# COMBATING FIRE INCIDENTS SANTEJ

# Challenge

In textile factories, most of the materials - raw materials, semi-finished and finished goods are flammable. Even the processes are prone to instigate fire. It is therefore of utmost importance that fire prevention is well-implemented and in the unlikely event of fire, well-thought out protection is available.

### Intervention

A state-of-the-art fire protection system has been installed at our Santej facility. It includes equipment to actively detect fire and well-established systems to control a fire if it were to ever occur. Also part of the exercise was the rationalising of components to curb the spread of the fire and training the staff.

# Salient Points of the Fire Protection System

- Extra vigilance to manage fire triggers viz. phasing out loose electrical wire.
- · Strengthening access to firefighting equipment and reinforcement of mock drills
- Mutual aid with Vadsar Air Force Base to assist one another in the event of any emergency
- Conducting various fire awareness drive viz. fire demonstration and training
- Installation and revamping of fire hydrants systems as well as interconnection of fire hydrants systems
- · Segregation of materials incompatible with one another
- Implementation of permit to work system for hot work fire safety



## STEAM INERTISATION SYSTEM

Steam inertisation system has been installed at various processing machines at Santej facility to mitigate the spread of accidental fires. Extra steam lines measuring 1-inch in diameter have been grouped from the main steam lines so that even a layman can use them in the event of fire.

Earlier, the facility witnessed frequent fire incidences in the processing machines due to their temperature exceeding 150°C.

