



# COVID-19

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In the present COVID 19 crisis, CII Northern Region is extending all possible support to its stakeholders – government, industry and the society.

### AT A GLANCE

Issues resolved  
(related to lockdown)

352+

6,00,000+

Food packets  
distributed during  
lockdown

Masks / sanitizers  
etc distributed  
during lockdown

9,60,000+

1,44,000+

Ration kits  
distributed during  
lockdown

### I. POLICY ADVOCACY

#### Issues received and resolved

Following state-wise issues received from CII members during the lockdown period along with their status as on date:

S.No.	State / UT	Issues Received (in nos.)	Issues Resolved (in nos.)	Outstanding Issues (in nos.)
1	Chandigarh	13	11	2
2	Delhi	15	12	3
3	Haryana	134	111	23
4	Himachal Pradesh	27	23	4
5	J&K and Ladakh	19	15	4
6	Punjab	21	17	4
7	Rajasthan	123	98	25
8	Uttarakhand	47	42	5
9	Uttar Pradesh	30	24	6
	<b>Total</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>76</b>

## II. MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS OF THE DAY

### Lower Rate of EPF Subscription 10 Per Cent With EPFO Notified Placing Higher Liquidity in the Hands of Employees and Employers During COVID -19 Pandemic

Various measures have been announced from time to time to provide relief to the employers and employees of the establishments covered under the EPF & MP Act, 1952 distressed by Lockdown to prevent spread of COVID-19 and other disruptions due to Pandemic. The reduction in statutory rate of contributions from 12 per cent to 10 per cent for wage months May, 2020, June, 2020 and July, 2020 for all class of establishments covered under the EPF & MP Act, 1952 announced on 13.05.2020 by the Central Govt. as part of Atma-Nirbhar Bharat package has been notified vide SO 1513 (E) dated 18.05.2020 published in the Gazette of India. The notification is

available under the TAB- COVID-19 on the home page of EPFO website. The above reduction of rate of contribution is not applicable to establishments like Central and State Public Sector enterprises or any other establishment owned or controlled by or under control of the Central Govt. or State Govt. These establishments shall continue to contribute 12 per cent of basic wages and dearness allowances. The reduced rate is also not applicable for PMGKY beneficiaries, since the entire employees EPF contributions (12 per cent of wages) and employers' EPF & EPS contribution (12 per cent of wages), totaling 24 per cent of the monthly wages is being contributed by the Central Govt.

### India Has About 0.2 Deaths/Lakh Population Compared to Approx. 4.1 Deaths/Lakh for the World; so far, More Than 24 Lakh Samples Have Been Tested

So far, a total of 39,174 patients have been cured of COVID-19. This means a recovery rate of 38.73 per cent amongst COVID-19 patients. The recovery rate is improving continuously. India currently has 58,802 active cases. These are all under active medical supervision. Of the active cases, only approx. 2.9 per cent of the cases are in ICU. In terms of case mortality per lakh population, India has so far about 0.2 deaths per lakh population vis-a-vis approx. 4.1 deaths per lakh population for the world as a whole. So far a total of 24,25,742 samples have been tested. From one laboratory conducting COVID-19 test in January, India has very rapidly increased its testing capacity by adding over 385 government laboratories and 158 private laboratories for testing

in the country. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has issued revised testing guidelines for COVID-19. In addition to earlier criteria, the testing strategy has been widened to include frontline workers involved in containment and mitigation of COVID-19, all hospitalized patients who develop ILI symptoms and all symptomatic ILI among returnees and migrants within 7 days of illness. It has issued guidelines on preventive measures to contain spread of COVID-19 in workplace settings to deal if suspect or confirmed case of COVID-19 is detected in these settings. The Ministry has also issued guidelines for Dental Professionals in COVID-19 pandemic situation as the Dentists, auxiliaries as well as patients are at high risk of cross-infection.

### Proactive Coordination Among States and Railways Essential to Run More Trains for Smooth Transport of Migrant Workers; District Authorities Must Give Their Requirements to Railways

In a communication to the States, Union Ministry of Home Affairs has noted that fear of COVID-19 infection and apprehension of loss of livelihood are the main driving factors for the movement of stranded workers towards their homes. In order to mitigate the distress of migrant workers, the communication stresses on a number of measures that may be taken by the state governments,

pro-actively in coordination with the Centre. These include Run more Buses, ensure their Smooth Transition across States and inter-State borders; Create en-route Rest Places with basic amenities for people on foot, till they are guided to bus/rail stations; Dispel rumours, give clarity on train/bus departures: MHA to States

### Standard Operating Protocol (SOP) on Movement of Stranded Workers by Trains

In continuation of the revised consolidated guidelines on lockdown measures dt. 17.05.2020, Ministry of Home Affairs

(MHA) has issued revised Standard Operating Protocol (SOP) on movement of stranded workers by trains.

### As Advised by Hon'ble Union HRD Minister, NTA Gives One Last Opportunity for Submission of Online Application Form for JEE (Main) 2020

In view of the Representations received from various Indian students who were scheduled to join colleges abroad but are now keen to pursue their studies in the country due to the changed circumstances arising out of COVID -19, and would thus like to appear in the JEE (Main) 2020, Hon'ble Union HRD Minister, Shri

Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' advised NTA to give one last opportunity to fill the form of JEE (Main) 2020. This is also applicable to other students who have not been able to complete the application process or submit online Application Form for JEE (Main) 2020 due to one reason or another.

### MoHUA Announces Results of Star Rating of Garbage Free Cities

Shri Hardeep S, Puri, Hon'ble Union Minister of State (I/C) for Housing and Urban Affairs, has informed that for the assessment year 2019-2020, a total of six cities have been certified as 5-Star (Ambikapur, Rajkot, Surat, Mysuru, Indore and Navi Mumbai), 65 cities as 3-Star and 70 cities as 1-Star. While announcing the results of the Star Rating of Garbage Free Cities, here today, Shri Puri also launched the revised protocol for the Star Rating of Garbage Free Cities at the event. The Star Rating Protocol was

launched by the Ministry in January 2018 to institutionalize a mechanism for cities to achieve Garbage Free status, and to motivate cities to achieve higher degrees of cleanliness. Shri Durga Shanker Mishra, Secretary, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs and senior officials of the Ministry were also present.

From Northern Region, Chandigarh, New Delhi (NDMC), Karnal (Haryana) and Nawanshahr (Punjab) featured as 3-star certified cities.

### III. SNIPPETS FROM NORTHERN REGION STATES/UTs

#### PUNJAB

- **Punjab Leads India With 78 Per Cent Recovery Rate of COVID-19 Patients: Shri Balbir Singh Sidhu, Hon'ble Health Minister**

With the tireless efforts made by the State Government, Punjab became the leading state in India to battle Corona virus by achieving 78 per cent recovery rate of COVID-19 patients. Giving details in press communiqué, Shri Balbir Singh Sidhu, Hon'ble Health Minister said that Punjab Government is well prepared to battle the Corona virus pandemic under which 1,57,13,789 persons have been screened by teams of Health department in the month of April, 2020. Out of this, 9,593 were found to have symptoms and referred for further management and sampling. He said that there have been 1980 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the state so far and 52,955 persons have been tested out of which 48,813 are found negative. He said that out of 1980 COVID-19 patients, 1557 cases were cured which is among highest recovery rate in India.

- **Time Line to Pay Outstanding House Tax or Property Tax Extended by 30 June 2020: Shri Brahm Mohindra, Hon'ble Local Bodies Minister, Punjab**

The Punjab Government keeping in mind the hardships being faced by the citizen of the state in the face of global spread of pandemic COVID-19, has decided to extend the deadline to pay the outstanding house tax or property tax without any penalty till 30 June, 2020. Likewise the time limit of One Time Settlement Policy for recovery of arrears of Water and Sewerage charges in the Urban Local Bodies of the State has also been extended up to 30 June 2020. It was disclosed by Shri Brahm Mohindra, Hon'ble Local Bodies Minister, Punjab. The Hon'ble Minister said that the Punjab Government has taken this decision to provide relief to the citizen of the state who are presently leading from the front in this war against coronavirus. He said that as per the new policy, the persons, who failed to deposit the house tax or the property tax as the

case may be, levied under the Act, may now deposit the principal amount in lump-sum with the rebate at the rate of ten percent of the amount by uptill 30 June, 2020.

- **Punjab to Chalk Out Comprehensive Plan for Milk Consumption and Conducive Atmosphere for Milk Producers: Shri Tript Bajwa, Hon'ble Dairy Development and Fisheries Minister, Punjab**

Taking a futuristic step to manage the increase of milk production in a month of October, the Punjab Government has chalked out a comprehensive plan to provide pure milk to consumers and ensure remunerative price of milk for dairy farmers and proper marketing. During a high level meeting, chaired by Shri Tript Bajwa, Hon'ble Dairy Development & Fisheries Minister, Punjab, it was decided that milk powder should be a part of mid-day meal for school children and it should also included in the commodities being distributed through Public Distribution System. Shri Bajwa directed the officials to take up the matter with concerned departments. Notably, if this decision comes into practice then the milk powder stock would be cleared and Milkfed would be able to purchase the milk at remunerative prices for the farmers.

An official spokesperson of the Punjab Government said that the Minister instructed the representatives of the Farmers Commission, Milkfed and Dairy Development Board to chalk out a comprehensive plan to make Milkfed financially sustainable. He also asked them to come out with a proposal so that Milkfed could handle the increased the Milk production during the Month of October. He said that to provide financial assistance to the Milkfed all these proposals would be disused with the finance department.

Presenting his views during the meeting, Mr. Kamaldeep Singh Sangha, Managing Director, Milkfed said that a lump sum assistance of Rs. 400 crore to Milkfed can bring the milk producers out of the current crisis.

#### HARYANA

- **Haryana: Containment Area Curbs To Stay, Rest Will Be Orange Zones**

As Lockdown 4.0 began Monday, Haryana Government decided to add more relaxations to the list of those already introduced during the Lockdown 3.0. Shri Manohar Lal Khattar Hon'ble CM announced that "restrictions in containment zones will continue, while the remaining areas will be considered as orange zones". From Tuesday morning, salons, all markets and shops (except for shopping malls, multiplexes) will be allowed to resume their operations. Dine-in facility will not be allowed in the restaurants, but they can open for home-delivery.

Cab services, auto rickshaws with restrictions of a driver plus two passengers have also been allowed. However, these cabs and auto rickshaws will not be allowed inter-district movement and also not in the containment zones. However,

in Panchkula the auto-rickshaw operators resumed their operations from Monday afternoon. Based on MHA's guidelines, Haryana had already lifted the restriction of 50 per cent staff strength in workplaces and industries. "If the establishments, industries ensure that they can maintain social distancing among their workers, they can work with full strength", Shri Khattar said.

Haryana State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation (HSIIDC) shall also resume its "Efficient Service Camps" to facilitate industrialists. The concept, which was first launched on March 2 had to be suspended due to COVID-19 lockdown. Mr Anurag Agarwal, MD, HSIIDC, added, "To again initiate discussions with industrialists and to resolve all their grievances on the spot, HSIIDC will again start holding Efficient Service Camps in all Industrial Estates on weekly basis from June 1 onward through video conferencing."

## HIMACHAL PRADESH

- **Decision Regarding Reducing Fee of Private Schools in a Week: Shri Suresh Bhardwaj, Hon'ble Pradesh Education Minister, Himachal Pradesh**

Shri Suresh Bhardwaj, Hon'ble Pradesh Education Minister, Himachal Pradesh said the state government is serious about reducing fee of private schools and decision regarding it will be taken within a week. While addressing media person at the state secretariat, Bhardwaj said Mr KK Pant, Principal Secretary, Education, has returned from leave and has been asked to prepare a proposal keeping both parties in mind. "Private school authorities have been directed not to pressurise parents to pay the fee until fresh orders are issued," he added. The Hon'ble minister said the matter has also been discussed in the cabinet meeting and Hon'ble CM has asked

officials to prepare a proposal for the benefit of private schools and parents. He said holidays in colleges have been declared till June 10.

- **With 60,000 More Arriving, Himachal Pradesh to Increase Sampling**

As lockdown 4.0 comes into force and about 60,000 stranded Himachalis having registered for returning to state from different parts of the country, the state government has increased sample testing while focusing on the diet of those testing positive for COVID-19 to ensure faster recovery. Earlier this month, the positive cases had spiralled in the state after the return of over 1.15 lakh natives.

## RAJASTHAN

- **Rajasthan Government Releases Lockdown 4.0 Guidelines – Allows Within State Travel With a Compulsory Face Mask**

The Rajasthan Government in line with the Ministry of Home Affairs on Monday (May 19) released guidelines for the next phase of lockdown. The government said the following restriction should continue to apply in the entire state until May 31, irrespective of Red, Orange and Green zones. Under Section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC), the new guidelines bar the movement of individuals for non-essential work between 7 pm to 7 am. It further prohibited the gathering of over five people anywhere in the state. Also,

shopping malls, schools, educational and religious places, gymnasiums, swimming pools, theatres, bars, auditoriums etc. will remain closed. Similarly, sale and consumption of pan, gutkha and tobacco will remain banned, according to the order. However, salons and beauty parlours are allowed to open but with conditions of complete precautions and sanitisation after serving each customer. Persons above 65, children under ten and people with co-morbidity shall stay indoors except for health and essential services. Offices and factories will have to be closed before 6 pm so that employees can reach home before 7 pm, said the guidelines.

## UTTAR PRADESH

- **Lockdown 4.0: UP Issues Fresh Guidelines, Allows Shops To Open With Riders**

The Uttar Pradesh Government has allowed resumption of some activities with restrictions for the fourth phase of the lockdown which began on Monday but extended curbs on certain other activities for two more weeks till May 31. However, no relaxation was given in the containment zones or hot spots. The activities that will be permitted, except those specifically prohibited, include industrial activities outside containment zones, opening of shops and markets on separate days with social distancing. Vegetable mandis will open at fixed hours, said Mr R K Tiwari, Chief Secretary. Restaurants will be allowed home delivery. Sweet shops will be permitted to sell the edible items, but there will be no

seating arrangements for customers. Marriage halls, nursing homes, printing press and dry cleaners will be allowed to open with restrictions.

Inter-state as well as intra-state movement of passenger vehicles and buses will remain restricted. A separate order for operation of passenger vehicles will be issued later. The movement of persons will be according to the standard operating procedure. The states government will categorise red, orange and green zones taking into consideration the revised guidelines issued by the ministry of health. Inside these zones, containment and buffer zones will be identified by the district administration. In containment zones, only essential services will be allowed.

## UTTARAKHAND

- **Six Uttarakhand Districts In Orange Zone, Seven In Green**

The Uttarakhand Government has classified six of its 13 districts as orange zone and the rest in green besides deciding to implement the odd-even traffic formula for private vehicles in seven of its major cities. As per the guidelines issued by the state government late on Monday night, Dehradun, Uttarkashi, Pauri Garhwal, Almora, Nainital and Udham Singh Nagar are in orange zone, while Haridwar, Tehri Garhwal, Rudrapur, Chamoli, Pithoragarh, Bageshwar and Champawat are in the green zone.

Seven major cities where the odd-even traffic rules will have to be followed by private vehicles during the fourth phase of the lockdown are Dehradun, Haridwar, Roorkee, Kotdwar,

Rudrapur, Haldwani and Kashipur. The decision has been taken to ensure fewer vehicles on the road between 7 am and 4 pm, Mr Utpal Kumar, Chief Secretary, said. All shops will remain open from 7 am to 4 pm in the orange and green zones barring malls, shopping complexes, cinema halls and restaurants, he said. However, restaurants can operate their home delivery services. Barber shops, salons, spas and parlours will also be open but educational institutions will remain closed. No movement of people or vehicles will be allowed from 4 pm to 7 am, he said. District magistrates have been authorised to identify the containment and buffer zones in their respective areas in the light of the Ministry of Home Affairs latest guidelines.

## DELHI

### • Ensure Employees Have Aarogya Setu App on Phones: Delhi Government To Companies

Delhi Government on Tuesday advised all employers to ensure that Aarogya Setu App is installed by their employees on their mobile phones amid the fourth phase of COVID-19 lockdown in the country. "With a view to ensuring safety in

offices and workplaces, employers on best efforts basis should ensure that Aarogya Setu App is installed by all employees having compatible mobile phones," the government said. Earlier on Monday, the Delhi government announced a detailed set of restrictions and relaxations for the latest phase of lockdown.

## JAMMU AND KASHMIR

### • J&K Government Notifies Domicile Rules

The Government today notified Jammu and Kashmir Grant of Domicile Certificate (Procedure) Rules, 2020. These Rules prescribe the procedure for issuance of Domicile Certificate which has been made the basic eligibility condition for appointment to any post under the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir following amendments in the Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services (Decentralization and Recruitment) Act, 2010.

Under the Domicile Rules all those persons and their children who have resided for 15 years in Jammu and Kashmir or have studied for seven years and appeared in class 10th or 12th examination in an educational institution in the UT are eligible for grant of domicile. Children of Central Government officials, All India service Officers, officials of PSUs and Autonomous body of Central Government, Public Sector Banks, Officials of Statutory bodies, Officials of Central Universities and recognized research institutes of the Central Government, who have served in the Union territory of Jammu of Kashmir for a total period of ten years will also be eligible for Domicile status in the UT. Besides, all those migrants and their children who are registered with Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner will be granted Domicile

certificate. Children of those residents of Jammu and Kashmir who reside outside the Union territory in connection with their employment of business or other professional or vocational reasons have also become eligible for grant of domicile status.

The rules provide a simple and time bound procedure for the issuance of the Domicile certificate so that no one is put to any inconvenience. There shall be a timeline of 15 days for issuance of the certificate after which the applicant shall be free to approach an Appellate Authority. The decision of the Appellate Authority shall be binding upon the issuing authority and the orders of the Appellate Authority are to be complied within seven days, failing which the defaulting officer shall be liable for a penalty of Rs 50,000 out of his salary. The appellate Authorities will also have revisional powers. They can, either suo moto or on through an application made, call for records, check the legality of any proceedings and pass appropriate orders in reference. The rules have a provision that applications for grant of Domicile Certificate can be submitted either physically or electronically online. The Competent Authority can also issue domicile certificate(s) electronically.

## CHANDIGARH

### • Chandigarh Consumer Courts Resume Hearings Via Videoconferencing

After nearly two months of remaining closed, Chandigarh consumer courts have resumed proceedings. More than 60 cases were heard on Monday via video conferencing (VC). Due to the Corona epidemic, consumer courts had closed on

March 23, but now the commission has resumed hearings from 11am to 1pm on all working days. From Monday to Wednesday, forum 1 will hold hearings from 1.30pm to 2.30 pm while forum 2 will hear cases from 3 pm onwards. Meanwhile, on Thursday and Friday, the timings of the two forums will be inter-changed.

## IV. STATUS OF COVID - 19 CASES IN NORTHERN STATES / UTs

State / UT	Total Confirmed	Cured / Discharged / Migrated	Loss
Chandigarh	196	54	3
Delhi	10,054	4,485	168
Haryana	928	598	14
Himachal Pradesh	90	44	3
J & K	1,289	609	15
Ladakh	43	41	0
Punjab	1,980	1,547	37
Rajasthan	5,507	3,218	138
Uttarakhand	93	52	1
Uttar Pradesh	4,605	2,783	118

Source: Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Gol (as on 19th May 2020, 0800 hrs)

## V. NORTHERN REGION'S RELIEF & REHABILITATION WORK

CII Northern Region's disaster response is comprehensive and it extends all possible support to the affected people during times of such distress. CII Northern Region is in constant touch with various Government agencies and local authorities to initiate urgent relief operations across all states in the Region. CII

Northern Region is extending all possible support to the affected people during times of crisis. The Relief and Rehabilitation Interventions of CII Northern Region includes distribution of Personal Protective Equipment, Hygiene kits, Ration kits and other daily essentials among the communities.

Following table highlights CII activities on Relief & Rehabilitation Work through its membership:

S.No	State/ District/ Location/ City	Name of Partner (Govt / NGO/Hospital etc.)	Interventions:
1.	Gurugram Haryana	CII in association with the Municipal Corporation of Gurugram and PI Industries	The week long drive began on 13 May 2020 and on the seventh day, the areas viz. Icon Apartment, Sector 43; Bata Chowk; Sector 17A, B and C were sanitized.



CII in association with the Municipal Corporation of Gurugram and PI Industries undertook Sanitization Drive in various areas of Gurugram

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2.	Mohali Punjab	Microwin Labs Ltd.	1,000 sanitisers of 100 ml each towards COVID 19 Relief & Rehabilitation initiative



Microwin Labs Ltd has contributed 1,000 sanitisers of 100 ml each towards COVID 19 Relief & Rehabilitation Initiative.

## VI. PRESS COVERAGE

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### ₹4,000 crore stimulus package needed to kick start Chandigarh's economy: CII

Funds necessary to support industries, service sector, poor and the weaker sections of society and help those in distress owing to the Covid-19 lockdown, says CII Chandigarh chairman

Chandigarh | Updated May 18, 2020 10:42 IST

CII Correspondent

The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) on Monday said the Chandigarh administration should provide an economic stimulus package of around Rs4,000 crore to various economic sectors to kickstart the economy here.

"A war chest of Rs 40 billion (Rs 4,000 crore) must be created to support industries, service sector, poor and weaker sections of the society and help those in distress owing to the Covid-19 lockdown," CII Chandigarh chairman SPS Grewal said here on Monday.

Dr. Grewal said that industry, trade and commerce have been severely impacted by the lockdown disrupting the supply chains. Besides allowing all the industry to open up the Administration needs to offer economic support in the form of waivers, extending compliance validities, and expedite implementation of the MSME act in Chandigarh in toto.

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### CII calls for Economic Stimulus Package to the tune of 10 per cent of Chandigarh's GDP



CHANDIGARH, 18.05.20-As a result of the prolonged lockdown, economic activity across the Tricity, including Chandigarh has also come to standstill. Going forward, there are multiple set of challenges before the Chandigarh Administration, which includes managing the increase in COVID cases, taking care of poor who have lost their livelihood opportunities, restarting the economic momentum, supporting trade & commerce, etc, said Dr S P S Grewal, Chairman of CII Chandigarh UT.

To deal with these challenges, Dr Grewal suggested Chandigarh Administration to create a war chest or Economic Stimulus Package to the tune of Rs 40 billion, which is about 10 per cent of Chandigarh's GDP. This may be used in supporting the entire gamut of the economy like industries, service sector, poor and the weaker section of the society and help those in distress owing to COVID-19 lockdown. He said that the stimulus package can be effectively designed to be impactful, yet not significantly burden the finances of the UT. The relief package may consist of a two prong approach, which will not only support consumption, but will also augment the cycle of investment and industrial activity in the coming times.

To deal with the livelihood challenges being faced by people at the bottom of pyramid, Dr Grewal called for special incentives comprising of monetary as well as non-monetary support to daily wage earners. He said that focus should be on the sections of the society which requires more attention of the Administration. Dr Grewal said that industry, trade and commerce have been severely impacted by the Lockdown disrupting the supply chains. Besides allowing all the industry to open up the Administration needs to offer economic support in the form of waivers, extending compliance validities, and expedite implementation of the MSME act in Chandigarh in toto.

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Discussing about the MSME sector, Mr Manish Gupta, Vice Chairman of CII

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### Statement on Finance Minister's announcement by Mr Nikhil Sawhney

Mr Nikhil Sawhney, Chairman, CII Northern Region, said, "I applaud the Finance Minister's announcement of a ₹100 crore stimulus package for MSMEs, which is a critical domain of the MSMEs, Health & Education, MMS, Computer, etc. This package will help in moving a sector from the fringes of our economy and make compliance easier for entrepreneurs and make it easier to do business in the industry. The industry feels that the Finance Minister's announcement will help in the work and going to the rebuilding of the industry."

पब्लिक सेक्टर कंपनियों से 1800 करोड़ लेने हैं MSME सेक्टर को

रविवार सेक्टर से नहीं मिले 700 करोड़ रुपये

### Forthcoming Activities Include:

Date	Activities (Virtual Platform)
21 May	Conference on Reconnecting Supply Chain Links : Safe and Efficient Logistics Empowered Digitally
22 May	Virtual Conference on Post Covid Economy and Way Forward
22 May	Webinar on Reduction of Carbon Footprint by Corporate Through Use of Clean Energy
23 May	Webinar on "#Aatma Nirbhar Bharat : Enabling Easy Finance for MSMEs"
25 May	Webinar on Business Post Lockdown: Sustaining the 'New Normal' in Times of COVID-19
28 May	Summit on Indian Automotive Value Chain
29 May	Webinar on COVID Times: Focus on Occupational Health & Safety Management & ISO 45001 Chandigarh
31 May	Webinar on Workforce Management in the Times of COVID-19

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## Confederation of Indian Industry

125 Years: 1895-2020

The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) works to create and sustain an environment conducive to the development of India, partnering industry, Government, and civil society, through advisory and consultative processes.

CII is a non-government, not-for-profit, industry-led and industry-managed organization, playing a proactive role in India's development process. Founded in 1895, India's premier business association has around 9000 members, from the private as well as public sectors, including SMEs and MNCs, and an indirect membership of over 300,000 enterprises from around 276 national and regional sectoral industry bodies.

CII charts change by working closely with Government on policy issues, interfacing with thought leaders, and enhancing efficiency, competitiveness and business opportunities for industry through a range of specialized services and strategic global linkages. It also provides a platform for consensus-building and networking on key issues.

Extending its agenda beyond business, CII assists industry to identify and execute corporate citizenship programmes. Partnerships with civil society organizations carry forward corporate initiatives for integrated and inclusive development across diverse domains including affirmative action, healthcare, education, livelihood, diversity management, skill development, empowerment of women, and water, to name a few.

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