

Saint-Gobain, a French glass manufacturer, has started making low-carbon glass for India at its international glass complex close to Chennai.

Due in large part to two-thirds of its raw material being recycled, the company asserts that its new product has a carbon content that is 40% lower than conventional glass.

The Chennai facility of Saint-Gobain, with a daily capacity of 1,000 tonnes, can now be used to produce low-carbon glass.

"Our India business is nearly 12,000 crore for all Saint-Gobain products, and nearly 98 percent of the glass that we sell in India is made here," said AR Unnikrishnan, Managing Director (Glass Business) at Saint-Gobain India. He added that the market for low-carbon glass was a fledgling one given that Indian real estate doesn't use too many low-carbon products at present, its sustainability goals notwithstanding.

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