

**High Commission of India  
Port of Spain**

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**PRESS RELEASE**

**US\$ 1 million 'Bringing High and Low Technology (HALT) in COVID' Project for Trinidad & Tobago**

The HALT project is an outcome of the India-CARICOM Summit held in New York on September 25, 2019 which was co-chaired by Prime Minister of India Mr Narendra Modi and CARICOM leaders. The project was announced by the Government of India during the pandemic time to extend support to the healthcare system of Trinidad & Tobago. The project commenced in September 2021 under the India-UNDP Fund by Pan American Health Organization (PAHO).

2. The project has four components:

- i) Supply of 8 (Eight) Mobile Healthcare Robots to enable medical professionals to remotely perform preliminary registration, evaluation, and communication with patients
- ii) Deployment of Telemedicine service to enable the professionals to serve the patients remotely
- iii) Supply of 55,000 washable face masks
- iv) Installation of 50 PWD (Persons with Disabilities) - accessible Hand Hygiene Stations

3. The telemedicine equipments were formally handed over to the Government of Trinidad & Tobago in 2022. The face masks have been distributed and the Hand Hygiene Stations have also been installed. Two Mobile Healthcare Robots have also been installed one at the Arima General Hospital and another at Scarborough Hospital in Tobago.

4. The remaining 6 Robots have been handed over in an official ceremony on August 17, 2024 at the Ministry of Health of Trinidad & Tobago in Port of Spain. The handing over was accomplished in the presence of H.E. Dr. Pradeep Singh Rajpurohit High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Trinidad & Tobago by PAHO to Hon'ble Terrance Dayal Singh, Minister of Health.

5. India and Trinidad & Tobago share warm and friendly relations based on deep-rooted people-to-people ties. India, over the years, has emerged as a leading country in the field of healthcare and a major destination of medical tourism with usage of advanced technologies, including artificial intelligence, in the field. This project is a testament to the growing development partnership between India and Trinidad & Tobago and is an excellent example of South-South Cooperation.

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