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# COVID-19 BULLETIN

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COVID-19 continues to disrupt lives and livelihood. CII has been working on the policy advocacy front and providing relief and rehabilitation to the marginalised section of the society to cope up with the pandemic. Indian businesses are also helping the nation in this crisis.

This bulletin highlights CII policy recommendations, relief work by CII and industry, along with the COVID news and updates.

### CII Recommendations

**Extension of time limits of certain compliances to provide relief to taxpayers in view of the severe pandemic**

In the wake of the second wave of coronavirus pandemic in the country, further to the slew of deadline extensions announced earlier, and in line with CII representation in this respect, the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) extended the deadline for filing income tax returns and various other compliances for FY 2020-21.

Following are a few of the major extensions announced in the statutory deadlines:

1. For regular taxpayers, the due date of furnishing return of income for the Assessment Year 2021-22 has been extended to September 30 from July 31, 2021.
2. Audit Assesseees will have time till November 30 to file the income tax return. Earlier the date was October 31.
3. Due date of furnishing Tax Audit Report extended to October 31 from September 30.
4. Due date of filing belated/revised return of income extended to January 31, 2022, from December 31, 2021.
5. Due date of Transfer Pricing Study Report extended to November 30 from October 31.
6. Statement of Financial Transactions (SFT) due date extended to June 30, 2021, from May 31, 2021
7. Statement of Reportable Account - extended to June 30 from May 31
8. Tax Deducted at Source (TDS) Statement for the fourth quarter of FY 2020-21 extended to June 30. Earlier the last date of filing TDS was May 31.
9. The last date of issuing Form 16 has been extended by a month to July 15. It was June 15 earlier.

Such due date relaxations will reduce the compliance burden for industry members who have been struggling due to the corona crisis.

Income Tax Department further said that it would launch a new e-filing portal <http://incometax.gov.in> on June 7. The existing portal will be unavailable to taxpayers for six days, starting from June 1 to June 6. The new e-filing portal is aimed at providing taxpayer convenience and a modern, seamless experience to taxpayers. It is another step by CBDT to provide ease of compliance to its taxpayers & other stakeholders.

### Relief and Rehabilitation

A number of initiatives are being undertaken by CII, CII Foundation, and Young Indians (YI) to provide relief to those impacted by the second wave of Covid-19. These are focused around:

- **Procurement and deployment of medical equipment** such as oxygen cylinders, O2 concentrators, ventilators, etc. in hospitals across the country.
- **Healthcare infrastructure** support by setting up additional Covid Care Centres, expanding Covid-ICUs, setting up Tele-ICUs, operationalising Vaccination Centres, and installing oxygen pipelines.
- **Distribution of Relief Material** such as food and ration kits, hygiene kits such as masks, etc.

Some of the key initiatives include:

**Northern Region:**

- With support from Jhajjar Power Plant (CLP India), 20 oxygen concentrators and 100 oxygen cylinders were handed over to Red Cross Society headed by DC Jhajjar, Mr Jitendra Kumar. This has been facilitated by CII Foundation.
- CII Rajasthan facilitated more than 1000 oxygen cylinders to both Government as well as private hospitals.

In Punjab, around 24 CII Member companies together contributed Rs 6 Lac to the local District Administration of Amritsar for Covid-relief work.



**Southern Region:**

- In Chennai, CII and CII Foundation, with the support of Kistler Instruments Pvt Ltd, has reached out to 300 families in an extremely vulnerable situation and provided them with relief kits which also comprise sanitation material.
- To strengthen oxygen support facilities in Kerala, CII Kerala, with the help of the State and District National Health Mission is setting up an Oxygen Manifold system in 16 Government Hospitals. This is being supported by CII Kerala Members.

**Western Region:**

- Starcke Abrasive donated 250 litres of sanitizer (500 ml bottles) and 450 PPE Kits to the hospitals in Pimpri Chinchwad in Pune.

**Eastern Region:**

- In Chhattisgarh, 50,000 Zinc Tablets and 3,000 PPE Kits were donated to the district administration for use by Frontline Workers in Korba District by BALCO. CII facilitated this.
- In West Bengal, with CII's help, ITC provided 100 oxygen cylinders to the Government of West Bengal.
- In West Bengal, the Rashmi Group has distributed 350 food packets among underprivileged people.

**Young Indians (YI):**

- Recognising the urgent need for Ambulances, the Yi Kolkata Chapter has started a new initiative - Yi Sanjeevani. The Members raised funds and 3 Ambulances have been procured which have been donated to 3 different Covid-19 Hospitals. These are Fortis Hospital, RN Tagore Hospital, and ILS Hospital.
- Yi Jamshedpur Chapter conducted an online session on "Concerns about Covid affecting Children - Precautions and Care" with the renowned paediatrician, Dr R.K. Agarwal, MBBS, DCH, MD, Child Specialist & Neonatologist, Jamshedpur on Zoom platform.
- The Yi Trichy Chapter handed over the following material to the Superintendent of Police, Tanjore.
  - N95 masks: 200
  - 3-layer masks: 500
  - Sanitizer 500ml bottles: 50
  - Face shields: 100
  - Hand gloves: 100

Yi Trichy Chapter is also working with an NGO to provide food to COVID-19 patients who are in home isolation and has distributed 440 meal packets.

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### State Interventions

Policy Representations Submitted by States - 146  
 Queries Resolved - 240  
 Meetings - 129

**Regional Updates**

**CII Eastern and North Eastern region** have submitted recommendations like permission to operate factory for essential commodities, interstate permit for tea transportation, port operations such as container loading for export commitments, warehousing operations, among others. Yi Kolkata has launched Yi Sanjeevani initiative three ambulances with oxygen facility.

**CII Southern region** is focusing on vaccine campaigns in industrial clusters. 92000 employees have been vaccinated through CII vaccine drives in the region. It has resolved 70 industry queries and made 40 policy representations to the State Governments.

Click on the link below for more details:

[Eastern and North Eastern Region](#)  
[Southern Region](#)

### Updates, Notifications and Advisories

The below newsletters present a compilation of Central and State Government notifications and advisories.

[COVID-19 Updates, Notifications and Advisories, Issue No 26, 19 May](#)  
[COVID-19 Updates, Notifications and Advisories, Issue No 27, 20 May](#)

### Indian Industry's Initiatives

Indian Industry has been at the forefront of the COVID relief work in the country. From providing COVID care facilities to medical oxygen supply, its relief work has been helping India fight COVID-19.

Recently, CII member organisations- Total Oil India Limited, TVS Supply Chain Solutions Limited, PI Industries, Afcons Infrastructure, Yara Fertilisers India Private Limited, ACG and ACG Cares Foundation, Janaseva Foundation, The Tintplate Company of India Limited, Shri Bajrang Power & Ispat Ltd, and Griffins International School have carried out the relief work across the country. The organisations are helping establish COVID care facilities, providing oxygen equipment, food, sanitizers, among others.

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### Media

**CII to set up Covid hospital at Adlux Convention Centre**

The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) on Tuesday said it is setting up a 500-bed Covid hospital at Adlux Convention Centre, Angamaly, in an effort to work in tandem with state government and district administration to manage the widespread challenge of combating the pandemic that is plaguing the nation. [Read more](#)

**CM Stalin says oxygen allocation for TN hiked to 519 MT, urges firms to contribute generously**

Chief Minister MK Stalin on Wednesday said the oxygen allocation for Tamil Nadu has been hiked to 519 metric tonnes while the state government has given permission for production of 15 metric tonnes of oxygen through three plants. Through CII and Samsung, arrangements are being made to procure 500 oxygen cylinders. [Read more](#)

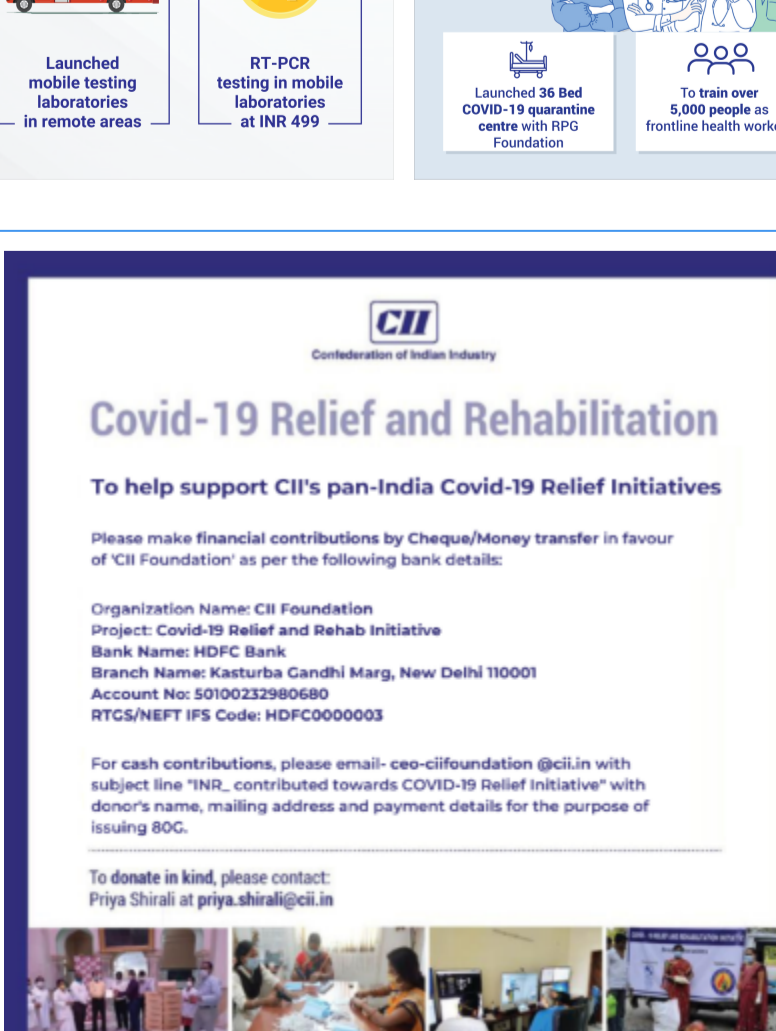
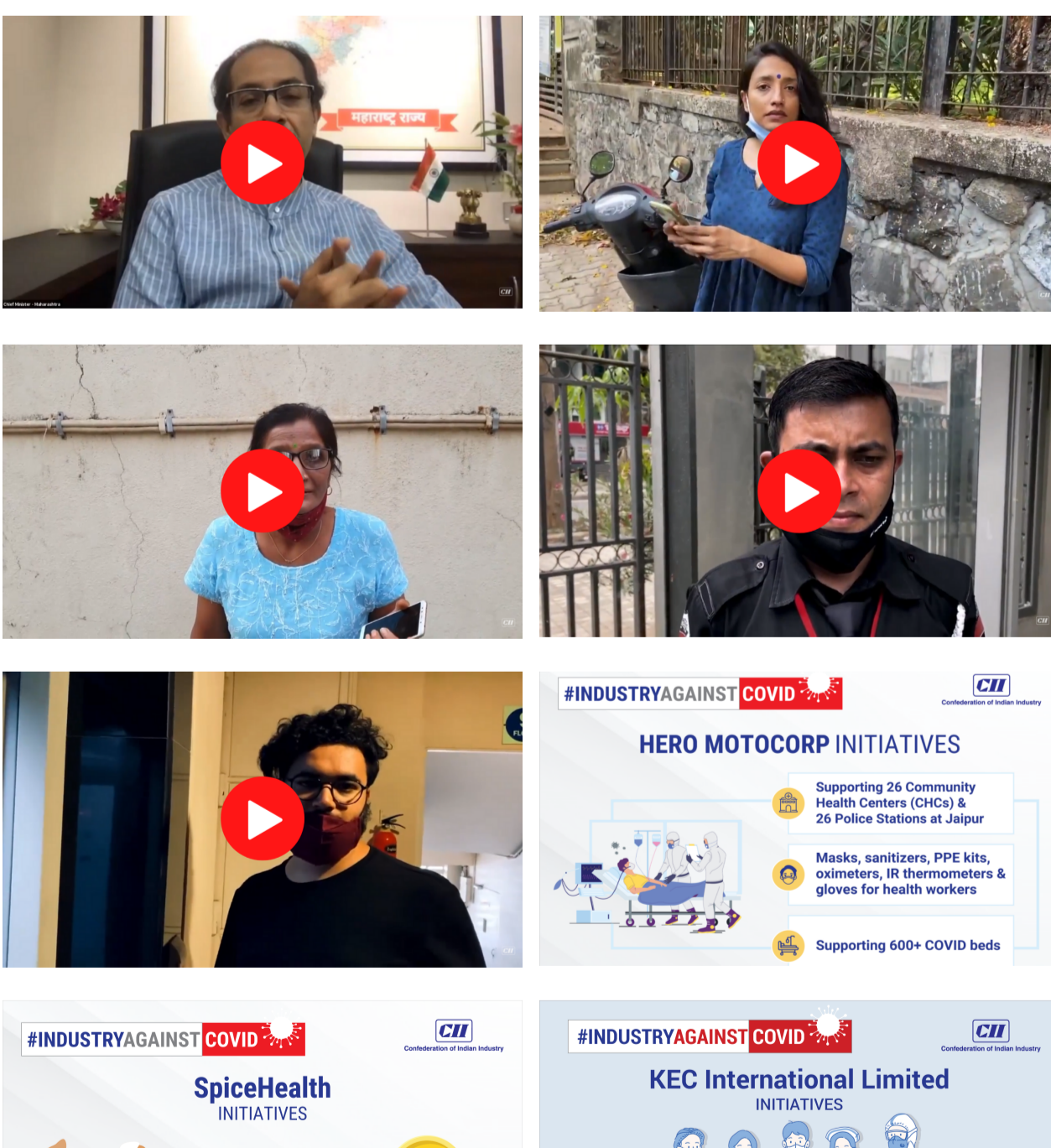
**Focus on welfare a welcome feature: CII**

The Andhra Pradesh chapter of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has hailed the annual State Budget for the financial year 2021-22 with an estimated expenditure of ₹2.29 lakh crore. [Read more](#)

**Visakhapatnam: CII donates 5,100 N-95 masks to railway frontline staff**

The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Andhra Pradesh, donated 5,100 N-95 masks to railway frontline staff of Waltair Division here. [Read more](#)

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