

## Media Release

### Kotak's Shanti Ekambaram takes the hot seat on COLORS Tamil's *Kodeeswari*

*Donates prize money to NGO Vidivekapatta Kottadimai Nala Sangham*

**Chennai, 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2020:** Shanti Ekambaram, President – Consumer Banking, Kotak Mahindra Bank (Kotak), participated in *Kodeeswari* - the world's first version of *Kaun Banega Crorepati* that exclusively features women. The show airs on COLORS Tamil every Monday to Friday at 8 p.m. Viewers can also watch it anytime on VOOT.

Shanti played for Kalpana – a former exploited labourer who is now a community leader rescuing exploited labourers through her NGO “*Vidivekapatta Kottadimai Nala Sangham*” (translation: Rescued Bonded Labourers Welfare Trust & Rehabilitation). Shanti answered 11 questions winning Rs 6.40 lakh prize money, which she donated to the NGO.



She shared some special and light-hearted moments with the show's host Radikaa Sarathkumar where she revealed that she is a diehard fan of Rajinikanth. She hummed a few lines of the Kishore Kumar classic song “*Ye Shaam Mastani*”, and recalled Rajinikanth’s iconic dialogue “*Na oru darava sonna noor darava sonna madri*”.

Shanti said, “I am thrilled to have taken the hot seat at *Kodeeswari* and be a part of the show that helps to fulfil the dreams of so many women. I was deeply moved and inspired on hearing Kalpana’s story and am glad that I was able to make a small contribution by raising funds for such a worthy cause.”

Catch the show featuring Shanti anytime on VOOT, if you missed its telecast on COLORS Tamil on Friday.

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