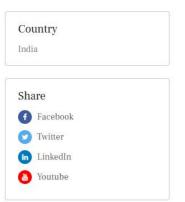
Orient Electric eyes smaller towns and rural areas for growth in fans business

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"We are seeing an uptick in demand from smaller cities and villages for our fans on the back of reverse migration, favourable monsoon and the government's fiscal stimulus measures. With increased buying power, India's rural consumers are becoming more aspirational, looking for branded and high-quality products. In order to take advantage of the rapidly growing opportunity in rural India and to achieve sustainable competitive advantage, we are working aggressively to ramp up our distribution network and make our fans available at most retail counters in Tier-3, Tier-4 and rural markets. We will continue to introduce new fans featuring advanced technologies and alluring designs catering to the rising aspirations of emerging rural Indian consumer," said Atul Jain, Executive Vice President, Orient Electric Limited. The new models Summer Breeze Pro and Rapid Air are high-speed, value for money fans which come with strong and durable motor, superior paint finish and stylish designs. These fans are available in different sweep sizes and colour options to suit different spaces and preferences.