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## Jayalalithaa to open Amma canteens at four more Chennai hospitals



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Hospital in Royapuram, Kilpauk Medical College and Royapettah Government Hospital. She is expected to visit the canteen at the Kasturba Gandhi Hospital. The chief minister will inaugurate the three other canteens through video conferencing.

Amma canteens are already functioning at the Government General Hospital (GH), Government Stanley Medical College Hospital and Institute of Child Health (ICH). These canteens provide hygienic food at affordable prices. For breakfast one can have an idli for Re 1 while a plate of pongal will cost Rs 3. For lunch, a plate of curd rice is available at Rs 3. Sambar rice, lemon rice and curry leaves rice are priced at Rs 5. Roti and dal are provided during dinner. A plate of two rotis and dal are priced at Rs 3.

Each of the 200 wards of the Chennai Corporation has an Amma canteen. Thousands of people, including daily labourers, drivers, migrant workers and office-goers are regular customers of these canteens.

It may be recalled that a delegation from Egypt visited the canteen at the GH recently to study the logistics involved. Representatives of civic bodies in Delhi, Hyderabad, Jaipur and Chandigarh also visited the canteen and expressed the desire to implement the scheme in those cities. Royapuram, Kilpauk Medical College and Royapettah Government Hospital.

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