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Bank donates lift to Ranipet hospital

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J. Chandrasekaran, Chief General Manager, SBI, Chennai Circle, at the Thirumalai Mission Hospital in Ranipet on Monday.

VELLORE: The State Bank of India (SBI) has donated a lift at a cost of Rs.11.59 lakh to the 20-bed Thirumalai Mission Hospital (TMH), Ranipet, which is run by the Thirumalai Charities Trust (TCT), the social service arm of the Thirumalai Group of Industries.

J. Chandrasekaran, Chief General Manager, SBI, Chennai Circle, dedicated the lift in the presence of S.A. Thimmiah, General Manager-Network 1, SBI, Chennai Circle, at a function held at the hospital on Vanapadi Road in Ranipet on Monday.

Mr. Chandrasekaran said there is a strong correlation between education and health indicators of a country and its economic growth. No country can achieve economic growth without sound education and delivery of quality basic, primary and secondary health care to its people. While the government's budgetary allocation to the education and health sectors are very important to the growth of these sectors, non-governmental organisations have been playing a major role in the promotion of education and health in the country. The social development activities undertaken by Thirumalai Charities Trust for the last nearly four decades revealed that the Thirumalai Group of Industries have realised their corporate social responsibility (CSP) and were implementing CSR projects since several years ago, while the concept of CSR was being talked about in the country only recently.

The concept of PURA (Provision of Urban Amenities in Rural Areas) enunciated by former president A.P.J. Abdul Kalam too was being implemented by TCT for the last several years, he said.

R. Sampath, Chairman, Thirumalai Group of Industries and founder trustee of TCT, thanked the SBI for its gesture in donating the lift to the TMH. He said that the TCT was planning to construct the third floor in the hospital, which, at present, has the ground, first and second floors.

Bhooma Parthasarathy, Trustee, TCT, said that the trust has an excellent track record in health and rural development.

The TMH has been rendering service in healthcare to the people in the villages around Ranipet.

Ms. Parthasarathy said that the TMH would be launching a mobile village clinic programme and a comprehensive women health programme from April. K. Chandrasekaran, Manager (Administration), TMH, proposed a vote of thanks.