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## TELEPHONE CALL BETWEEN EAM AND DEPUTY PM & FM OF QATAR

EAM Dr S Jaishankar received a call of support from Qatari Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister H.E. Sheikh Mohammad bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, on 2 May. Both ministers discussed the covid challenge and its relevance for India-Qatar bilateral cooperation. EAM appreciated the logistics support extended by Qatar and the delivery of oxygen-related materials to India.



## VIRTUAL MEET BETWEEN MINISTERS OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY



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India's Minister of Commerce and Industry, Minister of Railways, and Minister of Consumer Affairs Mr Piyush Goyal met with Qatar's Minister of Commerce and Industry HE Ali bin Ahmed al-Kuwari virtually. They discussed bilateral trade, commerce, investments, efforts to combat covid-19. HE Ali bin Ahmed al-Kuwari expressed Qatar's support in India's fight against a severe second wave.

## QATAR AIRWAYS TRANSPORTED MEDICAL AID TO INDIA

On May 3, 2021, three Qatar Airways Cargo Boeing 777 freighters, carrying a total of 300 tonnes of medical aid from around the world, took off from Doha, Qatar, to Bengaluru, Mumbai, and New Delhi, India, to support the Indian government efforts to cope with the surge of COVID-19 cases in the country.



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## QATAR STANDS WITH INDIA IN ITS FIGHTS AGAINST COVID-19

On 13 May, Qatar Fund For Development (QFFD) sent 4300 vials of Remdesivir, 200 oxygen concentrators and 40 ventilators by special Amiri Air force plane. The shipment reached New Delhi airport. Delhi Customs facilitated expeditious clearance of the said consignment.

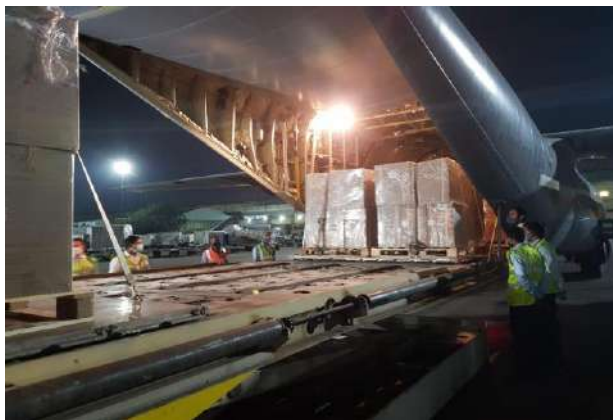


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**INDIA  
THANKS  
QATAR**



**Arindam Bagchi** @MEAIndia · May 13



Taking forward our deep-rooted friendship & multi-faceted cooperation. Grateful to H.H. Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al Thani the Amir of The State of Qatar & the government of Qatar for the gift of 200 oxygen concentrators, 40 ventilators & 4300 Remdesivir vials.



Image:Twitter

## AZADI KA AMRUT MAHOTSAV



Image: Twitter

As part of India@75 celebrations, Indian Community Benevolent Forum in Qatar offered assistance to 75 fishermen for getting their health cards issued. The same were handed over to a few (symbolically) by the Ambassador on the occasion of International Labour Day on 1 May.



Image: Twitter



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# AZADI KA AMRUT MAHOTSAV



On 28th May 2021, Friday at 08:00 AM to 01:00 PM  
at HMC Blood Donors Centre



Image:Twitter

Ambassador of India participated in the blood donation camp organized as part of the ongoing Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav, India@75 by ICBF along with associated organization of the Indian Community in Qatar. Over 100 donors participated in the camp.



**ICBF @ICBF\_Qatar · May 28**

Thank you to all the AO (Associated Organizations) of ICBF for the collective efforts in making the Blood Donation campaign a success.

#icbfqatar #teamicbf #icbf #icbfreachout



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# AZADI KA AMRUT MAHOTSAV

INDIA@75  
**AZADI KA AMRUT MAHOTSAV**

Indian Cultural Centre  
Under the aegis of Embassy of India Doha - Qatar

**CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL NURSES DAY**  
"A Voice to Lead - A vision for future healthcare"

Supported by: In association with: **BE UNIQUE TO SERVE LIVES**

On 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021  
Wednesday  
8 pm onwards  
(Qatar Time)

Chief Guest  
**HE Dr. Deepak Mittal**  
Ambassador of India to Qatar

Guest of Honour  
**Mr. S. Xavier Dhanaraj**  
First Secretary, Embassy of India

Main Sponsor: **THOMAS**  
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In association with V Care Qatar.

**KIDNEY DISEASES**  
WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

An Initiative dedicated to  
INDIA@75  
**AZADI KA AMRUT MAHOTSAV**

2021 MAY  
**22 SATURDAY**  
TIME: 7 - 8 PM

**Dr. Shafeeq Thappy**  
Nephrologist, HMC

Meeting through zoom.us platform  
Meeting ID # 996 2619 8247 & Password: ICBF

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**Indian Sports Centre**  
UNDER THE AUSPICES OF EMBASSY OF INDIA - QATAR

**AZADI KA AMRUT MAHOTSAV**  
75 Years of India's Independence CELEBRATION

**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA**  
**ISC OPEN YOGA CHALLENGE 2021**

Who can Participate: **Anyone!!!**  
Where: **Virtual mode on Zoom**

As part of International Day of Yoga Celebration, Indian Sports Centre is organizing yoga challenge for all Qatar residents, with an objective to encourage physical fitness through Yoga and to offer a platform to showcase Yoga talent.

**Challenge is Offered in Following Categories:**

CATEGORY: STUDENTS	CATEGORY: ADULT
Under 13: (6 above 10 yrs)	Open / Mixed
Under 19: (6 above 13 yrs)	Under 40: (6 above 19 yrs)
Challenge Date: Fri 11 & Sat 12 June 2021	Above 40
Last Date of Entry: Wed. 9th June 2021	On Friday, 18 June 2021
Link for registration category registration: <a href="https://forms.gle/8T7T3696G377492">https://forms.gle/8T7T3696G377492</a>	Last Date of Entry: Thu 10 June 2021
	Link for adult category registration: <a href="https://forms.gle/8T7T3696G377492">https://forms.gle/8T7T3696G377492</a>

Top-3 in Each Category Will Receive Attractive Prizes.

WhatsApp at: 5545 7963, 7735 3255, 5564 6693

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IDUKKI KOTTAYAM EXPATRIATES SERVICE ASSOCIATION QATAR  
an AO of ICBF

**ICBF**  
INDIAN COMMUNITY BENEVOLENT FORUM

In connection with  
**Indian's AZADI KA AMRUT MAHOTSAV**

**Online Webinar**  
**COVID COMPLICATIONS & EFFECTS OF VACCINATION**

**2021 MAY 15 SATURDAY**  
TIME: 5.30-7.30 PM

Zoom ID: 850 1593 1955  
PASSWORD: IKESAQ

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**RAPID Chess TOURNAMENT**  
on 2021 MAY 28<sup>th</sup>

CATEGORY 1	CATEGORY 2	PARTICIPATION	COMPETITION
KIDS BELOW 15 YEARS	ADULTS ABOVE 15 YEARS	- OPEN TO ALL NATIONALS WITH ID	UNDER FIDE GUIDELINES
BASE DATE FOR AGE LIMIT January 1 <sup>st</sup> 2021	ONLINE TOURNAMENT	ON 28 <sup>th</sup> MAY 2021	LAST DATE FOR ENTRY MAY 22, 2021

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## HAIL "HEAL INDIA" INITIATIVE BY INDIAN COMMUNITY THROUGH ICBF



Indian Community in Qatar came together in large numbers, under Indian Community Benevolent Forum's (ICBF) Heal India Initiative to send much needed oxygen cylinders to India which was fighting a severe second wave of covid-19. It is highly commendable that many community members and organisations rallied behind this initiative of ICBF and sent timely aid to India.

Two-hundred oxygen cylinders and 43 oxygen concentrators are being shipped from Qatar to India aboard Indian Navy ship 'INS Kolkata' to support India's efforts to deal with the surge in Covid-19 cases there and meet the demand for medical oxygen.

### Thank you Indian Community



Indian naval ship 'INS Trikand' left Qatar carrying two cryogenic oxygen tankers of 40 metric tonnes, airlifted earlier by the Indian Air Force from Pune (India) to Doha and filled in Qatar by Air Liquide Group, and 100 cylinders of 42 litre each, gifted by the Indian community.



Image:Twitter

232 Oxygen cylinders gifted by Indian community in Qatar arrived at Mumbai on 12 May 21 by INS Tarkash. They have been deployed in various hospitals.



Image:Twitter



## HEAL INDIA INITIATIVE



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Indian Business & Professional Council and Indian Cultural Centre support the **Heal India Initiative** with financial aid.

Ooredoo contributed financial aid to ICBF supporting **Heal India Initiative** to fight against the devastating second wave of Covid-19



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A team of aid workers from Generation Amazing, a programme coordinated by the Supreme Committee for Delivery and Legacy (Qatar) –for football training organised food deliveries and transport for sick patients supporting COVID-19 relief efforts in India (Kerala, Maharashtra).

Lulu Hypermarket Group has joined the relief work coordinated by the Indian Community Benevolent Fund (ICBF) under the "Heal India" initiative by donating oxygen cylinders and other essential supplies .



Image:Twitter

## LAUNCH OF GURU SANSKRIT APP



The Embassy launched, virtually, 'LITTLE GURU', an educational e-learning app to make Sanskrit learning fun, easy and interesting, on 20 May, 2021, in collaboration with Samskrit Bharati under Samanvayam & Indian Cultural Centre.



Image:Twitter

The event saw a huge participation from Indian School children, teachers, Sanskrit language enthusiasts and expatriates. The CEO of the App, Mr. Anuj Sharma, addressed the participants and held a Q&A Session. Mr. Dinesh K. Patnaik, Director General of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations in a video message highlighted that "Sanskrit has the key to open several doors – of culture, philosophy". Members of Samskrit Bharati Qatar enacted a Play in Sanskrit.



## FIRST INDIA-EU LEADERS MEET IN EU+27 FORMAT

The leaders of the European Union (EU) and its Member States and India, met in hybrid format on 8 May 2021 in Porto. They shared views on Covid-19, trade, connectivity & technology & climate and reforming multilateral institutions and agreed to start negotiations on trade and investment agreements. They welcomed the decision to resume negotiations on trade & investment agreements.

They launched a comprehensive Connectivity Partnership that upholds international law and conforms with international norms. Committed to a free, open, inclusive and rules-based Indo-Pacific that respects UNCLOS. Coordinating closely on Afghanistan as per our 4 May Statement.



### India-EU Leaders' Meeting Key Outcomes

- Resumption of negotiations between India and the EU for Trade and Investment Agreements after 8 years;
- Start negotiations for an agreement on Geographical Indications;
- Dedicated dialogues on WTO issues, regulatory cooperation and market access issues;
- New Working Group on supply chain resilience;
- Launch of India-EU 'Connectivity Partnership' – an inclusive, viable and sustainable model to connectivity;
- Cooperation on High-Performance Computing;
- Financing contract with EIB for Euro 150 million for the Pune Metro Rail Project;
- EU joins Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure

## INDIA'S SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY EFFORTS IN ITS FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19

Council of Scientific and Industrial Research's (CSIR) Nagpur-based National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI) have developed a 'Saline Gargle RT-PCR Method' for testing COVID-19 samples. The Saline Gargle RT-PCR is an instantaneous method and results can be generated within three hours. The Saline Gargle method offers a bunch of attractive benefits, all rolled into one.

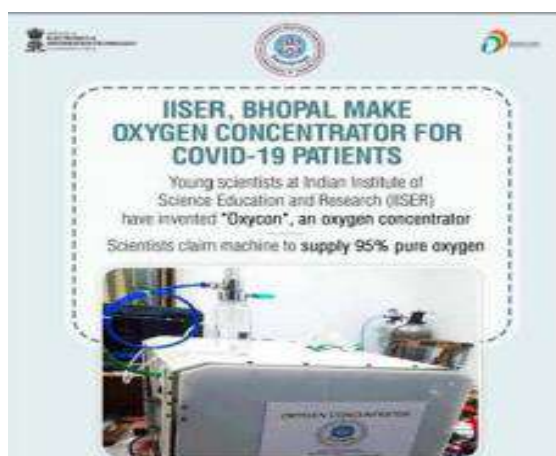
It is simple, fast, cost-effective, patient-friendly and comfortable; it also offers instant results and is well-suited for rural and tribal areas, given minimal infrastructure requirements.



To bolster India's fight against covid-19, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) took the initiative of developing anti-COVID therapeutic application of the drug 2-deoxy-D-glucose (2-DG). It was developed by Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences (INMAS), DRDO in collaboration with Dr Reddy's Laboratories (DRL), Hyderabad. The drug comes in powder form in the sachet, which is taken orally by dissolving it in water. It accumulates in the virus-infected cells and prevents virus growth by stopping viral synthesis and energy production. Its selective accumulation in virus infected cells makes this drug unique.

Clinical trial results have shown that this molecule helps in faster recovery of hospitalised patients and reduces supplemental oxygen dependence. In the clinical trials, drug was found to be safe in COVID-19 patients and showed significant improvement in their recovery. A significantly higher proportion of patients improved symptomatically and became free from supplemental oxygen dependence, indicating an early relief from Oxygen therapy/dependence.

On May 01, 2021, DCGI granted permission for the Emergency Use of this drug as an adjunct therapy in moderate to severe COVID-19 patients.



Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) in Bhopal has developed an affordable oxygen concentrator 'oxycon' to meet the rising demand of medical oxygen amid a second wave of the coronavirus pandemic. The device, which is estimated to cost around Rs. 17,000 can provide 93-95 per cent pure oxygen with a flow rate of up to 3 litres per minute. It has been developed using the open-source technology and material. The developed device is portable, customizable, and easy to deploy, even at village-level.



## INDIAN ARMY INDUCTS FIRST BATCH OF WOMEN IN MILITARY POLICE

In January 2019, Government of India had approved the induction of women in military police and announced its plans to induct 1700 women soldiers by 2036, in batches of 100 recruits per year. First such batch of 83 women soldiers was inducted as part of Indian Army's military police on 7 May.



(HT Photo )

The soldiers went through an intense 61 weeks of training on aspects related to Basic Military training, Provost training to include all forms of policing duties and management of prisoners of war, ceremonial duties and skill development to include driving and maintenance of all vehicles and signal communications.

## INDIA'S PROPOSAL ON TRIPS AT WTO

India and South Africa presented a joint proposal before the World Trade Organization (WTO) in October 2020 to seek a waiver from the "implementation, application and enforcement of" certain provisions of TRIPS (WTO Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights).

A revised proposal was submitted by the two countries in May 2021, which emphasises that the waiver should cover all medical tools—not just vaccines—and outlines that the duration of the waiver should be at least three years.

The proposal has since been co-sponsored by 62 nations, and has received the express support of more than 100 countries.

## INDIA STRONGLY CONDEMNED THE TERRORIST ATTACK ON SAYED AL-SHUHADA GIRLS SCHOOL IN KABUL

On 9 May 2021, India strongly condemned the terrorist attack on Sayed al-Shuhada Girls school in Kabul on 8 May, which killed more than 50 innocent girl students during the holy month of Ramadan. Our thoughts and prayers were with the families and friends of the young girls who lost their lives in this barbarous attack.

Targeting young girl students, makes this an attack on the future of Afghanistan. The perpetrators clearly seek to destroy the painstaking and hard-won achievements that the Afghans have put in place over the last two decades.

This incident demonstrates, once again, the urgent need for dismantling terrorist sanctuaries and the immediate need for a comprehensive nation-wide ceasefire to make the peace process meaningful and sustainable.

## INDIA & OMAN RENEW DEFENCE COOPERATION MoUS



On 20 May, India and Oman renewed the Memorandum of Understanding on Military Cooperation along with its Annexure. The signing ceremony was held at the Ministry of Defense, Sultanate of Oman. The document was signed by HE Dr Mohammed bin Nasser Al Zaabi, the Secretary General of the Ministry of Defence, Sultanate of Oman and His Excellency Munu Mahawar, Ambassador of India to the Sultanate of Oman.

Both sides also renewed the Memorandum of Understanding to Cooperate on Maritime Issues for which the signing ceremony was held at Maritime Security Centre, Sultanate of Oman. The document was signed by Rear Admiral Saif bin Nasser Al Rahbi, the Commander of Royal Navy of Oman, & the Head of Maritime Security Committee, and His Excellency Munu Mahawar, Ambassador of India to the Sultanate of Oman.

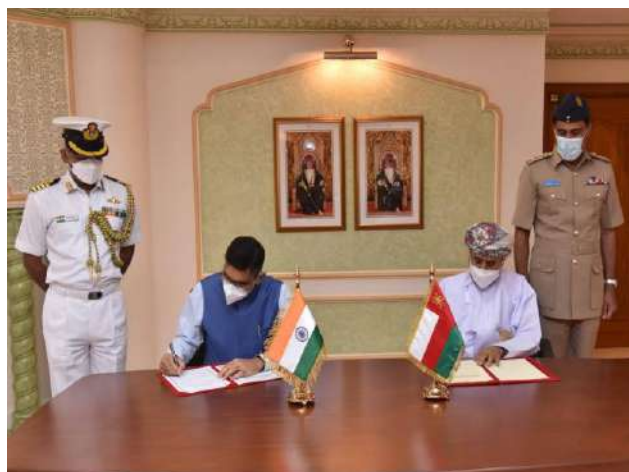


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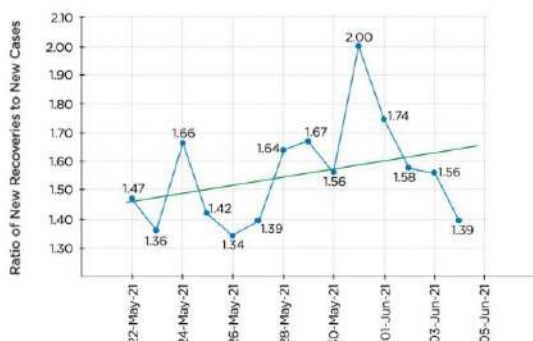
## STATE WISE RECOVERY RATE

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## Daily Recoveries Outnumber Daily New Cases for 23<sup>rd</sup> Consecutive Day

Slowly and Steadily Mask by Mask Dose by Dose - We Shall Overcome!



SOURCE: MoHFW (5 June 2021)

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## India's Cumulative Vaccination Coverage Crosses 221 Million



22,10,43,693

vaccine Doses Administered  
(Reported as on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2021, 7 AM)



Doses Given	1 <sup>st</sup> dose	2 <sup>nd</sup> dose
Healthcare Workers	99.13 Lakh	68.15 Lakh
Frontline Workers	1.58 Crore	85.84 Lakh
45 to 60 Years	6.79 Crore	1.10 Crore
60 Years & Above	5.94 Crore	1.89 Crore
18 to 44 Years	2.26 Crore	59,283



24.26 lakh  
vaccine doses administered on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2021

## REMDESIVIR production jumped to 10 times



[/MansukhMandaviya](https://www.MansukhMandaviya.in) [www.MansukhMandaviya.in](http://www.MansukhMandaviya.in)

The production capacity of remdesivir used for the treatment of COVID-19 has increased from 38 lakh vials per month to nearly 1.19 crore vials per month. Remdesivir is manufactured in India under voluntary licenses granted by Gilead Life Sciences to 7 pharmaceutical companies – Cipla, Dr Reddy's, Hetero, Jubilant Pharma, Mylan, Syngene and Zydus Cadila





Around 200 Oxygen Expresses have completed their journey & 775 tank of Oxygen delivered so far

10 loaded Oxygen Expresses with over 784 MT of LMO in 45 tankers are on its way

#### LMO offloaded till date

521 MT in Maharashtra	772 MT in Telangana	584 MT in Tamil Nadu
3,189 MT in UP	98 MT in Rajasthan	292 MT in Andhra Pradesh
521 MT in MP	641 MT in Karnataka	111 MT in Punjab
1,549 MT in Haryana	320 MT in Uttarakhand	118 MT in Kerala
		3,915 MT in Delhi

Data as on 20 May 2021

Modi Govt takes Steps To Enhance Oxygen Availability & Distribution

## PETROLEUM SECTOR OFFERING LOGISTICS SUPPORT TO REMOVE BOTTLENECKS IN SUPPLY OF OXYGEN



IndianOil has contracted 207 NOs of tankers & ISO tanks with a cumulative capacity of 4214 MT.

Tankers have been deployed across 12 states - Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Karnataka, J & K, Kerala, Punjab, Andhra Pradesh, Uttarakhand & Haryana for boosting last mile deliveries of medical oxygen to hospitals.

900 MT LMO transported to states through these tankers.

Oil PSUs have placed orders for high capacity oxygen compressors. Using these, 2000 cylinders are expected to be filled per day at Panipat and 2400 per day at Bina.

13740 MT of LMO have been tied up for provisioning through import.



#### Strengthening Critical Care at 500-bedded Jumbo Covid centre

IndianOil is supplying **15 MT/per day** oxygen to the **500-bedded Jumbo** COVID care hospital at Panipat free-of-cost.

IOCL has worked on a war footing to lay a **1.73 km pipeline** from Panipat refinery's MEG Plant for continuous supply of medical Oxygen to the Covid care facility built by Haryana Govt.

IOCL Panipat Refinery is also providing **50 rooms** in nearby hotels for doctors engaged at the hospital for a period of 6 months..

IOCL is constructing a **2.5 km peripheral road** around the COVID facility, installing additional lights and installing firefighting facilities for the smooth operation of the jumbo COVID care facility.

Patients from Panipat, Sonapat, Karnal and other adjoining areas will benefit.

Modi Govt Takes Steps To Enhance Oxygen Availability & Distribution

## OXYGEN PRODUCTION AND CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT BY PETROLEUM SECTOR



93 Pressure Swing Adsorption Plants are being established across the country by Petroleum PSUs.

PSA Oxygen generation plants are also being established at 15 other demand clusters through CSR funds of PSUs.

ONGC is in the process of procuring 1 Lakh Oxygen concentrators. Orders for 52,000 have been placed, rest are under process.

Of the placed orders 4800 Oxygen concentrators are expected to land by 15<sup>th</sup> May.

Jumbo Covid-care facilities with gaseous Oxygen are being set-up at Bina (1000 beds), Panipat (500 beds), Kochi (1000 beds), Bathinda (100 beds) and Chennai (200 beds).



## First All women Oxygen Express Train

Indian Railways created Green Corridors for fast movement of Oxygen Express Trains which have been transporting

Liquid Medical Oxygen loaded cryogenic tanker trucks on roll on-roll off basis.


One such Oxygen Express train from Tatanagar to Bengaluru was piloted wholly by all women crew.




(Source: News18)




(Source: NDTV)







### RAILWAYS SERVING THE NATION

*Indian Railways Strengthens India's Fight Against COVID*

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**Oxygen on Wheels:** 289 Oxygen Express trains with 1162 loaded tankers has transported 19,408 tonnes of LMO\* across the country till date
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**Zonal Railways & workshops** converted 5,601 ICF coaches to isolation coaches so as to create additional capacity to deal with the pandemic
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**86 Health facilities** set up providing Covid treatment in Railways equipped with 6972 Covid beds, 296 invasive ventilators, 449 non invasive ventilators, 4600 Oxygen beds, 8969 oxygen cylinders, & 576 ICU beds

#7YearsOfSeva

A milestone of 20,000 metric tonnes of Liquid Medical Oxygen (LMO) have been delivered across the country by the Indian Railways' Oxygen Express during the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

A total of 300 Oxygen Express trains have completed their journey so far. (29 May)



# INSPIRING STORIES FROM CIVIL SOCIETY EVERY BURDEN FEELS LIGHTER WHEN IT'S SHARED.



**A Centenarian Couple from a Village in Ballari Wins Over COVID-19**

103-year-old Iranna and his wife Iravva (101) of Thumbaraguddi village of Sandur taluk defeated COVID-19

"The couple used to wake up early in the morning and go for a walk around the hospital. They were not depressed due to the infection like others but followed all the instructions properly" said the Doctor

**RECOVERY STORIES**  
HOPE  
AMIDST THE PANDEMIC

**RAJASTHAN'S VILLAGE SETS AN EXAMPLE WITH ITS EFFICIENT VACCINATION PROGRAM**

Village Khudi Kalan, Nagaur district vaccinated 100% of its population over 60 with at least one dose

The village has also vaccinated over 70% of its population in the 45+ category

Proper communication undertaken to overcome vaccine hesitancy with Asha workers going from door-to-door showing skits & plays to dispel myths

**PANCHAYAT IN KERALA SETS UP A COMMUNITY SHIELD FOR COVID-19 AFFECTED**

The people's representatives of Panathady run a social outreach programme providing stay, food, medicine to the affected

Rapid response team deployed 135 volunteers to run a community kitchen & deliver food/medicines at home

Teachers and farmers donated some money to procure milk and essentials

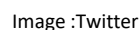
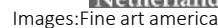
A close watch kept on containment zones and active cases as a safety measure

**VOLLEYBALL PLAYER WINS HEARTS BY ARRANGING OXYGEN FOR THE NEEDY**

Habeebunissa hoists oxygen cylinder on brother's bike for covid patients in distress

She actively distributed masks, cooked food for families in need & arranged other necessities

She has motivated many girls to take up sports & develop leadership skills





## A GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR A GLOBAL PROBLEM

On 6 May, INS Trikanth sailed from Doha carrying 2 Iso containers with 20 MT LMO each; which arrived in Mumbai on 10 May. One of the end users of LMO was Kasturba Hospital, Mumbai.



INS Trikanth on 19 May carried two cryogenic O<sub>2</sub> tankers of 40 MT airlifted by Indian Air Force from Pune to Doha and filled in Qatar by Air Liquide Group and 100 of 42 litre cylinders gifted by Indian Community under ICBF's Heal India Initiative. INS Tarkash, 19 May carried 40 MT oxygen in 2 cryogenic tankers. The LMO was organised in Qatar by Air Liquide Group. India, France, Qatar – continue their concerted efforts to fight covid-19. A total of 8 ISO oxygen tankers with 160MT LMO transported to India through this trilateral cooperation by India, France and Qatar.



### Aid sent via Qatar reaches Home

As part of ongoing COVID relief Operation Samudra Setu II, INS Trikanth arrived at Mumbai on 23 May with Covid relief material from #Qatar. INS Trikanth brought two Liquid Medical Oxygen (LMO) containers of 20 MT each and 100 Oxygen cylinders.

# ADDRESS BY EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER DR. S. JAISHANKAR AT THE UNSC OPEN DEBATE ON 'PEACE AND SECURITY IN AFRICA: ADDRESSING ROOT CAUSES OF CONFLICT WHILE PROMOTING POST-PANDEMIC RECOVERY IN AFRICA' 19 MAY 2021 (FULL STATEMENT)

Thank you, Mr. President.

Let me begin by congratulating State Councilor and Foreign Minister Excellency Mr. Wang Yi and the People's Republic of China on assuming the Presidency of the Security Council for the month of May. Mr. President, Mr. Secretary General, The initiative for an open debate on peace and security in Africa that addresses root causes of conflict while promoting post-pandemic recovery is indeed a timely one. I take this opportunity to share India's views after listening very carefully to the very valuable briefings.

The strong and deep solidarity between India and Africa reflects the bonding of the Global South. Our close collaboration is expressed through the India-Africa Forum Summit, as also the G77 and the Non-Aligned Movement. But nowhere is this more evident than in the United Nations itself. It is a matter of continuing regret for us that the voice of Africa is not given its proper due in this most pivotal institution. Our support for the Common African Position, as stated in the Ezulwini Consensus and the Sirte Declaration, is sincere and unambiguous. That is why, Mr. President, the issue of reformed multilateralism should be given utmost priority.

Mr. President, like the rest of the world, Africa too is being tested by the Covid-19 pandemic. Its vulnerabilities are greater and in many respects, its capabilities are still in the making. The world must stand by Africa in this crisis. On its part, India has done so, by supplying medicines, vaccines and health-related equipment to 42 African countries. We are also working in partnership with South Africa and others to address the challenges of accessibility and affordability of vaccines.

Beyond the pandemic, Africa's recovery will be facilitated by partnerships that genuinely address its economic sustainability. India's approach was spelt out by the Kampala Principles enunciated by Prime Minister Modi in 2018. In effect, India will respond to the priorities of Africa, as defined by Africans themselves. Our support is without conditionalities and in line with African expectations. This is visible in our 189 projects in 41 African countries being implemented under concessional loans. It is expressed in our providing medicines, health equipment, ambulances, books, vehicles and food grains. Or indeed in the vocational training and IT centres set up across Africa, in the 43,000 education and training slots we have provided over the last five years, or the digital education and health programmes with 17 African partners. Our trade and technology exchanges are steadily growing, in line with closer political and people-to-people ties. Whether it is debt relief or climate change, we treat Africa's challenges as our own.



Like the rest of the world, Africa too faces problems of terrorism and instability. It is a reminder to this Council why epicentres of radicalization must not be allowed to operate with impunity. India's support to Africa is expressed through our peacekeeping presence in South Sudan, Somalia, Abeyi, Western Sahara and Democratic Republic of Congo. We endorse the call of the Secretary General for a mandate under Chapter VII to support African counter-terrorism operations with sustained financing, including through assessed contributions.

Bilaterally, India has partnered in the establishment of defence institutions in Nigeria, Ethiopia and Tanzania. Our training teams have been deployed in Botswana, Namibia, Uganda, Lesotho, Zambia, Mauritius, Seychelles and Tanzania. When HADR situations have arisen, such as in Mozambique in 2019, India has been there for Africa.

We support peacebuilding in Africa, establishing capabilities and capacities that help meet challenges while ensuring progress. Most of all, we understand and empathize with the aspirations of Africa.

That is why, Mr. President, India will support peace and security there, help address root causes of conflict and be a reliable partner in fighting the pandemic.

I thank you Mr. President.

### **INDIA AT UNSC BRIEFING ON SYRIA (CHEMICAL WEAPONS) (6 MAY 2021. FROM THE STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR T.S. TIRUMURTI, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF INDIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS)**

India has consistently called for a comprehensive and peaceful resolution of the Syrian conflict through a Syrian-led dialogue, taking into account the legitimate aspirations of the people of Syria, facilitated by the UN in line with Security Council resolution 2254. We reiterate our support to UN led efforts for finding an expeditious resolution to the decade long conflict in Syria.

India views the Chemical Weapons Convention as a unique, non-discriminatory disarmament instrument which serves as a model for the elimination of an entire category of weapons of mass destruction. India stands for its full, effective and non-discriminatory implementation.

We have noted the contents of the latest report by Director General on the 'progress in the elimination of Syrian chemical weapons program'. India notes the efforts of the OPCW Technical Secretariat with regard to the Declaration Assessment Team in resolving the identified gaps and inconsistencies in the initial declaration and the Fact-Finding Mission on alleged use of chemical weapons. The Syrian authorities are cooperating with DAT and FFM, as evident from the ongoing deployment of FFM and the next round of consultations with DAT next week.

balance of power and responsibility enshrined under it. We have seen both the First Report and now, the Second Report of the IIT on incidents in Syria. The current report falls short of these expectations.

We support the resolution of all issues through consultation, dialogue and cooperation. We encourage Syria to continue engagement and cooperation with the OPCW mechanism to resolve all pending issues expeditiously.

India remains concerned about the possibility of chemical weapons falling into the hands of terrorist entities and individuals. The latest report of the UNITAD mentions about the repeated successful deployments of chemical weapons by ISIL against civilian populations between 2014 and 2016. This is a cause for serious concern given the core area of operations of ISIL has been both Syria and Iraq. It is deeply concerning that the involvement of external actors in Syria has given a fillip to the growth of terrorism in Syria and in the region. We are concerned at the frequent reports of the resurgence of terrorist groups in the region. The international community cannot afford to lower the guard against terrorists. We have learnt many lessons from the past of the consequences of misplaced complacency against terrorism.

**INDIA AT UN ON PALESTINE -27 MAY 2021.  
STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR T.S. TIRUMURTI, PERMANENT  
REPRESENTATIVE OF INDIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS.  
FULL STATEMENT BELOW –**

Thank you, Mr. President.

I thank Special Coordinator Tor Wennesland, Commissioner General of UN Relief and Works agency for Palestine refugees in near east (UNRWA) Philippe Lazzarini and Professor Rashid Khalidi for their briefings.

The situation in East Jerusalem and other Palestinian territories has been the focus of the Security Council in the last two weeks. During these Council meetings, India expressed her deep concern over violence in the old city of Jerusalem, especially at Haram Al Sharif/Temple Mount during the holy month of Ramadan, and over the possible evictions in Sheikh Jarrah and Silwan neighbourhoods in East Jerusalem, an area which is part of an arrangement facilitated by the United Nations. We also underlined the need to respect the historic status-quo in Jerusalem.

We welcome the announcement of ceasefire and recognise the important role of the international community, members of the Middle East Quartet, and regional countries, in facilitating the ceasefire and their continued efforts towards peace-building. The ceasefire has arrested the sharp deterioration of the security situation and restored relative calm. However, the situation continues to be fragile. We reiterate our call for all parties to observe maximum restraint and avoid acts of violence, provocation, incitement and destruction.



The latest cycle of violence has resulted in loss of precious human lives, including that of an Indian national. We extend our deep condolences to all the affected families. The immediate delivery of humanitarian assistance to the Palestinian civilian population, particularly in Gaza, and ensuring the smooth flow of humanitarian aid into Gaza through verified channels is a matter of importance.

On our part, India continues to provide developmental and humanitarian assistance to the Palestinian Authority both bilaterally and through contributions to UN led mechanisms. India has always supported UNRWA's strong role in human development and humanitarian services.

Rehabilitation and reconstruction will now form an important aspect of international community's efforts in Gaza and these must be prioritized. The Palestinian Authority should continue to be the fulcrum for such assistance to ensure the well-being and interests of all Palestinians.

Even as we focus on the immediate, we must underline the need for resuming dialogue between Israel and Palestine for a two-State solution. The absence of direct and meaningful negotiations between the two parties has only widened the trust deficit, which, in turn, increases the chances for similar escalations in the future. As the rehabilitation efforts continue, it is important for the international community and the Middle East Quartet in particular, to exert all efforts to resume these direct negotiations.

We firmly believe that only a two-State solution, achieved through direct and meaningful negotiations between both sides on final status issues, will deliver an enduring peace that the people of Israel and Palestine desire and deserve.

I thank you Mr. President.

## **INDIA AT UNSC ON YEMEN-12 MAY 2021 STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR T.S. TIRUMURTI, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF INDIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS**

I express our support to the Special Envoy Martin Griffiths for his repeated endeavours to secure an agreement between the parties for a nationwide ceasefire in Yemen. We have noted the efforts being made by the US Special Envoy and the Omani authorities. The positive statements by Yemen's neighbours and other countries in the region have also contributed to the overall diplomatic efforts.

It is unfortunate though that no breakthrough has been achieved despite this diplomatic push. We urge the leaders of warring parties in Yemen to set aside their differences for the benefit of the Yemeni people, whom they claim to represent

A spirit of compromise is required to find common ground, avert the risk of famine and end the suffering of the people. We encourage all parties to show flexibility and engage with the Special Envoy in good faith. The countries in the region have a major role to play in influencing Yemeni parties to stop the fighting and pursue initiatives that are currently being discussed.

I have, in previous meetings, underlined the importance for greater donor assistance to address Yemen's humanitarian situation, the need to remove the impediments by de facto authorities and the requirement of smooth supply of humanitarian and essential commodities to prevent famine in the country. The SAFER oil tanker still remains an outstanding issue.

Today, I will focus on two key issues, which are critical for long-term peace and stability in Yemen. First, the necessity for an immediate nationwide ceasefire, which should start with Marib. There can be no peace without the cessation of the offensive in Marib. Civilians continue to bear the brunt of the unabated fighting in frontline areas of the Marib Governorate. The fighting has only prolonged the suffering of its large population and put more than a million internally displaced people at grave risk.

We commend the efforts of the Yemeni government to fight terrorism despite the ongoing escalation. It is imperative that Al-Qaeda and other terrorist groups are prevented from exploiting the situation. From being relatively stable, Marib's transformation into a hotspot of military operations, within a span of few months, also underscores the fragility of any ceasefire that is not backed by a political agreement between the parties. Second, the need for full implementation of the Riyadh and Stockholm Agreements. The formation of the joint cabinet and its return to Aden was a major milestone in the implementation of the Riyadh Agreement. However, recent developments in the south are concerning. We hope that the Yemeni Government and the Southern Transition Council will be able to work together on the implementation of the Riyadh Agreement. This will also have a direct bearing on the political negotiations in the next step.

Hudaydah has also been the scene of intense clashes in recent months. The ongoing fighting in the province between Yemeni army forces and Ansarallah risks unraveling the Stockholm Agreement, which will have serious consequences, both economic and humanitarian. Millions of Yemenis depend on imports from Yemen's Red Sea ports. The preservation of this lifeline is even more vital now as famine-like conditions have returned to Yemen, in particular against the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic. I appreciate UNMHA's efforts to monitor the implementation of the ceasefire on the ground, despite the restrictions, and urge both parties to fulfill their commitments under the Stockholm Agreement, including through participation in the Redeployment Coordination Committee. The elements of the joint declaration, which were again reiterated in the recent Saudi initiative, offer a clear roadmap for return of peace and stability to Yemen. They must be pursued without any pre-conditions. I will conclude by reiterating that all parties in Yemen must put politics aside and prioritise the wellbeing and interests of the Yemeni people.

I thank you Mr. President.







## About 1,200 metric tons oxygen to be sent to India from Qatar

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Highlighting Qatar as a major transport and logistic hub in carrying global aid to India to combat the Covid-19 pandemic situation, Indian ambassador Dr Deepak Mittal, on Wednesday said in Doha that about 1,200 metric tons of liquid oxygen will be sent from Qatar to India in the next six to eight weeks.

Speaking to the media, Mittal expressed deep gratitude and appreciation of the efforts of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani to extend all support to India to face the challenges posed by Covid-19.

He also thanked Qatar Airways for its special offer to carry all global aid to India free of charge.

"Two cryogenic oxygen tanks carrying 40 metric tons of liquid oxygen are expected to leave from Qatar today. The tanks are with the support of French government and the Gazal Company in Qatar is filling the liquid medical oxygen in Qatar. It is a display of global solidarity.

"This is the first such shipment and multiple such shipments will be sent in the coming weeks," Mittal said.

The envoy said Qatar has been at the forefront in helping India.

"Qatar Airways will carry all the medical essentials from around the world, free of charge. Recently, three flights left for Indian with medical supplies. They are now working to carry 4,100 oxygen cylinders from London presented by British Oxygen Company to be airlifted in a few days," he revealed.

"There is a strong logistic support here and Qatar has emerged as one of the very important logistic hubs for supporting India from wherever the assistance is coming. Qatar Airways is co-ordinating and Qatar has become a logistic transportation centre in the venture," added Mittal.

The envoy noted that the leadership including His Highness the

Amir has been in touch with Indian government offering all help. "India has received tremendous support from government of Qatar as well as several other countries around the world.

"The Qatar Fund for Development is working on supplying more medical aids at the instruction of His Highness the Amir. In India, we truly appreciate it and thank Qatar for the same. It means a lot for my country and is a sign of great friendship," he said.

Mittal also appreciated the efforts of the India community in Qatar in mobilising essentials during the challenging times. "The Indian community in Qatar has already mobilised a lot of supplies. They have supplied 200 oxygen cylinders and 43 oxygen concentrators, which were sent on board an Indian Naval ship.

"The community is also organising 200 more oxygen cylinders and 100 of them are expected to leave today. Another 100 will leave on May 8 or May 9 on another Indian Naval ship that arrives at Hamad Port. Each one is a 42-litre cylinder.

"The Indian Community Benevolent Forum is co-ordinating the efforts," he said.

According to Mittal, the number of daily Covid cases in India has been decreasing for two days from over 400,000 to about 368,000 and this trajectory is visible in mortality rates too.

The envoy elaborated on the Covid-19 scenario in India and how its second wave has affected the population as several variants of the virus became virulent resulting in the huge demand for oxygen. "In March this year, the demand for medical oxygen was about 1,100 metric tons. Now the demand after a month is about 8,000 metric tons.

"Oxygen challenge is a major issue as the deadly variant of the virus is creating more breathing issues for the affected. Industrial oxygen is currently being used and more oxygen is being sourced from other countries including Gulf countries.

"Transportation of oxygen (within India) is another challenge and we have started Oxygen Express with the help of Indian Railways and Indian Air Force," he added.

## Qatar-India trade relations robust, progressing: envoy

By Joseph Varghese  
Staff Reporter

**T**he robust business and trade relations between Qatar and India are progressing very well despite the Covid-19 pandemic with several trade committees being formed and high level activities planned in the coming months, Indian ambassador Dr Deepak Mittal disclosed.

"The bilateral trade and economic relations between India and Qatar remain very strong, touching more than \$9bn in 2020 and over \$7bn in energy in energy sector alone. This was when the chips were down with the Covid-19 scenario and the economic activities were down.

"Commerce ministers of both countries are expected to have a conversation soon to focus more on bilateral trade and diversify and enhance the trade relations," the envoy said.

Dr Mittal was interacting with the media at the embassy to discuss India's efforts at dealing with the Covid-19 challenges and the prominent role that Qatar is playing in meeting the medical requirements in his country.



Indian ambassador Dr Deepak Mittal

"Qatar Investment Authority is planning to set up an office in India and they have already made two major investments. One is in technology platform job and the second is in Swiggy, an e-commerce and delivery platform," the ambassador revealed.

He added that there is an agreement to set up a joint working group on trade between Qatar and India.

"This is done by the commerce ministries and headed at the level of a joint secretary in India and a director in Qatar. This will be an institutional framework to have dialogue and regular discussions on focusing more on bilateral trade.

"This will also discuss the challenges in promoting bilateral trade and overcoming them. The first meeting will be held very soon," Dr Mittal said. To Page 3

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"We are in the process of setting up a joint business council between Qatar and India with businessmen from both countries. This will be formed with Qatar Chamber and the Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry and will be a joint business council between India and Qatar with the participation of private businessmen from both countries.

"This will be realised soon after the pandemic situation settles," he added.

The envoy also noted

**"To promote and as our commitment to climate change goals, India's target is to increase the gas in the energy mix from 5% to 15%"**

that after the discussions in December last year, His Highness the Amir and the prime minister of India have agreed to set up a taskforce to promote investments between Qatar and India as well as a joint taskforce on energy which is already working.

"The taskforce is exploring distribution of LNG, setting up of LNG facilities in India, gas

pipeline infrastructure such as citywide pipelines as well as nationwide pipeline to supply LNG.

"To promote and as our commitment to climate change goals, India's target is to increase the gas in the energy mix from 5% to 15%. We are exploring how gas can be the fuel for mobility leading to setting up of more LNG filling stations," he said.



By Joseph Varghese  
Staff Reporter

In an effort to reach out to the Indian community members in Qatar and enable them access its services in a big way, the embassy is planning to introduce several technology-based facilities, Gulf Times has learnt. "These include the introduction of a mobile app, multilingual call centre, chatbots among others," Dr Deepak Mittal, Indian ambassador disclosed recently.

"Reaching out to the community members is a continuous and ongoing exercise. With people being more and more technology oriented, we will be launching several facilities for the community members here in Qatar," he explained.

Answering a question from 'Gulf Times', Dr Mittal said: "The mobile app will help all the community members to reach out to us at any given time."

"The planning on the development of the app has been a bit slow due to the prevailing pandemic situation. The work on the app is in progress and it is being developed and tested. We will launch it at a suitable time and it will enable the community members in need to reach out to us according to their convenience."

"Similarly, we are setting up a multilingual call centre. We are committed to it and soon we will realise both the services of the app and the call centre."

"We are also using more technology into our services such as the consular and la-

## Indian embassy to reach out to community with more services



Dr Deepak Mittal

bour services," Dr Mittal said.

The Indian envoy also said that there are plans to introduce chatbots so that more people can contact the embassy without the need to make a telephone call or other forms of direct interaction. "People can check with the em-

bassy representatives through the chatbots and get clarifications or answers to their questions. It is not very feasible always to have several telephone lines and answer all the calls. They can make use of chatbots and register their feedback, complaints or concerns," he explained.

"We have had some good conversation with several Indian engineers and IT professionals working in Qatar and they are providing us all the support. Many Qatari companies are also eager to support the initiatives. Hopefully, we will be able to realise all these very soon," he added.

With over, 700,000 community members, Indians form the largest expatriate group in Qatar who work in almost all walks of life in the country.

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## Three Qatar Airways planes take 300 tons of medical aid to India

Three Qatar Airways Cargo Boeing 777 freighters departed for India yesterday, carrying approximately 300 tons of medical supplies from around the world to support Covid-19 relief efforts in the country.

The three flights departed one after the other bound for Bengaluru, Mumbai and New Delhi as part of Qatar Airways Cargo's 'WeQare' initiative.

Qatar Airways Group Chief Executive, HE Akbar al-Baker said: "Having seen with great sorrow the impact this further wave of Covid-19 infections has had on people in India, we knew we had to be part of the global effort to support the valiant health care workers in the country."

"As the leading air cargo carrier in the world, we are in a unique position to offer immediate humanitarian support through the provision of aircraft to transport much needed medical supplies, as well as coordinating logistical arrangements. We hope today's shipment and further shipments in the weeks to come will help ease the burden on local medical workers and provide relief to the impacted communities in India."

Indian ambassador Dr Deepak Mittal said:

"We deeply appreciate the gesture of Qatar Airways to carry free of charge essential medical supplies to India and supporting the fight against Covid-19."

Yesterday's cargo shipment included PPE equipment, oxygen canisters and other essential medical items, and consists of donations by individuals and companies around the world in addition to existing cargo orders.

Qatar Airways has been a leader in the fight against Covid-19 and in the early stages of the pandemic and provided similar aid flights to China, shipping supplies to Beijing, Guangzhou and Shanghai in February 2020. Qatar Airways is the first global airline and one of only six carriers in the world to achieve the prestigious 5-Star Covid-19 Airline Safety Rating by International Air Transport Organisation, Skytrax.

This follows HIA's recent success as the first and only airport in the Middle East and Asia to be awarded a Skytrax 5-Star Covid-19 Airport Safety Rating.

For full details of all the measures that have been implemented onboard and in HIA, one can visit [qatarairways.com/safety](https://qatarairways.com/safety). Page 12



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## Indian External Affairs Minister appreciates Qatar for its support

THE PENINSULA — DOHA

Indian External Affairs Minister H E Dr S Jaishankar has appreciated Qatar's leadership and Qatar Airways for providing support in fighting COVID-19 pandemic.

"The goodwill of Qatar. By air and sea," said S Jaishankar on his Twitter handle sharing some tweets' images of the Embassy of India in Qatar and Indian Navy.

"The images of the said tweets shared by External Affairs Minister had lauded Qatar's leadership and Qatar Airways for transporting medical supplies to help India curb COVID-19 infection."

"Grateful to Qatar's leadership and Qatar Airways for transporting 300 tonnes of medical aid — ventilators, concentrators, PPE, free of charge, from around world by three cargo planes which are enroute to Delhi, Mumbai and Bengaluru. Deeply value this critical logistical transportation support," Embassy of India tweeted a few days ago.

"Global effort continues, second consignment of two cryogenic tankers with 40 MT oxygen from Qatar loaded on Indian Navy INS Tarkash, thank you Qatar and France," said another tweet image shared by the Minister.



## GulfTimes

## India thanks Qatar Airways for delivering oxygen cylinders from UK

The Indian authorities have thanked Qatar Airways for facilitating the shipment of oxygen cylinders to India from the UK. "We deeply value the logistics support extended by Qatar Airways for transporting free of charge 1,250 oxygen cylinders gifted by British Oxygen Company from London to India. Global partnership in dealing with global challenge," the Indian embassy in Doha tweeted yesterday. In a related tweet, Indian Ministry of External Affairs official spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said, "Grateful to British Oxygen Company for gift of another 1,250 oxygen cylinders that arrived from the UK. Thank Qatar Airways for facilitating this shipment from the UK." Qatar Airways is supporting international efforts to tackle the second Covid-19 surge in India by shipping medical aid and equipment to the country free of charge from global suppliers.



## The Peninsula

## Qatar becomes a hub of organising logistics for medical aid to India: Envoy

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THE PENINSULA

Qatar has emerged as one of very important hub of organising logistics for medical assistance from all over the world to India and is preparing to dispatch 1,200 metric tonnes medical oxygen to India from Qatar. "Following the directive of Amir H H Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, Qatar Fund for Development (QFFD), is working on supplying more medical assistance as per the requirements in India to fight COVID-19," said Ambassador of India to Qatar, H E Dr. Deepak Mittal.

Speaking at a press conference held at the premises of Indian Embassy yesterday, the Ambassador said that the requirements of India are liquid medical oxygen, oxygen cylinders, oxygen concentrators, oxygen generating plants,



Dr. Deepak Mittal

Remdesivir medicines among others.

"Two cryogenic tankers are expected to leave from Qatar carrying 40 metric tonnes of liquid medical exigencies. The government of France arranged the cryogenic tankers. Gasal company of Qatar is filling the tankers with liquid medical oxygen and Indian Navy ship will carry this to India," said Dr. Mittal. ➔ P5

## Al Arab

India thanks Qatar for the offer to supply it with medical oxygen (Al-Arab, published in Friday 07 May 2021)

Indian Oil Minister Dharmendra Pradhan praised the State of Qatar and other Gulf countries for offering to provide his country with liquid medical oxygen to help face the crisis of the spread of the Corona virus.

In a series of tweets, the minister welcomed the offers of Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the UAE to provide his country with medical oxygen for the next six months.

Today, the minister said that he had held talks with Qatar and other Gulf countries on the supplies of liquid medical oxygen and thanked them for the emergency supplies they had provided.

"I have had close consultations over the past week with my counterparts from Saudi Arabia, the UAE and Qatar regarding ways to increase Liquefied Medical Oxygen imports to India," he added in a tweet.

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أشار وزير النفط الهندي د.رامندرا براهمان بدولة قطر ودول خليجية أخرى لتعاضدها مع بلاده بالأكسجين الطبي معاني للمساعدة في مواجهة أزمة انتشار فيروس كورونا.

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India in Qatar (Embassy of India, Doha)

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