

Maxivision Super Specialty Eye Hospitals signs MoU with Tamil Nadu govt to set up eye hospitals

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Plans to invest Rs 400 crore in 4 years through project Velicham

Maxivision Super Speciality Eye Hospitals has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of Tamil Nadu to set up eye hospitals across the state under the project Velicham.

The MoU was signed in the presence of M. K. Stalin, Chief Minister, Tamil Nadu; Dr T.R.B. Rajaa, Minister for Industries, Tamil Nadu; Dr GSK Velu, Promoter & Chairman, Maxivision; and other dignitaries.

Cataract is the leading cause of blindness in Tamil Nadu, accounting for about 82 percent of all the cases among different causes. Glaucoma, Diabetic Retinopathy and other causes comprise six percent each as the causes of blindness as per the Tamil Nadu Rapid Assessment of Avoidable Blindness and Diabetic Retinopathy survey. With an objective to cater primary eye care to large underserved people, in deep rural pockets of the state, the government launched the project under the Public Private Partnership model with Maxivision Super Speciality Eye Hospitals.

Dr GSK Velu, Promoter and Chairman of Maxivision Super Speciality Eye Hospitals, said, "As an immediate plan of action, Maxivision plans to open 20 to 30 comprehensive eye hospitals and 100 plus vision centres to cater to the increasing needs for high quality, standardised eye care services across Tamil Nadu in the next two years. Through this MoU we will invest Rs 400 crore and employ over 2000 people in state of Tamil Nadu within the next three to four years."

Dr Shibu Varkey, Regional Medical Director of Maxivision Super Speciality Eye Hospitals said, "Maxivision will be launching its comprehensive state of the art eye hospitals across the state covering 12 cities viz Trichy, Salem, Tanjore, Perambalur, Kumbakonam, Erode, Madurai, Tuticorin, Tirunelveli, Nagercoil, Coimbatore, Chennai with 15 super specialty eye hospitals and 20 Vision centres in rural areas connected by tele ophthalmology in next 6 months."