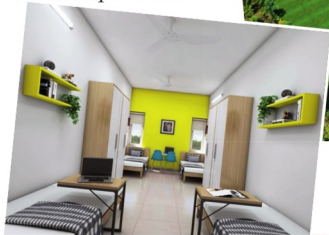


Safe, cosy accommodation for working women soon

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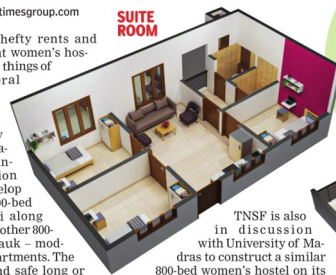
Shabby rooms, hefty rents and night curfews at women's hostels may soon be things of the past for several working women in Chennai. The Tamil Nadu Shelter Fund (TNSF), managed by the Tamil Nadu Infrastructure Fund Management Corporation (TNIFMC), will develop two hostels – an 800-bed facility in Siruseri along with SIPCOT and another 800-bed hostel in Chepauk – modelled after studio apartments. The hassle-free, cosy and safe long or short stay accommodation will be available at a few clicks of the mouse.

SUITE LIFE

The two hostels will be designed as co-living spaces with twin-sharing and triple-sharing options. There will also be single occupancy rooms. All rooms will have CCTV surveillance, laundry, lounge, catering on demand, pantry, housekeeping and free Wi-Fi. The monthly rents will range from ₹5,000 for dormitory to ₹12,000 for single living accommodation.

The hostel coming up in Siruseri SIPCOT will be executed by the Tamil Nadu Industrial Housing Private Limited. It will be a 12-floor complex with the first three floors housing dormitories. The remaining floors will have rooms to accommodate one, two and three occupants each.

SUITE ROOM



TNSF is also in discussion with University of Madras to construct a similar 800-bed women's hostel on its campus. "We are working on the financial model," said TNSF principal Sathan Babu.

The single occupancy studio apartments will have a small kitchen, a lounge, a work area and a bathroom. Every floor will have a common lounge area, a TV room and a reading room.

"The rooms will be spacious enough and aesthetically designed," said TNIFMC CEO Krishna Chaitanya K. "These buildings will have round-the-clock security, biometric access and CCTV cameras. Our focus is to provide safe and hy-

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gienic accommodation to the growing women workforce in TN. The value proposition we offer is unmatched," he said.

TNSF co-principal Malathi Helen said the government has set a benchmark for hostels. "We are providing quality and safe stay at affordable rents. We also provide housekeeping facilities. All our green field Thozhi hostels are IFC Edge certified and running full. We are looking at more land parcels to develop similar facilities to meet the growing demand," said Malathi.

Saundarya Rajesh, founder of Aytar Group that works for diversity, equity and inclusion, said many working women have to commute long distances to work since they are unable to find homes nearer to the work places. "Access to secure housing is a huge enabler to increasing women's workforce participation. This helps women professionals focus on their careers without compromising on their safety and well-being. This will also encourage women to move from smaller towns to the city for better opportunities," she said.

