

US extends support for India's COVID-19 crisis response

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US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) and members are highlighting the efforts by leaders across the US government at the highest level to identify concrete steps the United States (US) can take to assist India through this crisis.

Already, USISPF and members are working on several fronts to assist citizens of India:

1. India will soon receive at least a dozen ISO containers that will help transport oxygen within the country. These containers are being shipped or airlifted from different parts of Asia. Another dozen containers have already been identified for shipment to India and efforts are on to triple this number.
2. Members are working on airlifting oxygen cylinders into Delhi and a few other states that face shortage of oxygen supply.
3. Through generous donation of its member companies, USISPF has placed orders to source 100,000 portable oxygen concentrators for use at home and hospitals to be shipped to India immediately. USISPF is already in touch with manufacturers in US, Mexico, Malaysia and China, Sourcing of these concentrators is an enormous task due to supply side constraints.
4. India will soon also receive a significant shipment of vaccine directly from pharmaceutical companies
5. USISPF has also approached companies in the US to supply and/or donate ICU beds, Covid-Test kits, N-95 Masks and other medical equipment. USISPF expects the shipments to begin as early as Tuesday / Wednesday of the coming week.
6. On the ground, USISPF is working with member companies and NGO partners to set up vaccination and medical centers on corporate campuses.