In view of the alarming rate of increase in COVID cases and fatalities, CII has suggested that the Central Government adopt maximal measures, with the singular objective of safeguarding lives, the utmost need of the hour.

The requirement for hospital beds and ICU beds, oxygen, and medicines will continue to escalate. Keeping in mind the mounting pressure on the healthcare system and in line with the motto 'no one is safe, unless everyone is safe', CII suggested that expert advice from India and abroad needs to be kept in mind. CII has also urged industry to voluntarily minimize all economic activity that requires physical presence of employees at the workplace.

## **CII Recommendations**

Against the above background, some urgent suggestions made by CII include: Deploy Armed Forces and central security forces for logistics, infrastructure and personnel.

Strengthen security at hospitals for medical personnel and protect people and property. Tap medical manpower sources such as retired medical personnel, doctors and nurses. Nursing and medical students who have finished GNM/BSC training and who are awaiting exams can be roped in and this can be counted for future requirements / credits after 1 year of COVID ICU work. Medical specialists, PG seat aspiring doctors and specialists not recognized by the Medical Council can be included with incentives for doing 1 year COVID ICU work. Read more

# **CII Recommendations Accepted**

Medical personnel: The Government has taken the decision to postpone NEET-PG

exams. It has also decided to deploy medical interns, final year MBBS students, and B.Sc / GNM qualified nurses for Covid-19 duties. This will boost availability of medical personnel to fight COVID-19. **Taxation:** In continuation to CII efforts to help resolve industry issues arising due to the

pandemic, CII had requested the Ministry of Finance for extension in the return filing dates for Financial Year 2019-20. Extension has been granted for two months, till 31st May, 2021.

### **Recommendations for Industry** CII **CII** CII requests industry to curtail all non-essential **CII Guidance for Industry** economic activity requiring physical presence of employees at the workplace for the next two weeks. This Minimise all economic activity that is necessary to break the chain of transmission. All responsible corporates should strive to protect their requires in-person presence at the employees and ensure that their employee balance shee work premises for the next two weeks. #cii4india CII CII **CII Guidance for Industry CII Guidance for Industry** Make all employees aware of personal prevention strategies and the important 1. Make testing available for employees whose presence at the workplace is necessary for critical operations. staying at home. Educate employees on self-monitoring and identifying early signs of the infection. Alert employees on the do's and don'ts for 2. Make quarantining facilities available for infected employees. CII CII **CII Guidance for Industry CII Guidance for Industry** Review all critical operations and re-design the workflow to minimise physical presence of **Carry out awareness drives in communities** around through panchayats. Ramp up vaccination of employees. As vaccine availability improves, extend vaccination drives to neighbouring Ensure strict observance of all COVID appropriate safety protocols for the essential employees at the workplace.

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### The CII Eastern and North Eastern Region has made various representations regarding

unrestricted and easy movement of staff, smoothening the manufacturing and supply chain of Food and FMCG companies, among others. The Yi Siliguri COVID-19 Task Force has launched the first city specific COVID-19 Web Based App (https://covidslg.glideapp.io/). The region is also providing free ambulance service and oxygen to the needy in the local areas. Under the aegis of CII Southern Region, a total of 15 policy representations were accepted by the State Governments. Over 30 queries received have been resolved and

over 24 CEO interactions were held during this time. Focus has been on vaccine campaigns in industrial clusters. 80,000 employees have been vaccinated through CII vaccination drive. The region held several interactions with

the State Government and was actively engaged in various COVID related work and information dissemination, amongst others. Cll Western Region has been working actively to provide relief and assistance to the district communities, government hospitals, municipal corporations, police department

and railways, in addition to the vulnerable sections of the society, including migrant workers and underprivileged individuals. It has so far donated 15.14 lakh meals, 1 lakh RT-PCR testing kits, 1,765 ventilators, among others. Click on the link below for more details: Eastern and North Eastern Region

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BREAK THE CHAIN OF CONTAGION: UDAY KOTAK



## 'Safeguarding lives is the highest collective national priority' SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

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nies to take 'voluntary measures' to break the COVID transmission chain by minimising all activity that requires in-person presence at the work premises for the next two weeks. Auto makers including Maruti Suzuki, Hero Moto-Corp, JCB India and Honda Motorcycles and Scooters India have taken the lead by halting production temporarily or advancing mainte-CII calls for stringent curbs

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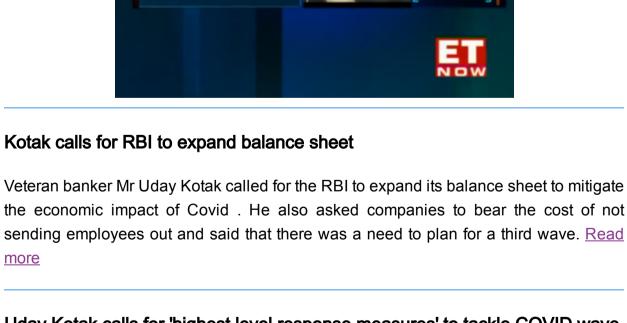
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control the rising coronavirus cases. Read more

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to stop the second wave of coronavirus in the country. Read more

CII urges industry to cut activity requiring physical presence of employees presence Industry body CII asked companies to cut all non-essential economic activities that require the physical presence of employees at the workplace for the next two weeks to

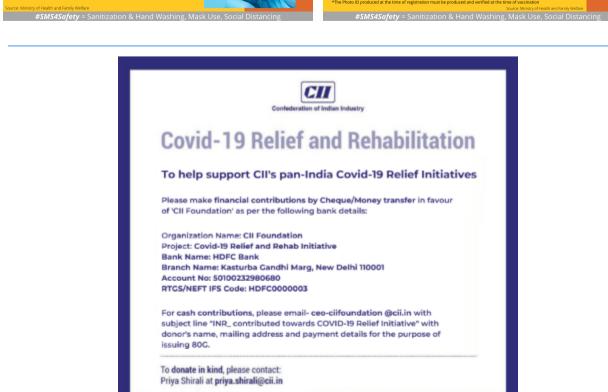
Mr Uday Kotak has urged authorities to consider the "highest level response measures"

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