

Amazon strengthens its commitment to Tamil Nadu; inaugurates new office in Chennai

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- Spread across 8.3 lakh square feet to support around 6000 employees, this is Amazon's 4th office in the state of Tamil Nadu
- The new office is designed to offer agile-based environment with modern, bright spaces to foster inclusion and innovation
- Amazon strengthens focus on employment generation in Tamil Nadu where it has over 14,000 employees primarily based in Chennai and Coimbatore

Chennai, 29 March 2022: Amazon India today announced opening its new office in the city of Chennai. The office was inaugurated today by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru MK Stalin, in the presence of Thiru Mano Thangaraj, Hon'ble Minister of IT, Government of Tamil Nadu, Thiru Neeraj Mittal, Secretary, Department of IT, Government of Tamil Nadu and other senior officials from the state government. Occupying 18 floors in the World Trade Centre at the Perungudi area, the new office marks Amazon's fourth office in Tamil Nadu, signifying its growing presence in the state. The new office space will support around 6000 employees, taking the company's total office area in Tamil Nadu to over 21 lakh square feet.

Amazon first began operations in Tamil Nadu with close to 50 people based in Chennai in the year of 2005. Today, with over 14,000 employees in the state, Tamil Nadu has emerged as a significant location for Amazon's people and business strategy. Several Technology, Engineering, Devices and Operations teams operate from the company's offices across the city of Chennai. They have contributed in developing some of Amazon's notable innovations across Amazon Devices. Amazon also has two offices in Old Mahabalipuram Road in Chennai and one office in Saravanmpatti, Coimbatore. The company continues to expand its employee base in the state to serve its customers and enhance their experience.

Amazon has made significant investments in fulfilment infrastructure in the state. The company has 4 Fulfilment Centres, 3 Sort Centres, enabling work opportunities for tens of thousands of youth in the state. In 2021, Amazon set up its first devices manufacturing unit in India in the state of Tamil Nadu in Chennai. Today, hundreds of thousands of Fire TV Stick devices are manufactured in this facility, catering to the demands of customers across India. These investments in infrastructure by Amazon in Tamil Nadu has helped generate thousands of jobs in the state.

Thiru MK Stalin, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu said, "The infrastructure developments in Tamil Nadu have been a result of our investment friendly policies and commitment to create new jobs for the talent pool in the state. We believe that the launch of Amazon's new office in Chennai will have a multiplier effect on the state economy. The expansion and investment will bind both the economic and social well-being of the state. We welcome this development from Amazon and congratulate them on launching their new office. We look forward to further investments by Amazon in Tamil Nadu focused on job creation and infrastructure expansion."

Vinod Mathews, Director, Global Real Estate & Facilities said, "We are excited to launch our new office here in Chennai. With its uniquely skilled talent that has led some of our best innovations, the state of Tamil Nadu has emerged as a critical talent hub for Amazon in India. The new office is a reaffirmation of our growth and commitment to the state, and we will continue to expand and invest in our employee base in the region to serve our customers and enhance their experience."

The new Chennai office is designed to enable a heightened sense of inclusion among teams and allow for increased innovation. Developed in adherence to Amazon's global standards, the office features workstations, dual cabins, private cabins, meetings rooms, board rooms, phone booths, huddle rooms, mail room, wellness rooms, interfaith rooms, mother's room, defined recreation space and a 24-hour multi-cuisine food court accessible for all employees. Each detail is aimed at improving employee well-being and efficiency, where they can benefit from Amazon's agile-based work environment to select from a variety of collaborative workspaces to suit their needs, communicate and collaborate effectively across teams. Amazon has implemented a series of preventative health measures for employees, associates, and partners at its offices and adheres to the government guidelines to provide a safe work environment.

The office building features state-of-the-art infrastructure design and facilities that will operate with significantly lower cost than any conventional building by incorporating internationally recognized building standards. These standards allow an estimated 23% reduction in annual energy consumption and a 76% reduction in drinking water consumption, and will this contribute to a significant reduction in the carbon footprint of the office building. The new office will function in full capacity as and when employees return to work, once the pandemic-induced remote working scenario stabilizes. Amazon aims to create a safe working space for employees, continuing to keep their health and safety as the top-most priority.

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