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Indian Air Force & Indian Navy working on war footing in fight against second COVID-19 wave



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Indian Air Force (IAF) and Indian Navy (IN) are working tirelessly to provide logistic support to shore up medical supplies to tackle the current Covid-19 situation. As on early hours of May 10, 2021, the IAF aircraft carried out 534 sorties from various parts of the country, airlifting 336 oxygen containers of total capacity of 6,420 Metric Tonnes (MT) and other medical supplies and equipment. The cities covered are Jamnagar, Bhopal, Chandigarh, Panagarh, Indore, Ranchi, Agra, Jodhpur, Begumpet, Bhubaneswar, Pune, Surat, Raipur, Udaipur, Mumbai, Lucknow, Nagpur, Gwalior, Vijayawada, Baroda, Dimapur and Hindan.

The IAF aircraft also carried out 84 international sorties, airlifting 81 cryogenic oxygen storage containers of total capacity of 1,407 MT along with 1,252 empty oxygen cylinders, 705 oxygen concentrators and Zeolite (respiratory oxygen raw material). The equipment has been procured from Singapore, Dubai, Thailand, United Kingdom, Germany, Belgium, Australia, Indonesia and Israel.

As part of operation 'Samudra Setu II', Indian Naval Ships INS Airavat, INS Trikand and INS Kolkata arrived back home with critical COVID-19 medical stores from friendly foreign countries on May 10, 2021. Ins Talwar had arrived on May 05, 2021. The details are as follows:-

Ship	Medical Supplies	Country/Port	Arrival
INS Airavat	Cryogenic oxygen tanks – 08 Oxygen cylinders –3,898 Other critical COVID-19 medical stores	Singapore	Visakhapatnam on May 10, 2021
INS Trikand	40 MT Liquid Oxygen (Liquid Medical Oxygen cryogenic containers)	Doha, Qatar	Mumbai on May 10, 2021



INS Kolkata	Oxygen Cylinders – 400 27-MT Liquid Medical Oxygen Containers – 02 Oxygen concentrators - 47	Doha, Qatar & Kuwait	New Mangalore Port on May 10, 2021
INS Talwar	27-MT oxygen containers – 02	Bahrain	New Mangalore Port on May 05, 2021



INS Kochi, INS Tabar, INS Jalashwa and INS Shardulare expected to arrive home soon with critical COVID-19 medical stores, including oxygen tankers and cylinders, from friendly foreign countries.

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