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Boeing partners with Doctors for You, SELCO Foundation to set up covid-care centre in Bengaluru

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Boeing India with Doctors for You (DFY) and SELCO Foundation have established a 100 oxygenated bed facility at Karnataka State Power Corporation Ltd. (KSPCL), Yelahanka, to treat mild-to-moderate COVID-19 cases and support existing hospitals in the region. Boeing India has funded the facility, Doctors for You - is providing the necessary staff and care, SELCO Foundation has set up the pre-fabricated facility. KSPCL provided the land necessary to set up the hospital.

“It is commendable that corporates have joined hands with the government in the fight against COVID second wave. It’s indeed a great pleasure that Boeing India has partnered with SELCO Foundation and Doctors for You (DFY) to build a 100-bed oxygenated super-speciality Covid care facility at KSPCL, campus in Yelahanka,” Chief Minister of Karnataka, BS Yediyurappa said at the inauguration.

The hospital was built from the ground up in less than 20 days. Of the 100-oxygen beds, 10-beds are dedicated for ICU services and 20-beds for the High Dependency Units (HDU) ward. The hospital will also have areas for triage, donning and doffing, pharmacy, laboratory, rest areas, nurse stations and meeting rooms for medical staff. The DFY team will comprise specialist and generalist doctors, paramedics, and facility management staff. Boeing’s funding will also provide medical equipment, including CT scanners, ventilators, oxygen cylinders and concentrators, flow meters, and ambulances to the hospital.

“We sincerely thank Boeing India, SELCO Foundation and Doctors For You (DFY) for helping set up a 100-bed oxygenated facility in Yelahanka, Bengaluru. It is heartening to see private-public collaboration to augment health infrastructure in the state and create a positive impact on people in need,” DV Sadanand Gowda, Union Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers said.

Boeing’s contribution is part of its $10 million emergency assistance package announced in April to support India’s COVID-19 response.

The KPCL campus in Yelahanka was chosen because of its proximity to an already existing oxygen generation plant. The design and construction of the hospital have been done in an environmentally friendly manner - building materials were chosen to maximise thermal comfort for patients and hospital staff. Daylighting and solar power for night-time electricity requirements ensure reliability and efficiency.

“We are thankful to Boeing India, SELCO Foundation and Doctors For You (DFY) for establishing a 100-bed COVID Care oxygenated facility at Karnataka Power Corporation Limited. (KPCL) premises in Bengaluru. Thank you to all stakeholders for supporting the state in our efforts to fight the COVID-19 battle,” P Ravi Kumar, Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka said.

“Boeing stands in solidarity with India and wants to be a part of the solution in the fight against COVID. Our ongoing relief efforts in association with our partners, are aimed at reaching communities most impacted by the virus and includes providing medical supplies, emergency healthcare and setting up COVID-care hospitals for communities and families affected,” said Salil Gupte, President, Boeing India.