

GVK unanimously-elected EMRI chairman

Chairman of the GVK Group of Industries, G.V. Krishna Reddy, was on Tuesday, 26th May 2009, unanimously elected chairman of the Emergency Management Research Institute by its governing body.

A request from Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy, asking Mr. Reddy to help support the highly-successful '108' ambulances, was followed by a written communication by EMRI's governing board, requesting his participation and asking him to join the board.

After receiving Mr. Reddy's approval, the board then met and elected him chairman, also thanking him for his gesture to help. He said that his trust in team work would help the name of EMRI grow further. He would provide leadership, guidance and resources in this effort, he said.

Emergency Management and Research Institute

EMRI (Emergency Management and Research Institute) is a pioneer in Emergency Management Services in India. As a not - for - profit professional organization operating in the Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode, EMRI is the only professional Emergency Service Provider in India today.

EMRI handles medical, police and fire emergencies through the " 1-0-8 Emergency service". This is a free service delivered through state- of -art emergency call response centres and has over 1800 ambulances across Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Uttarakhand, Goa, Chennai, Rajasthan, Karnataka, Assam and Meghalaya. With the expansion of fleet and services set to spread across more states, EMRI will have more than 10000 ambulances covering over a billion population by 2010.

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