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## PRESS RELEASE

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**THIRU Ma. SUBRAMANIAN, TAMIL NADU HEALTH MINISTER APPLAUDS SAINT-GOBAIN INDIA'S COVID RELIEF WORK; DEDICATES TO THE STATE, OXYGEN GENERATION PLANT AND INDIA'S FIRST '3D PRINTED' DOFFING UNITS DONATED BY SAINT-GOBAIN**

*- The oxygen generation plant costs INR 2.5 Cr and supports 200 beds*

*-India's first ever 3D printed Doffing unit is built in a record time of 19 days in Tamil Nadu -*

Chennai, India: **Thiru. Ma Subramanian, Hon'ble Health Minister of Tamil Nadu** inaugurated Oxygen generation plant (to support 200 beds) and a 3D printed Doffing Unit at Omandurar Medical College and Hospital in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. He also virtually inaugurated the 3D printed doffing unit installed in Government Headquarters Hospital, Kanchipuram, and also virtually laid the foundation stone for the doffing unit coming up in Government Medical College and Hospital, Thiruvallur. These were donated by Saint-Gobain as part of its CoVid relief support. The Health Minister highly praised Saint-Gobain India for stepping up and complementing the efforts of the Government during these unprecedented testing times.

**Saint-Gobain India's commitment to provide relief support in the state of Tamil Nadu:**

Saint-Gobain India is committed to protecting the lives of local communities and healthcare workers, which is aligned to the organisation's purpose of 'Making the World A better home'. The Oxygen plant for Government Medical College Hospital, Omandurar Chennai will cater around 200 beds at a time. This fully automated, state of the art plant costing INR 2.5 Crs has been airlifted from France with the support of the French Government and the French embassy in India. The company is also donating another plant, sourced locally from India costing INR 75 lakhs for IRT Hospital at Perundurai, Erode district.

**Unveil of India's first 3D printed doffing unit to support the frontline workers:**

Saint-Gobain India creates history by setting up nation's first 3D printed doffing unit in Tamil Nadu in association with TVASTA. The doffing unit will support frontline health workers more effectively in their self sanitization processes. It is equipped with a UV-C sterilisation box, automatic sanitiser, soap dispensers, washbasin, WC, provision for disposal of PPE kits, and a shower area. The walls of the doffing unit are printed to ensure they are thermally insulated to reduce the heat ingress. The doffing unit is spread across an area of 150 sq. ft. and is designed using advanced concrete 3D printing technology that saves time, energy, and cost. The advantage of 3D printed



construction technology is that it is prefabricated, sustainable with zero waste, utilizing lesser raw materials.

The company is committed to supporting the state of Tamil Nadu with COVID relief aid worth INR 4.5 Cr comprising of oxygen generation plants, oxygen concentrators, doffing units, PPE kits and other vital medical equipment and supplies.

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