New owners bringing 'spice' to Seneca's Days Inn

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SENECA — New owners say guests will notice spicier" rooms and a evamped breakfast bar t the Seneca Days Inn, ocated at 11015 N Radio tation Road.

The husband and wife eam of Mehul and Tejal atel took ownership of he hotel last fall.

"We saw a strong, stury structure with a great pace and gave it some oving care," Tejal said t the hotel's ribbon-cuting ceremony Tuesday. It didn't need much and as very clean. We just piced it up a bit."

Some of the things the atels have done to make he Days Inn "more familar while maintaining a udget," include "brightly triped" carpets, a deep unburnt orange accent all to match the new comforters splashed in shades of olive, burgundy and the thematic orange, new air conditioning units and heaters, and new microwaves.

New dressers were fashioned out of the old ones, as the old dressers were spliced in half to accommodate the new 42-inch TV screens in each guest room.

The couple also implemented more security.

"The monitors are very visible, as are the cameras," front desk supervisor Christi Hamilton said. "When guests come in to check in, they can see one of the monitors on the left side wall at the front desk. We want it to be obvious to everyone that there is high security here."

Cameras were installed all around the motel, and more screens are in the main office.

"I found it very important for working women that travel on business to feel safe while out of town," Tejal said. "It's important for everyone to be safe — women especially. I feel like need to know they are somewhere secure."

Renovations include a new office for the security monitors, a paint job for the pool and a workspace in the front lobby with a computer accessible to guests.

Also in the lobby is the new breakfast bar, where sweets are out, and cinnamon raisin bread, oatmeal with brown sugar, granola and raisins are in.

"They took the sweets out," Hamilton said. "I think that's great. We host the Clemson rowing team here often, and though they were hesitant about the oatmeal at first, they love it — especially since they get to add a variety of things to it now, like raisins or granola."

A waffle maker sits beside white and wheat breads sliced for toasting. Egg and cheese omelets are also available to guests dining in the inn.

Both drink options are new, as a juice machine was just recently installed and a Folgers coffee machine was added for caffeine-loving guests.

"We're new," Tejal told the crowd in attendance at the ribbon cutting. "We don't know many people, so thank you for coming out. We are just so excited to be here."

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Seneca's Days Inn staff, Oconee County Chamber of Commerce members and new owners Mehul and Tajel Patel smile at a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the hotel Tuesday.