

As daily new COVID-19 infections touched new peaks, CII has proactively engaged across the country on multiple fronts, including policy inputs, supplies of critical care equipment, support to enterprises, and relief for distressed persons.

CII work on Oxygen Supply

With unprecedented rise in COVID-19 cases and acute shortage of medical oxygen pushing the hospitals in the country to the edge, the private sector has been stepping forward to keep the supply chain moving and augment the availability of medical oxygen in different parts of the country.

CII has formed a Task Force on Oxygen Supply Chain under the leadership of Mr Seshagiri Rao, JMD & Group CFO, JSW Steel, to work with Central and State Governments to augment oxygen supply by working on domestic capacity enhancement and imports; logistical issues between States including issues of transportation, non-availability of cylinders; policy-level interventions, and so on. The Task force comprises of producers/distributors like Linde India, JSW Steel Ltd, Tata Steel, Reliance Industries, and JSPL, manufacturers like Trident Pneumatics and Continental Cryogenics and logistics and transport providers Ashok Leyland and Lidadhar Pasoo. The recommendations of the task force have been shared with the government.

CII has mapped the international companies which could be approached for potential imports and have shared with government.

CII is working with auto industry body SIAM to ensure a mechanism for GPS based centralised tracking system for oxygen tankers which will help monitor the movement of oxygen tankers. SIAM is reviewing what more can / should be done to shorten the travel time of tankers and provide them all the necessary facilitation en route like repairs, tracking, hassle free movement across State - borders etc.

CII has also started the process of mapping oxygen demand / supply gap within states and sharing with Government which will aid the government in taking speedy decisions on allocation.

The private sector including the industrial majors like JSW Group, Tata Group, Reliance Industries Limited, Adani, ITC, and Jindal Steel and Power, to name a few, have come forward to help hospitals treating COVID-19 patients by supplying medical oxygen, cryogenic vessels, portable concentrators and generators. JSW is supplying 1000 MT/day, Tata Steel 600 MT/day, Reliance 700 MT/day, ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India is 220 MT/day and JSPL approx. 100 MT/day.

Regarding imports, CII has through its counterparts in several countries identified a large number of suppliers who are ready to supply to India and the lists are shared with Indian importers and Government.

Relief and Rehabilitation

CII Foundation has been working round the clock to ensure relief and rehabilitation activities against the second wave of COVID-19. The relief and rehabilitation interventions of CII include awareness building regarding the best hygiene practices, the importance of handwashing and social distancing, and distribution of Personal Protective Equipment and Hygiene kits.

- Some key activities include:
- Providing 2000 PPE kit to Civil Hospital Kalwan, Taluka – Nashik District
 - Support in additional makeshift COVID Hospital in Indore: 480 beds procured for 2000 bed makeshift hospital which is being led by The Indore Citizens Forum for COVID Response – ICFRC, under the guidance of Indore district administration.
 - Tele-ICU (a 24*7 remote ICU patient monitoring system aided by real time two ways audio-visuals and smart alerts) – Presently, it is operational in 2 Government hospitals in Manchar and Bhor, Pune District. There is a requirement to expand the support to 100 beds across Government hospitals in Pune and Nagpur.
 - 300 packs of cooked meal and sanitisation kit provided at Anand Vihar Bus Stand, New Delhi.
 - IEC materials to generate awareness on COVID Appropriate Behaviour and Covid Vaccination Information being disseminated across industry to further cascade it across their stakeholders. [Read more](#)

CII Recommendations Accepted by the Government

The Government of India announced that basic customs duty and health cess on oxygen and oxygen related equipment have been waived. In view of the critical shortage of medical oxygen in the country to treat COVID-19 patients, CII had been advocating to waive import duty on oxygen and related products.

Updates, Notifications and Advisories

In line with Prime Minister's direction of boosting availability of oxygen to hospitals, the PM CARES Fund has given in-principle approval for allocation of funds for installation of 551 dedicated Pressure Swing Adsorption (PSA) Medical Oxygen Generation Plants inside public health facilities in the country.

Basic customs duty & health cess has also been waived off on oxygen & oxygen related equipment and COVID-19 vaccines.

The documents below provide a compilation of central and state government notifications and advisories.

- [COVID-19 Updates, Notifications and Advisories: Issue No 3, 24 April](#)
- [COVID-19 Updates, Notifications and Advisories: Issue No 4, 25 April](#)
- [COVID-19 Updates, Notifications and Advisories: Issue No 5, 26 April](#)

State Interventions

Regional Updates

The CII Eastern and North Eastern Region held meetings with the government officials and departments across the region and also made representations concerning the issues raised by the industry.

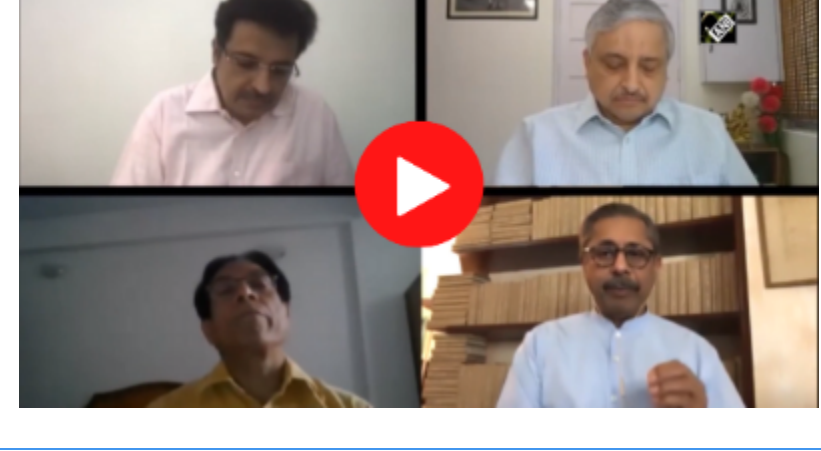
Under the aegis of CII Northern Region, interventions =taken up to combat COVID 2.0 include policy advocacy, information dissemination, COVID vaccination at members' premises, support to local administration/ healthcare authorities.

Click on the link below for more details:

- [Eastern and North Eastern Region](#)
- [Northern Region](#)

Media

Dr Randeep Guleria, Chairman, CII Public Health Council & Director, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) and Dr Naresh Trehan, Chairman, CII Healthcare Council, and Chaiiman & Managing Director, Medanta, address issues related to the second wave of COVID



How Can India Break Covid Chain? Top Doctors Respond



Delhi: Commuters waiting for buses at Anand Vihar provided free food packets



Karnataka Covid wrap: Government, CII to form task force to fight virus; state reports another highest single-day spike

The Government of Karnataka and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) have decided to form a Task Force to collaborate on the fight against COVID-19. [Read more](#)

Infosys, CII call centres to help home-isolated COVID-19 patients in Karnataka

COVID-19 patients under home isolation will be provided medical consultation with the help of BPO executives of IT major Infosys and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). [Read more](#)

CII helps vaccinate over 30,000 workers in Ludhiana, Jalandhar & other Pb cities

To spearhead the vaccination drive in Punjab, especially for industrial workforce and their families, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) organised a virtual interaction with Mr Sunil Kant Munjal, past President, CII and Mr Abhimanyu Munjal, Chairman, CII Northern Region. [Read more](#)

Social Media

COVID-19 UPDATE

COVID RELATED VACCINES TO BE EXEMPTED FROM BASIC CUSTOMS DUTY

#PSAforOxygenGenerationPlantsIndore #MaskUse #SocialDistancing

COVID-19 UPDATE

BASIC CUSTOMS DUTY & HEALTH CESS TO BE WAIVED OFF ON OXYGEN & OXYGEN RELATED EQUIPMENT

#SMSforCoronaSafety #Sanitization & Hand Washing #Mask Use #Social Distancing

COVID-19 UPDATE

SPENDING OF CSR FUNDS FOR SETTING UP MAKESHIFT HOSPITALS & TEMPORARY COVID CARE FACILITIES NOW ELIGIBLE AS CSR ACTIVITY

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