging ancient traditions with forward-thinking innovation—setting new benchmarks for the industry and ensuring that mindful living is within reach for today’s travellers and urban communities alike. Building on this momentum, Ridhira Group is all set to expand its footprint across major international airports, bringing its vision of accessible luxury wellness to a global audience.

# India Codes the Future: Microsoft Champions Agentic AI at Pinnacle 2025

Hyderabad, April 30, 2025 : With over 17 million developers currently on GitHub and an aim of becoming the world’s largest developer community on the platform by 2028, India is rapidly emerging as a global AI and tech talent powerhouse. Microsoft, through its India Development Center (IDC), is proud to be home to some of the country’s best engineering talent that is shaping the future of AI. This was evident at the IDC Pinnacle Summit 2025 held at Microsoft IDC campus in Hyderabad. In its third year, the annual summit brings together Microsoft leaders, IDC teams, leading Microsoft customers and AI innovators to build community, celebrate latest innovation in AI and emerging technologies, and foster a culture of continuous learning. The theme for Pinnacle 2025 was “Unlock the Agentic Future – Where AI Agents Meet Human Ingenuity”. Reflecting on what makes IDC a great place to work for aspiring and established developers from across India, Rajiv Kumar, Managing Director and President, Microsoft IDC, said, “At Microsoft, we are proud to drive AI innovations that help India grow, strengthen our global leadership by creating planet scale product impact. We have the responsibility to nurture India’s growing AI talent, enabling them to build cutting-edge AI solutions for the country and the world. At Microsoft IDC, we believe India’s developers will lead the next wave of breakthrough technologies — and we are committed to being a trusted partner to the country’s aspiration to be a global leader in AI.”

At the summit, Rajiv was in a fire-side chat with Jay Parikh, Executive Vice President, CoreAI. This was Jay’s first India visit since taking on his Microsoft role in October 2024. During their chat, Jay and Rajiv shared insights into Microsoft’s end-to-end AI stack, platform strategy, and India’s growing influence in the global AI ecosystem. While addressing the audience, Jay remarked, “Our mission is ambitious but simple: to empower every developer, and eventually everyone, to shape the future with AI. Achieving that means moving fast, because AI is transforming everything: how industries operate, how we work, how data is stored, how companies are built and managed. It’s a global shift, and it’s accelerating rapidly—faster than most



of us can comprehend.” He added, “This isn’t theoretical—Azure AI Foundry is live, serving over 60,000 customers globally, including several in India. It’s been exciting to see local enthusiasm and hear feedback—from support to demands for more capabilities.” India at the Heart of Global AI Innovation Puneet Chandok, President, Microsoft India and South Asia, while addressing the audience on the evolution of AI and how India is leading the latest platform shift, said, “Microsoft is now home for India to build AI. AI is reshaping the entire technology landscape - Agents and Copilot are the UI of AI, complemented with human ambition. Our Copilots now come with IQ, EQ, AQ (agency),

and memory. That’s when the magic happens.” Puneet also invited leaders from key Microsoft customers from across sectors, namely Physics Wallah, Wipro, Fractal, Infosys, and Kore.ai, who shared how Microsoft’s AI solutions are helping them unlock business impact at scale and putting AI in the hands of everyone. From GPT-4o to GitHub Copilot: AI in Action Physics Wallah shared how they are transforming education through Alakh AI, an AI-powered learning suite built using OpenAI’s GPT-4o model on Microsoft Azure. Its flagship tools, AI Guru and the Smart Doubt Engine, are designed to enhance learning inside and outside the classroom. Wipro discussed its journey toward becoming an “AI Organization” by embedding Microsoft technologies across workflows. Fractal discussed building a unified agentic platform for enterprises, leveraging Microsoft’s AI stack, and how AI solutions are now powering human decisions in an enterprise. Infosys highlighted that agents built on the Azure OpenAI ecosystem are driving significant cost efficiencies, with developers already generating over 14 million lines of code using GitHub Copilot.

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Notice for sale of immovable assets through Private Treaty

Sale Notice for Sale of Immoveable Assets through Private Treaty under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 8(B)/r/w Rule 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

ICICI Home Finance Company Limited (ICICI HFC) conducted several Auctions for the sale of the mortgaged property mentioned below, however, all such e-Auctions failed. Now, an interested buyer has approached ICICI HFC with an offer to purchase the said property for an amount of Rs. 15,00,000/- Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below-described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Possession(s) which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd., will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is", by way of Private Treaty as per the brief particulars given hereunder:

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Legal Heirs. Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date and Time of Auction	One Day Before Auction Date	Sale/Stage
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
1.	Shameer Salfudeen Arackal (Borrower) Foseela, Co-Borrowers Loan Account No. LHCC00001323372	Sy. No. 339/6-25-2, Chittattukara Panchayat, Village Paravoor, Dist. Ernakulam, Kerala.	Rs. 31,11,186/- April 04, 2025	Rs. 15,00,000/- Rs. 1,50,000/-	May 13, 2025 11:00 AM	May 20, 2025 03:00 PM	May 19, 2025 02:00 PM before 03:00 PM	Physical Possession

The online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link- <https://BidDeal.in>) of our auction agency ValueTrust Capital Services Private Limited. The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) RTGS/ Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Form E) at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited, Branch Office Address mentioned on top of the article on or before May 19, 2025 before 04:00 PM. The Prospective Bidder(s) must also submit a signed copy of the Registration Form & Bid Terms and Conditions form at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited, Branch Office Address mentioned on top of the article on or before May 19, 2025 before 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit Demand Draft (DD) should be from a Nationalized/Scheduled Bank in favor of "ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd. - Auction" payable at the branch office address mentioned on top of the article.

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Date : May 01, 2025  
Place : Ernakulam

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