Confederation of Indian Industry and member organisations are working round the clock to preserve lives and livelihoods.

One, the same methodology may be used in Phase-3 as in earlier phases of the program, via the Central Government distribution channels including for smaller towns

be used to provide vaccines to non-state entities that are eligible for providing vaccination. **Two**, the procurement price of vaccines for central and state governments may be fixed at the same amount. For non government entities, there could be a differential price as deemed appropriate by the Government.

determined formula which could be based on suggestions by experts. **Four**, the Central Government's involvement in distribution of the vaccines to all age groups would make the process equitable and inclusive for all adults as well. This

Five, as CoWIN app may not be available to all, walk-in registrations for all adults should be permitted. Six, a direct approach by various entities to vaccine manufacturers may lead to concentration of supplies with a few vaccinating agencies. The mode of supplying

doses through the administration would ensure that all healthcare providers are able to access the vaccines in all parts of the country. All entities, including private healthcare providers, could make their requirements known to the district authorities and collect the

Seven, the Government may like to put a cap on the administrative fee that a healthcare provider can charge from the beneficiaries per shot of the vaccine. **Captive Oxygen Generating Plants** To deal with future oxygen requirements, CII suggests that all the hospitals in the country having more than 100 beds should be mandated to have captive oxygen

(VSA) within their premises. It is also suggested that these plants should not be part of the FAR and should have deemed Government approvals, if any. CII submitted the

While the Government is formulating various schemes at Centre and State level to

one-year salary, education of children till a particular age, etc. CII requested the Revenue Secretary to consider allowing these amounts of compensation, announced and dispensed, by the corporates as expenses allowable as deduction from income earned from business and profession u/s 36 of the Income Tax Act (as in the case of Insurance premium paid, contribution to Provident Funds, Bonus and Commission paid to the employees).

Since the submission, it is announced that Sichuan Airlines would resume cargo flights from 12 May. **API monitoring Cell**

To supplement the Government's ongoing vaccination efforts, CII has undertaken an initiative on 'Project Vaccine Nation'. The Project envisages mapping the vaccine requirements of CII Member companies for their employees and their families. Through

association with CII member organisations.

for more information.

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aggregate.

As on date, CII has received demand from 1062 small, medium and large companies from 170 plus cities across the country for approximately 36 lakhs of single vaccine doses. Of this, companies have identified demand of 36% for employees, 47% for family members of the employees, and 17% is for community outreach efforts. CII is in touch with the two vaccine manufacturers in the country, Serum Institute of India and Bharat Biotech International Limited, to ascertain the possibility of purchase of

lives and livelihoods are both preserved. **Relief Measures** Under the aegis of CII Foundation, all the Regional Offices and State Offices of CII

came together to address the needs of people. COVID relief initiatives including providing oxygen, assisting with hospitalization and other crucial medical needs of patients, distribution of kits, masks and sanitizers, food distribution were taken up, in

In addition to this, Young Indians launched websites/ apps for COVID relief purpose, some of which include - https://blrforhumanity.com/, www.jamshedpurfightscovid.in, https://navigatingthepandemic.com, http://www.yibhubaneswar.com/yicares/. Click here

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Notifications & Advisories

State Interventions

Policy Representations Submitted by States – **128** Queries Resolved – 146 Meetings Held – **93**

Regional Updates CII Eastern Region and North Eastern Region made representations to State

Governments of Chhattisgarh and Manipur and raised the concerns faced by the

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Young Indians, Kolkata Initiative Yi Kolkata has prepared Yi Kolkata COVID Guide - Navigating the Pandemic 2021. It provides verified and regularly updated data which has become a one stop shop for all COVID related requirements. Please visit http://www.navigatingthepandemic.com.

COVID-19 ER Newsletter-6 May 2021 Indian Industry's Initiatives

Indian Hotels has converted 1,000 hotel rooms to quarantine facilities in Mumbai, Bangalore, Delhi, Hyderabad, Pune, Indore, Guwahati, Chennai and Pantnagar. Another 500 rooms in Mumbai, Bangalore, Delhi, Ahmedabad, Lucknow and Faridabad are expected to be added shortly.

oxygen plants in Government hospitals in Aurangabad and Parbani in Maharashtra, Sikar in Rajasthan and Udham Singh Nagar in Uttarakhand. It has also supported a collaborative initiative by the Pune Platform for Covid-19 Response (PPCR) to airlift 4,000 oxygen concentrators, 250 bi-level positive airway pressure (BiPAP) machines and other essential medical supplies from Singapore. ITC

The Bajaj Group has supported installation of 4 oxygen plants in rural hospitals in Pune District, providing more than 200 oxygen beds. It has provided support for setting up

Further, ITC has the started the process of importing oxygen concentrators and generators. **JSW Steel** The company has provided 20,000 MT of medical oxygen from 3 plants to 8 different states in April. It has also started a 100-bedded facility at Jindal Sanjeevani Hospital Vijayanagar with plans to ramp-up to 150 beds. Another 200 bedded Jumbo COVID

JSW has also set up isolation facilities in Maharashtra. 70 bedded isolation center is operational at Salav- Murud. Another 190-bedded isolation center is operational at Dolvi- Raigad and additional capacity of 400 beds is in progress. Pipeline supply of Medical oxygen to Jumbo Covid Center Dolvi and JSW Sanjeevani Hospital is being

The company is collaborating with Government of India and multiple Indian corporates to ease the medical oxygen shortages. It has imported 50 ISO containers. Its tankers are onboard the 'Oxygen Express' ferrying medical oxygen from the oxygen producing

It has taken multiple actions at its 30 plants (Air Separation Units and manufacturing plants) with a combined capacity of approximately 2000+ metric tonnes per day, to

care center has been started at Vijayanagar with plans to ramp-up to 1200 beds.

laid and target date of completion is 8th May 2021.

locations to the severely affected states.

enhance production by upto 20%.

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In total, the airline has transported 4,142 oxygen concentrators -- weighing about 72,461 kg -- within India or from outside India. Vedanta Vedanta's Sesa Goa iron ore business has started supply of 3 tonnes of liquid medical oxygen (LMO) on a daily basis to hospitals in Goa. The liquid medical oxygen is being generated at Vedanta value added business at Amona and will be delivered to Goa

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T. V. NARENDRAN, CEO & MD, TATA STEEL

cylinders for liquid oxygen,

personal oxygen concentrators for home treatment and PSA

and VSA containers for hospi-

In a national healthcare emergency of such magnitude, it is critical to take all possible measures at the earliest. The industry can help in multiple ways THE INDUSTRY AND MEASURES TO SAVE LIVES, LIVELIHOODS

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a crisis of epic proportions. With several new mutant vari-

Confederation of Indian Industry **Covid-19 Relief and Rehabilitation** To help support CII's pan-India Covid-19 Relief Initiatives

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and villages. This would make the program more inclusive. The same channels could

would help States which may not have the fiscal capacity to vaccinate from their side and enable all States to progress on vaccination. The Government may also like to consider vaccination of this age group for weaker sections of society from its own side.

generation plants viz. Pressure Swing Absorption (PSA) / Vacuum Swing Absorption

sector during the pandemic.

a nationwide survey, CII requested Member companies to advise their requirements in terms of specific number of doses.

vaccine doses as per the requirements mapped through the survey, by healthcare providers in the 170 plus cities. This vaccination project, largely aimed at the economic agents of the country, would help the enterprises to revert to their usual scale of operations at the earliest so that

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Oxygen Concentrators are being procured through contributions from members / friends / family for distributing to people in distress in order to help them use it for a few days. Yi has already procured one concentrator and placed orders for more. Click on the link below for more details:

The Tata group is engaged in ramping up production and transportation capacity for medical oxygen. 14 cryogenic containers for oxygen have been imported and put into circulation and another 40 are being arranged. Tata Steel is supplying 800 tons of liquid medical oxygen per day. Tata Advanced Systems will be manufacturing 300 plus

Medical Oxygen Plants of 1,000 LPM capacity based on a DRDO design. In addition, Tata Sons have ordered 9250 Oxygen Concentrators for distribution from suppliers globally. 28 Oxygen Enrichment Units of varying capacity have also been ordered to be

at its refinery-cum-petrochemical complex in Jamnagar and other facilities. This is over 11% of India's total production and has helped more than 15 lakh patients over the last month. Reliance has organised the airlifting of 24 ISO containers from Saudi Arabia, Germany, Belgium, The Netherlands and Thailand, adding 500 MT of transportation capacity for liquid oxygen. More ISO containers are in the process of being airlifted. Reliance Foundation has contributed 875 COVID beds in Mumbai. Sir HN Reliance Foundation Hospital will manage a dedicated 650-bed COVID care facility at National Sports Club of India, Mumbai. In addition, 100 new ICU beds are being created and

another 100 beds are being set up at Trident Hotel, BKC, for asymptomatic patients. ICU bed capacity at Seven Hills Hospital is being augmented to a total of 125 beds including 45 ICU beds. All COVID patients at NSCI and Seven Hills Hospital are being treated

ITC is airlifting 24 cryogenic ISO containers of 20 tons each in collaboration with Linde India from Asian countries to ease the bottlenecks in transporting oxygen. ITC's Paperboards unit in Bhadrachalam, Telangana has commenced supply of oxygen to identified Government hospitals in the state. The company is helping augment healthcare capacities and is facilitating the setting up of 3 facilities with 600 beds.

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clear focus on protecting lives and livelihoods. CII welcomes the support to indiviual and MSME borrowers and ease of banking through digital means. The steps taken to expand the RBI balance sheet are needed and welcome. " **Uday Kotak** President, CII

With several new mutant variants and a resurgence of infections, the second wave of the Covid-19 pandemic continues to spread at a rapid pace, affecting lives, livelihoods and the economy.

With a national healthcare emergency of such magnitude, it is critical to take all possible measures at the earliest to arrest further spread of the crisis. A disaster response strategy with impactful measures in collaboration with all stakeholders can be developed, with and VSA containers for hospitals. Military oxygen generators, which are lightweight, modular and can be used for about 50 bedded hospitals, can also be imported. The industry is being encouraged to use their CSR funds in creating this pool.

For expanding domestic manufacturing, 20 leading manufacturers could be identified and provided support for importing some of the required components to reduce set-up time to about eight weeks.

The CII has formed a task force to work with Central and dal transport.

The requirements of health-care workers must be ramped up to address the magnitude of the crisis we are faced with. Medical manpower such as retired medical personnel, doctors and nurses may be requested to join in the effort. Nursing and medical students who have finished GNM/BSC training and are awaiting exams can be roped in. Medical specialists, PG seat aspiring doctors and specialists can be included. NRIs working abroad as doctors and nurses can be encourthe distribution of vaccination supplies to states according to well-defined criteria. As per experts, population size, exposure and vulnerability can be mapped to supply specific required quantities to the states. There is a need to scale up RT-PCR testing to double the current daily numbers both in urban and rural India. The requirements for testing kits can be met through imports or ramping up domestic manufacturing, including Rapid Antigen Self Testing Kits for use at home. Also, vacant educafor medical personnel and pro made known to the industry for helping reach resources to the holders can be developed, with a strong focus on saving lives and livelihoods. The industry tors and nurses can be encouraged to come back for a national cause for a brief period and also be available for digital at home. Also, vacant educaneedy geographies as the wave force to work with Central and can be a powerful player in this tional institution premises or moves across the country. There is a need to strengthen strategy in multiple ways. The CII has provided inputs to the government on various dimensions of the response measures, including supply of critical care requirements, vaccinations and strengthening medical manpower resources.

To address the shortage of oxygen availability, we suggest direct vessels be used to import liquid oxygen and unloaded fast for the containers to reach strategy in multiple ways. The state governments to raise oxyother unused areas can be used gen supply through capacity enhancement and imports. Tata group, Reliance Industries Ltd., JSW Group, Adani group, ITC Ltd., and Jindal Steel and Power Ltd., amongst others, are helping hospitals with emergency medical supplies. The industry is diverting its industrial oxygen production to manufacture medical oxygen. The challenge is the lack of appropriate containers to transport the gas, which is a hazardous material. Making transport gen supply through capacity for creating community testing logistics to reach supplies to the affected districts. Transfacilities at scale.

On the logistics and infrastructure front, the CII has suggested the deployment of the Armed Forces and central security personnel for temporary medical facilities, logistics, infrastructure and personnel. The government has now given emergency powers to the Armed Forces for setting up such facilities. The CII has formed a task force to work with governments to raise oxygen supply through capacity enhancement and imports. The industry is now manufacturing medical oxygen. fast for the containers to reach key destinations. Support The challenge is the lack of appropriate such facilities. It is important that the healthequipment needs to be import-ed including ISO containers, CII **Spread Awareness**

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ries is critical using multi-mo-

dal transport.

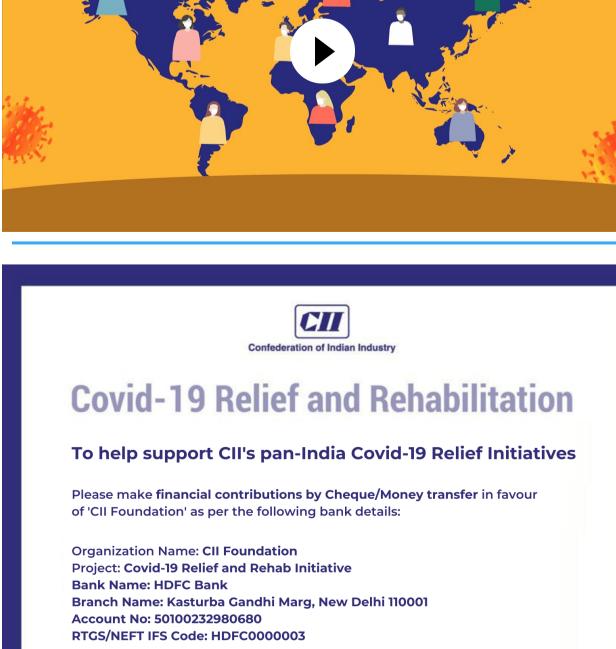
Vaccination and testing are

yet another top priority for the country. The CII recommends

the distribution of vaccination

duty at great personal risk to take the crisis head on, feel pro-

tected. There is a need to



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As India battles to contain the second COVID tidal wave washing over the country, the **CII Recommendations**

Vaccine Distribution CII submitted recommendations on vaccine distribution plan for Phase-3.

Three, a predictable and equitable supply for all districts may be prioritized as per a pre-

doses as allocated.

recommendation to NITI Aayog. Aid Provided for Families of Deceased Employees

provide economic assistance to the affected families, the industry leaders also want to compensate the kith and kin of the deceased employees through considered grants like

Regularization of Cargo Flights CII wrote to Secretary, Department of Pharmaceuticals, to request China to regularize cargo flights carrying APIs & KSMs to India and clear the bottlenecks in the import of raw materials and restore the supply chain of medical needs of the country. Alternatively, it could be arranged for Indian cargo to lift the medical supplies.

CII also requested to set up an API monitoring cell for prices of bulk drugs as price fluctuations in API are leading to steep upsurge in input costs, adversely affecting the

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The Government has also permitted industry members to undertake vaccination on their premises provided there are more than 100 beneficiaries and also placed the spending on this for non-employee beneficiaries under the CSR rules. CII has therefore requested Member companies which wish to expand their vaccination drive to external members of the community to advise their requirements which is being further added to the

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To address the plasma shortage, Yi Kolkata has taken Plasma Donation Drive requesting all to donate blood at workplace. https://navigatingthepandemic.com/%20plasma

Tata Group The Sardar Patel COVID Care Centre and Hospital at Delhi, with 1000 beds and 250 ICU beds, built in a record time of 11 days, is a collaboration between Tata Sons, DRDO and the Indian Air Force. Tata Trusts will now be setting up a 1,200-bed hospital for COVID patients in Gandhinagar.

Reliance Industries is producing over 1000 MT of medical grade liquid oxygen per day

It has converted most of its Liquid Argon and Liquid Nitrogen tankers to tankers that can carry Liquid Oxygen. The company has added huge capacity storage tanks in some of its locations to hold safety stocks and improve reliability including 100,000 Lt. tank in Vizag, and 60,000 Lt. tank in Faridabad. Indigo IndiGo has airlifted 2,717 oxygen concentrators from Thailand, China, Qatar, Hong Kong and Singapore to India amid the COVID-19 pandemic's second wave in the country, the airline said on Wednesday.

Medical College (GMC) oxygen storage reservoirs, the company said in a statement.

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The RBI Governor has taken the financial

sector battle against COVID 2.0 head on with a

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