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Dear Friends,

A second wave of COVID-19 is sweeping across India and the country's healthcare system is overwhelmed. The latest data indicates that number of new cases have already crossed **350,000+ every day** and the mortality rate has gone up significantly compared to the first COVID-19 wave. With more than **2.6 million active cases** in the country, hospitals are struggling to accommodate new patients and an acute shortage of hospital beds, drugs (such as Remdesivir, Favipiravir and Tocilizumab), ventilators and oxygen is causing serious stress all over the nation and great sufferings for citizens across the nation. We at [Indo-American Friendship Forum Foundation](http://www.iafff.org) (IAFFF), are extremely saddened by the hardship and sufferings faced by people in India due to COVID-19 pandemic and would like to collect funds to provide help to support healthcare system to alleviate some pain. Based on the recommendation of Consulate General of India, San Francisco, IAFFF will work with Indian Red Cross Society, New Delhi, India to distribute equipments or funds collected from this fund raising event.

We at IAFFF set a goal of **contributing USD 35,000 to Indian Red Cross Society**, India for this cause. In our last board meeting, we have raised **\$13,000** from our board members. IAFFF board have also decided to reach out to our extended family members and friends to **raise an additional \$22,000** for this cause.

I am appealing to you to support this cause by joining hands with us and **donating money to IAFFF so that we can meet our goal of raising \$22,000** for PrathamUSA.

To make your donation, you can either make your payment by mailing a check to IAFFF, 29329 3rd Ave SW, Federal Way, WA 98023 or via PayPal to iafffboard@gmail.com. If your employer has a Gift matching program, please take requisite steps to maximize your contribution. I would like to thank you in advance for your generous support and willingness to work with us to serve people affected by COVID-19 pandemic in India in a small way.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Jagdish Sharma". The signature is written in a cursive style on a light-colored background.

Jagdish Sharma
Chair, IAFFF

WHO REPORT ON COVID-19

[india-situation-report-65.pdf \(who.int\)](#)

HIGHLIGHTS

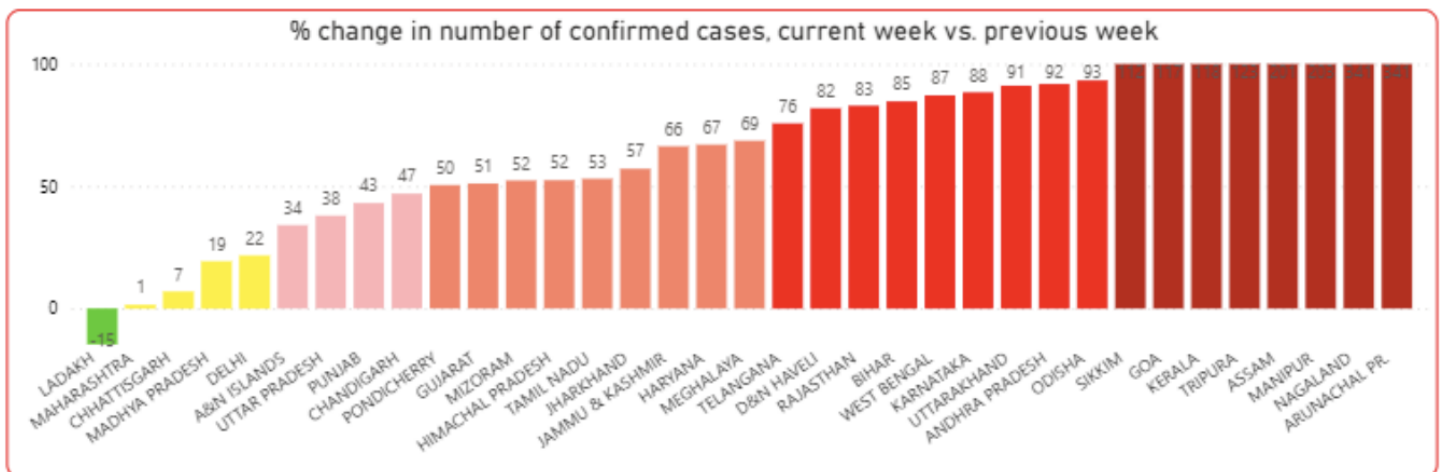
- Union Government allocates supply of Remdesivir to 19 States/UTs with high burden of COVID-19 cases ([link](#))
- Prime Minister chairs review meeting regarding COVID-19 with Chief Ministers of high burden states ([link](#))
- 551 Pressure Swing Adsorption Oxygen Generation Plants to be set up in public health facilities across the country through PM CARES ([link](#))
- Union Government advises States/UTs on intense action and local containment measures in COVID-19 affected districts for effective management of COVID surge ([link](#))
- Steel sector companies taking efforts to supplement medical oxygen supply in the country ([link](#))
- Empowered Group-3 chaired by NITI Aayog CEO reached out to more than 1 lakh CSOs to deliberate coordinated strategies to navigate through impact of surge of cases ([link](#))
- To address shortage of oxygen tankers in the country, the Union Government imports 20 cryogenic tankers of 10 MT and 20 MT capacity and allocates them to States ([link](#))

INDIA SITUATION

- India is reporting highest number of daily cases in the world, almost 50% of new cases reported in the world;
- Among Indian states Maharashtra is still leading the tally with highest number of cases (more than 4 million) followed by Kerala, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu (all more than 1 million).
- India is also reporting fourth highest number of deaths in the world; current case fatality ratio (CFR) is 1.12%;

COVID-19: STATUS ACROSS STATES

In the past week, as compared to previous week, all states/UTs except Ladakh have shown an increase in cases. Maharashtra has shown the lowest % increase in cases in comparison to last week followed by Chhattisgarh.



- In Delhi, Deputy Chief Minister has been appointed the 'Nodal Minister of COVID-19 Management' to ensure inter-ministerial coordination and monitoring of all COVID-19 related affairs
- In Haryana, testing and vaccination of all farmers protesting on the Haryana-Delhi borders, and all pilgrims returning from Kumbh Mela have been mandated
- In Punjab, all elective surgeries have been banned thus reserving 75% of beds in private hospitals for COVID-19 patients
- In Uttar Pradesh, OPD services have been discontinued, only emergency and essential services along with immunization and institutional deliveries will continue

INFORMATION ABOUT [INDO-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP FORUM FOUNDATION \(IAFFF\)](#)

IAFFF Mission Statement:

INDO-AMERICAN Friendship Forum Foundation (IAFFF) was formed 4 years ago to unite and strengthen current and future Indian-Americans and American communities by informing and educating Americans about India; fostering friendship and understanding between Americans of Indian origin and other Americans; and organizing, promoting, and participating in cultural and educational programs (to serve the Indian-Americans, Americans, and the greater communities).