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INDIAN LEADERS COMMUNITY FORUM 2021 – COVID-19 VACCINATION: DISPELLING THE MYTHS AND FEARS

Indian community leaders coming together to play a bigger role in the fight against COVID-19

Wednesday, 24 February 2021 - The Sree Narayana Mission (Singapore) will be organising the Indian Leaders Community Forum 2021, a ground-up initiative that serves as a platform to update our Indian Community Leaders of the Nation's latest initiatives.

2 This year, in line with the government's efforts to curb the spread of COVID-19, the forum aims to equip the Indian Community Leaders on the importance of being vaccinated and serves as an opportunity to address key concerns on the COVID-19 vaccination with sector experts.

3 This will in turn help Singapore achieve as high a level of population coverage as possible, to protect the majority of our population. A population with high vaccination coverage against COVID-19 will also indirectly protect those who are unable to receive COVID-19 vaccination from the risk of transmission.

4 The Guest-of-Honour for the event is Mr Vikram Nair, MP for Sembawang GRC (Admiralty).

5 The panel will comprise representative from the Ministry of Health, Dr Alvin Tan, Resident; Communicable Diseases Division, SNM President, Mr Jayadev Unnithan and SNM Chief Executive Officer, Mr S. Devendran,

6 At the end of the Forum, we aim to provide clarity, reassurance and hope to dispel the myths and fears of the COVID-19 vaccination within the community.

7 Please refer to **Annex A** for the event details and **Annex B** for more information on SNM (Singapore).

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ANNEX A

About Sree Narayana Mission (Singapore)

In keeping with Sree Narayana Guru's teachings, SNM provides a wide range of social service programmes for the less-privileged regardless of race or religion.

SNM operates a 224-bed nursing home, Sree Narayana Mission Nursing Home and two Senior Care Centres for the elderly. One Senior Care Centre is co-located with the Nursing Home in Yishun and offers a Maintenance Day Care Programme.

The other Senior Care Centre is located at Woodlands and offers both Maintenance Day Care and Dementia Day Care Programmes.

SNM also manages Meranti Home, a 200-bed psychiatric welfare home for male destitutes.

SNM also runs community programmes to cater to the needs of the less-privileged including programmes for single mothers, educational financial assistance and befriender services.

SNM is an Institution of Public Character since 1984.

SNM was one of 67 Charities who received the Charity Transparency Awards 2019, awarded by the Charity Council. The award recognises charities with good disclosure practices that the Charity Transparency Framework (CTF) recommends.

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