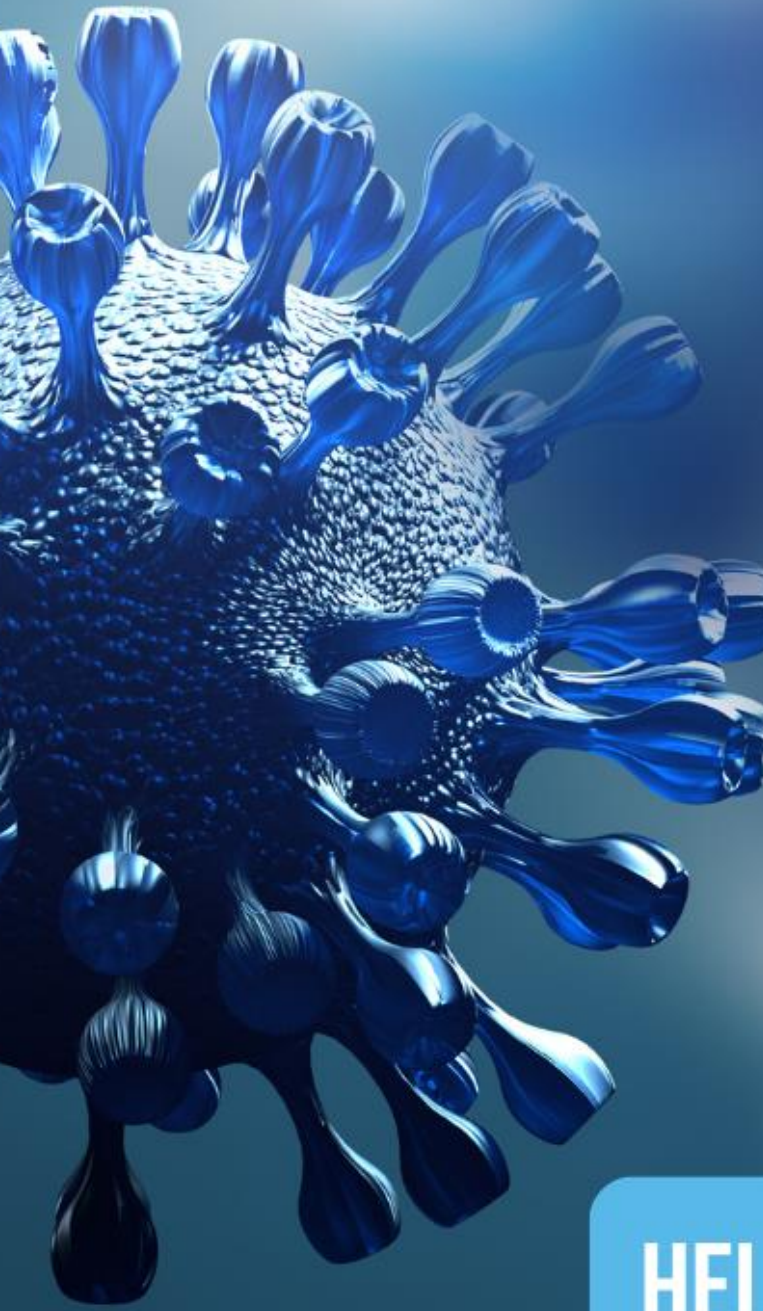




**IIT MADRAS**



**HELP INDIA BREATHE**

**COVID RELIEF FOR INDIA REPORT 2021**

# TO PROCURING OXYGEN CONCENTRATORS

The second wave of COVID-19 in India has struck close to many of us, people lost their lives due to a lack of oxygen. In these testing times, our IIT Madras Alumni, have come together to raise a focused fund for breathing aids that can help stabilize people in the crucial hours when care can make a big difference.

## Initiatives of IIT Madras towards COVID relief of India

IIT Madras launched a campaign to raise funds for procuring oxygen concentrators in the United States of America. The Institute exceeded its goal of raising \$1 million in 48 hours.

The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras Alumni in India and abroad have donated more than USD\$ 2 million towards COVID relief efforts in India that are being coordinated by their Alma Mater. IIT Madras is using a phased approach for deployment to ensure a high impact of COVID-19 relief.





The fundraising was coordinated by the **Office of Alumni and Corporate Relations (ACR)**, IIT Madras, in association with IIT Madras Alumni Association of North America (IITMAANA), IITM Foundation in the U.S, Canadian friends of IITM and IITM UK Association.

IIT MADRAS has been at the forefront of providing research & aid support during the pandemic. The institute, alumni, researchers & faculty have been helping the government in various capacities from innovation in Health care research to fundraising drives for breathing aids. Few such initiatives were the contribution of **oxygen concentrators**, BiPAP units, and covid medical supplies to various state governments. The IIT-M Alumni Charitable Trust played a vital role in the logistics and in liaising with the local government. IIT Madras alumni working as senior executives with reputed MNCs were actively involved in evaluating and finalizing the options available at various stages throughout the process.

# DISTRIBUTION OF OXYGEN CYLINDERS

**Prof. Bhaskar Ramamurthi**, Director, IIT Madras, handed over 200 oxygen concentrators purchased with the aid of the alumni contributions, to **Gagandeep Singh Bedi IAS**, Commissioner, **Chennai Corporation**, on June 3, 2021. Further, **Dr. Jane Prasad**, Registrar, IIT Madras, handed over 74 BiPAP Units to Chennai Corporation Officials recently.



*The handover was carried out in the presence of MA Siddique IAS, Principal Secretary, Government of Tamil Nadu, and Meghanatha Reddy IAS, Deputy Commissioner (Works), Government of Tamil Nadu, Prof. Bhaskar Ramamurthi, Director, IIT Madras, Prof. Mahesh Panchagnula, Dean (ACR), N Alamelu, Secretary, IIT-M*



*Dr. Jane Prasad, Registrar, IIT Madras, and other officials, handing BiPAP Units to Chennai Corporation Officials*

IIT Madras Alumni have also donated 200 oxygen concentrators (5 litres each) to the **Telangana government**.

IIT Madras in coordination with IITM Alumni Association has contributed 200 oxygen concentrators (10 litres each) to the **Government of Karnataka**.



*Contribution of oxygen concentrators to the Government of Karnataka*



*Contribution of covid medicines to the SVIMS, Chittoor*

IIT Madras has contributed 1000 units of covid medicines to Sri Venkateswara Institute of Medical Science (SVIMS), Chittoor

## A WORD FROM IIT MADRAS ALUMNI AND OTHER OFFICIALS



*"Our alumni have reacted swiftly and forcefully to fulfil a need created by this pandemic. We are ever grateful to them for their support"-*

**- Prof. Mahesh Panchagnula, Dean Alumni & Corporate Relations**



*"It has been an amazing experience to contribute to this campaign with fellow alumni from IIT Madras. So many people stepped forward to source equipment, raise funds and ensure delivery of the equipment. It is gratifying to know that we could make a difference at a very challenging time in India."-*

**Mr. Kamal Duggirala, Chairman IITM Foundation-US**

# Thank you!

IIT Madras will continue to contribute to the Covid relief measures, as the social commitment has always been a topmost priority for the Institute. We would like to take this opportunity again to express our heartfelt gratitude to all those who made benevolent contributions towards the growth and development of IIT Madras.



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