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Pinnacle INDUSTRIES
Process. Precision. Performance.

25 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

"We are extremely grateful to have come this far together, developing a sustainable and thriving ecosystem leading to collective evolution of the Indian Manufacturing Industry. We will continue our efforts towards becoming India's most trusted and growth-oriented brand, offering smart automotive & mobility solutions to our valued customers."

Mr. Sudhir Mehta
Chairman & Managing Director,
Pinnacle Industries

Celebrating 25 years of Excellence

We have turned 25! As we celebrate our silver jubilee, we also celebrate the amazing people who make our team. Your inspired ideas, contagious enthusiasm, and relentless dedication are integral to our success—and we are proud of you.

Don't miss catching a glimpse of our celebrations on the next page!

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Pinnacle Industries is 25 years strong, celebrates silver jubilee in 2021

"It is a matter of great pride to see Pinnacle grow over the years, all this while, embracing great value system, seeking high aspirations and achieving a lot more than we intended. Pinnacle is a shining example of our dreams, aspirations, and hard work, and I must say it wouldn't have been possible without the perseverance and devotion of each and every member of Pinnacle family."

Mrs. Sunanda Mehta
Director, Pinnacle Industries

Pinnacle Industries collaborates with MyLab Discovery Solutions

We are proud to announce that Pinnacle Industries in association with MyLab developed India's first #LabOnWheels. Designed & developed by Pinnacle, MyLab rolled out a fleet of RT-PCR testing mobile labs pan India at all the Airports.

With as low as 2 technicians, each mobile lab can undertake 1500 to 3000 tests per day and allows to process samples 24 hours continuously.

850 Ambulances and Mobile Medical Units supplied to Andhra Pradesh

We are extremely proud to share that the design, interiors and conversion of close to 850 ambulances and mobile medical units, launched by Andhra Pradesh Government is done by Pinnacle Industries in record time.

We would like to congratulate Government of Andhra Pradesh for their noble initiative and are thankful for allowing us to be a part of their endeavour. These ambulances and mobile medical units (MMUs) are aimed at improving the access to healthcare services across the state.

Pinnacle delivers 150 Ambulances to the Government of Gujarat

Pinnacle Industries has delivered the first lot of 150 Traveller ambulances to the Government of Gujarat. The vehicles were flagged off to the various destinations in the state by the Chief Minister at a function done at his residence.

The Force Traveller Ambulance designed and developed by Pinnacle Industries is powered by a 2.5-litre, four-cylinder diesel engine that produces 115bhp and 350Nm of torque. This motor is paired to a five-speed manual transmission.

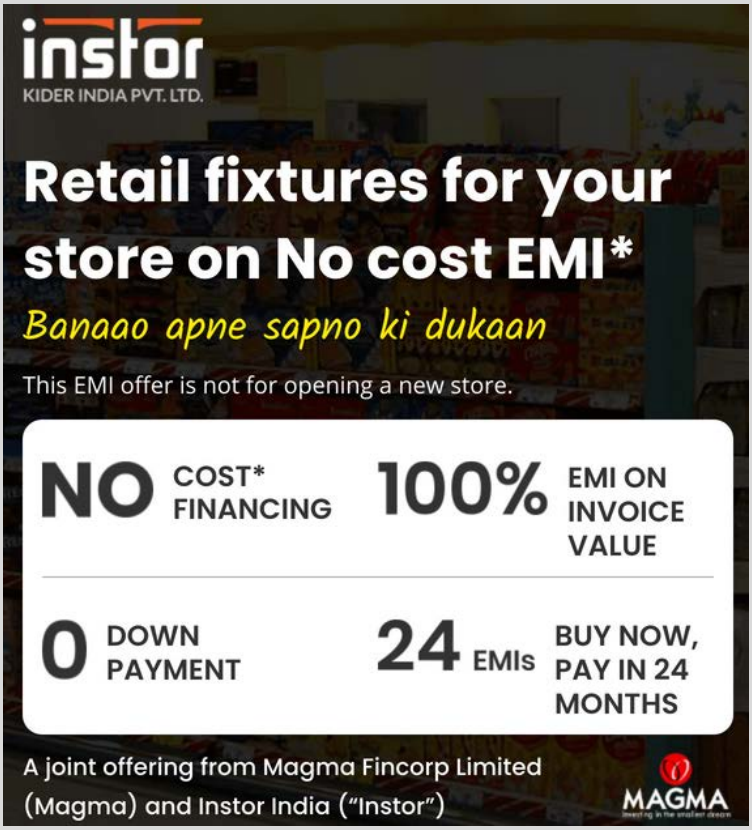
100 Ambulances delivered to Government of Assam

With COVID-19 disrupting lives and livelihoods across the world, Pinnacle Industries delivered another fleet of 100 ambulances to Government of Assam.

Health Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma launched these ambulances under Mrityunjoy 108 Service at GMCH (Gauhati Medical College and Hospital) auditorium, where all medicos and others involved in COVID duty were also felicitated.

Instor India collaborates with Magma Fincorp

Instor India has rolled out no cost financing options, exclusively designed for its customers, in association with Magma Fincorp. The exclusive offer for retail store owners offers 'No cost financing' on 100% invoice value of the best quality fixtures and products from Instor with 24 easy EMIs.



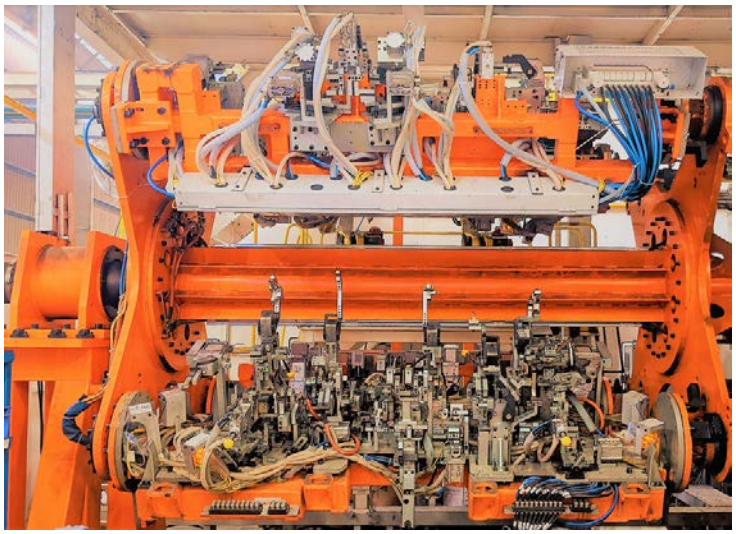
Magma Fincorp Limited is a Mumbai based non-banking financial company registered with the Reserve Bank of India. The company operates more than 295 branches in 22 states and a union territory and has a strong presence in rural and semi-rural India.

Instor India, revamping stores in 24 hours!

Instor - India's largest manufacturer and #1 choice of smart retailers has launched 24 hour store make-over campaign. This programme allows retailers to transform their traditional grocery or supermarket into a modern store by installing modern fixtures in just 24 hours.

More than 7000+ Indian retailers have modernised their stores with Instor's fixtures. Modern, well-designed stores attracts more customers and can help increase sales by 40%!

VDL Pinnacle delivers two 5-axis trunnions



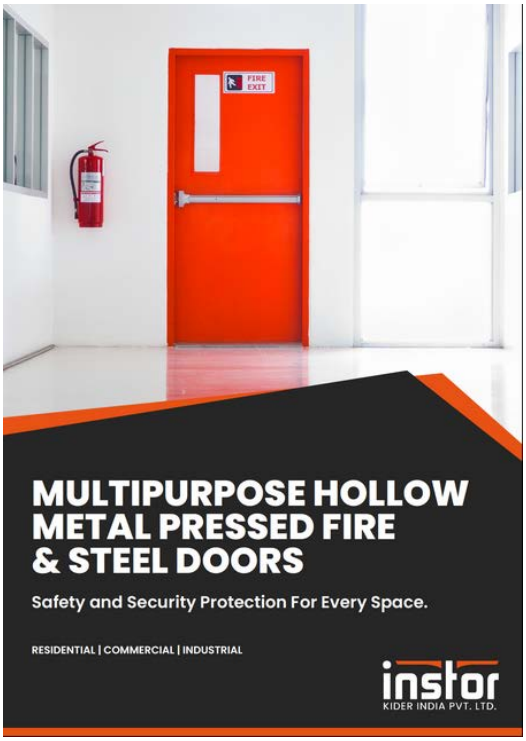
VDL Pinnacle has indigenously conceptualized, designed, developed & manufactured a 5-axis trunnion (Ferris Wheel) for robotic MIG welding of multi-model Cross Car Beams (CCB) for the automotive industry.

Advantages:

- Requires lesser footprint (shop floor space)
- Cost-effective
- Improved cycle time
- Fixture & tooling maintenance is at an ergonomic height
- Model change-over flexibility

VDL Pinnacle
Engineering India Private Limited.

Instor India introduces Multipurpose Hollow Metal Pressed Fire & Steel Doors



Instor is a leading manufacturer of steel and fire doors. It caters to various segments from high-rise buildings, shopping malls, industrial plants, multiplexes, hotels, auditoriums, software parks, restaurants, etc.

Certified by independent labs, Instor's steel and fire doors meet the highest quality standards and serve as both regular doors and emergency exits, providing a safe path during fire events and also protect life by containing the smoke.

Rivulis lends helping hands amid shortage of oxygen

Rivulis has come forward to help alleviate the immediate need for oxygen in Gujarat as the state emerged as one of the worst-hit states in India with an active caseload breaching 1.5 lakh. Rivulis is working towards mitigating the shortage of oxygen by joining hands with district authorities across the districts of Bharuch and Vadodara, Gujarat to ramp up oxygen and medical aid.

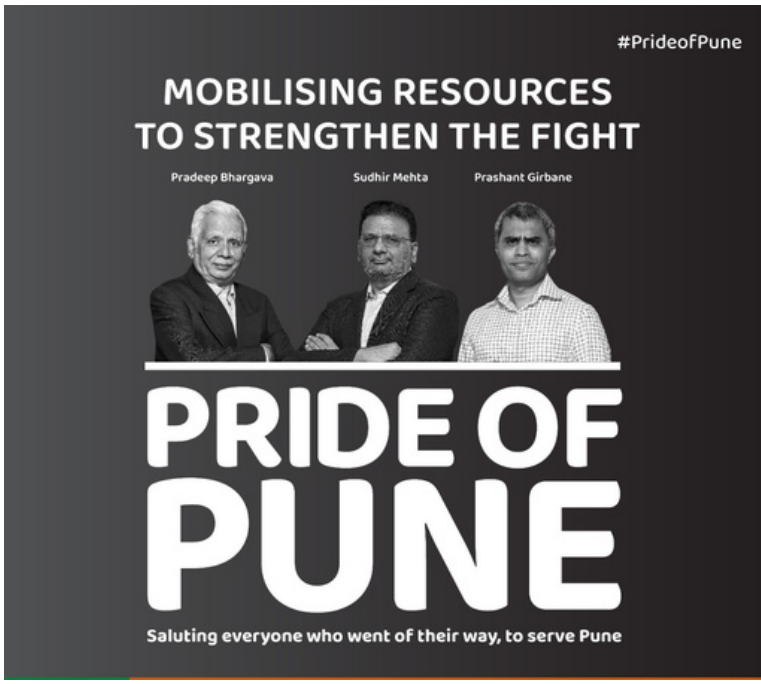
Rivulis has till date made available a total of 20 oxygen concentrators and 2 BiPaP Ventilators. These have been handed over to District Collector Office, Vadodara, District Development Office, Bharuch and Crossroads Hospital, Vadodara.

Rivulis partners with National Summit on Sustainable Water Management in Agriculture by FICCI

Rivulis India contributed as a proud partner at National Summit on Sustainable water use & Management in Agriculture organized by FICCI on the occasion of World Water Day 2021, held on 22nd-23rd March 2021.

Mr. Kaushal Jaiswal, MD, Rivulis India, addressed "the session and suggested that collaborative approach & convergence of schemes is important to ensure last-mile delivery & impactful implementation of Government schemes of per drop more crop during a panel discussion with other dignitaries.

Pune Platform for COVID-19 Response (PPCR): Led & Coordinated by Mr. Sudhir Mehta



Pune Platform for COVID-19 Response (PPCR) is a volunteer group of members of civil society who came together to minimize the impact of COVID-19 outbreak in Pune city and surroundings. Through coordinated action, the multi-stakeholder group, led & coordinated by Mr. Sudhir Mehta, Chairman & Managing Director, Pinnacle Industries, exemplified meta-leadership abilities to cope up with the crisis.

With 500+ Private and non-profit sector members, 250+ Government & Private hospitals, 10+ Government offices, 1000+ donors, PPCR has been an interface between hospitals, local administration, State and Centre Government since the beginning of the pandemic. In last 14 months, PPCR has deployed equipment worth Rs. 200 crores across India, that includes, 1000+ ventilators, 8000+ oxygen concentrators, 12 oxygen generation plants, 150+ HFNO's, 53000+ oximeters, setting up 2 covid-care facilities and much more.

Collaboration is key, Pune model for Covid-19 response shows how

Sudhir Mehta & Sahil Deo

From the Wright brothers to Watson and Crick who studied the structure of the DNA, collaborations have always played an integral role in development. In a pandemic such as Covid-19, it is imperative to have collaboration between governments, between sectors and between all stakeholders as it is the key to progress.

The Pune Platform for Covid Response (PPCR), also based on collaboration, is among the unparalleled initiatives providing quick solutions to support the government in containing the Covid-19 virus.

The platform, anchored by the Maharatta Chamber of Commerce Industries and Agriculture (MCCIA), comprises over 250 private and government hospitals, 10 government offices, 150 corporates and 50 members from the non-profit sector.

It has worked with government officials at the local, state, and national level since the outbreak and through the second wave to reduce the distress patients, their families, and the healthcare system faces.

The group identified the availability of doctors and other healthcare personnel, well-managed and equipped hospitals, service to society and philanthropy from citizens and organizations as key to managing a public health crisis.

Dialogue is key to collaboration. Boundaries must be broken for open discussions and teamwork encouraged. The role of the government must be that of an enabler, and the power of citizens and NGOs must be harnessed.

In the past 14 months, the platform raised funds, channelled resources, distributed ration kits, arranged for ventilators, BiPAP machines, trained medical staff and counseled citizens, filling the gaps in the healthcare system.

It helped increase the bed capacity for Covid-19 patients by 60% and trebled the number of ventilators available. Twelve oxygen generator plants with a combined ability to produce 12 tonnes a day were facilitated, helping Pune, one of the worst-hit cities, manage the oxygen shortage situation. This contribution ensured that there were no accidents or deaths due to lack of oxygen.

File photo

The group identified the availability of doctors as key to managing a public health crisis

THE WAY FORWARD

A POINT OF VIEW

Pune's capacity of ventilators, ICUs, and Covid-19 beds in hospitals now equals that of Mumbai, Delhi, Bengaluru and Chennai despite the low number of government hospitals and state-run facilities.

The group has helped arrange for 1,000 ventilators, 150 high flow nasal oxygen machines, 12,000 units of blood through donation drives, 53,000 oximeters, 50,000 PPE kits and 3,20,000 masks till date.

Two Covid-care facilities with a combined capacity of 1,000 patients, and support management of a 24-hour call centre for patients and families, bed management software, and the distribution of 14.71 lakh meals was also initiated by the platform.

Pune is among the cities with the highest number of Covid-19 beds recording a 700% increase in capacity and a 435% increase in ventilator capacity when compared with the last year. Today, Pune district is able to cater to thousands of patients from rural and peripheral areas as well.

As the impact of the second wave worsened across the country, the platform launched 'Mission Vayu', one of the largest civic-led initiatives, supported by MNCs, foundations and members. It helped procure and donate BiPAP machines and oxygen concentrators to the worst-hit areas across the country.

Along with several national and international partners, the group deployed 7,800 oxygen concentrators, 875 ventilators and 50,000 oximeters to other districts in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh, Delhi, Rajasthan, West Bengal, and Karnataka.

We could also deploy equipment worth Rs 200 crore across India since the pandemic broke out. Over the last three months, these efforts have expanded from Pune to 30 other districts in Maharashtra and now supports many other states.

The group hopes to make Pune the country's first Covid-19 death-free city by getting the eligible population vaccinated with a target of inoculating one lakh individuals every day. Pune was among the first cities to reach 87,000 vaccinations a day and to immunise 70% in the 45+ age group. We plan to procure 50 lakh doses for those in the 18-44 age group soon.

We hope to overcome the remaining challenges of the second wave and prepare for a potential third wave. A proposal on several factors has been made. The government's policies on vaccination strategies, lockdown and movement guidelines, testing strategy, and supply chain must be looked into.

More research on new variants, long-term protective immune response and vaccination is necessary. Strategies on manufacturing liquid oxygen plants and tankers, O2 concentrators, O2 cylinders and BiPAPs should be developed.

A focus on makeshift hospitals, ICUs, vaccination centres, and cold storage for vaccines is needed. The safety of the frontline personnel and children and the impact on their education and mental health should be ensured to minimize the damage.

Pune's success in creating the largest bed capacity in the country is due to the addition of hundreds of private hospitals who joined forces to fight Covid-19. We encourage other districts to bring stakeholders together to manage the pandemic.

The pandemic is here for a long time, and such models must be replicated in every city and by every state to fight it. Our platform's strategies addressed its immediate and short-term impacts, introducing interventions for resilience in the medium to long-term.

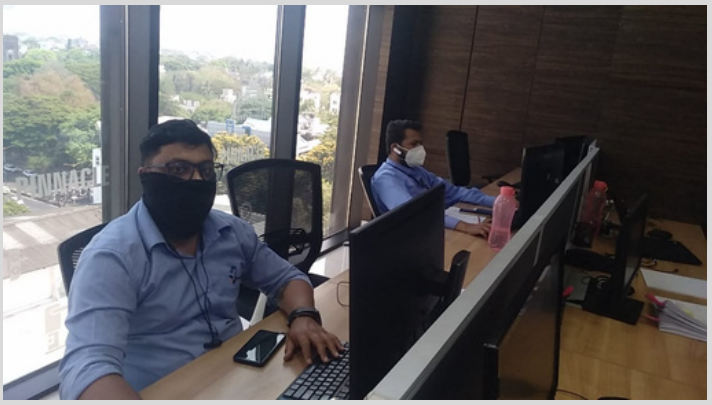
Such models and efforts ensure better facilitation of resources by mobilising all the stakeholders to protect lives and livelihoods.

(Sudhir Mehta is the chairman of Pinnacle Industries, Lead PPCR & president of MCCIA. Sahil Deo is the co-founder of CPC Analytics, a data-driven policy consulting firm with offices in Pune and Berlin)

Pinnacle reopens while maintaining health & safety at workplace

Navigating the COVID-19 pandemic and its aftermath has been one of the biggest challenges. To keep operations going while minimizing the risk to employees, we reopened with all safety protocols to safeguard the health & safety of our employees.

New protocols for deep cleaning and sanitization, social distancing, masking, mandating Covid appropriate behaviour and various other safety & precautionary measures have been introduced to ensure and promote health and safety at all our premises.



Mr. Sudhir Mehta, CMD, Pinnacle Industries appointed as President, MCCIA

We are glad to share that our Chairman & Managing Director, Mr. Sudhir Mehta has been appointed as the President, Mahratta Chamber of Commerce Industries and Agriculture (MCCIA).

For past 1 year he has been closely working towards various COVID-19 relief activities and initiatives aimed towards empowering businesses and industry.

AIC-Pinnacle Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Summit 2021

AIC-Pinnacle organized the “AIC-Pinnacle Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Summit 2021”, which was supported and sponsored by Ministry of MSME.

AIC-Pinnacle successfully executed this 3 days IPR summit with 300+ Participants from Start-ups, MSMEs, Entrepreneurs, Innovators, Industry Associations, Incubators, Academic institutions & Universities, IP professionals, Inventors, Engineers, R&D Heads, and others engaged in technical endeavours.

AIC Pinnacle Workshop on Business Environment: Post COVID-19

AIC-Pinnacle organized the national level Workshop on “Business Environment: Post COVID-19”, which was supported and sponsored by Ministry of Electronics and IT, Govt of India.

At present start up ecosystem is affected due to covid-19, lots of changes happening in business environment, understanding this changes is important to avoid future downfall, this workshop was focused on business environment Post-COVID-19. This 2 day-workshop was successfully executed with 350+ Participants from startup eco-system.

AIC-Pinnacle Entrepreneurship Forum Startup Success Stories

Adivid Technologies provided the Maharashtra government a Vehicle e-pass system to ensure the smooth mobility of essential service providers and individuals during the lockdown. (passes given to ~70 lacs people since last year). Moreover, Adivid Technologies assisted Nashik Police to do a Hot-Spot mapping of containment zones to ensure having police presence and alternate routing of vehicles to avoid spread.

They have also developed a solution to curb the black marketing of alleged Covid19 medicine such as remdesivir by creating a Covid19 medicine supply chain platform for FDA & Police.

CargoFL is an AI driven technology ecosystem for logistics. CargoFL enables businesses with logistics & supply chain technology thereby enabling them achieve significant cost savings and productivity improvements.

The CargoFL platform was extended in last one year during the pandemic to support its customers with two use cases specific to Covid, one was to simplify communication between the employer and employees in a blue collared environment and another was to manage the demand & supply of oxygen cylinders between hospitals & oxygen producing units.

In the News

Driving first response

SUDHIR MEHTA
& SAHIL DEO

Mehta is chairman, Pinnacle Industries & President, MCCIA, Pune.
Deo is co-founder, CPC Analytics

Put ambulances in the same taxation bracket as medical equipment to encourage pvt players

EMERGENCY RESPONSE IS an important aspect of healthcare services, and ambulances play a critical role in this. Unfortunately, most of India's population does not have adequate access to pre-hospital trauma care. In India, few victims receive treatment at the scene, and fewer can still hope to be transported in an ambulance. As a result, many victims may die at the scene or during the first few hours following injury. Critical procedures like blood group identification, monitoring oxygen levels, etc, could be initiated in the ambulance after equipment upgradation.

India has two different yet overlapping publicly funded ambulance systems, with both popularly known by their helpline numbers, 108 and 102. Between them, they have more than 25,884 ambulances across 33 states and Union Territories, under the National Ambulance service system of the National Health Mission, along with 900,000 community health volunteers and 178,000 paid staff. The WHO for ambulance penetration recommendation is one per 1 lakh population to meet the crucial 15-minute attention period. Besides the centralisation of 108 and 102 helpline, it is imperative to update the National Ambulance Service System on bed vacancy and occupancy at hospitals. This will help the patient to reach the destination trauma facility within the critical time period. The recommended ratio cannot be accurately assessed because India has a multitude of providers, especially in urban areas. Despite this, the average time to reach a person in distress is between 41 -47 minutes. With increasing hospitalisation due to the pandemic, there is a shortage of ambulances. There is also the issue of overcharging.

In the wake of the rising number of Covid-19 cases, there is a need to deploy additional ambulances. Besides, since they are giving transport access to patients, ambulance operators need specialised attention in the present situation. This includes PPE kits, temperature control within the vehicle, and disconnected air circulation system, to operate with the PPE and other precautionary gear on for long hours. Moreover, obligation of vehicle sterilisation is also a major factor due to the high chances of transmission of the virus. Ambulance fares need to capped and standardised, as recently directed by the Supreme Court.

However, the government also needs to make urgent structural changes to encourage more private enterprises to buy ambulances for public health service as part of Emergency Response Services (ERS). Therefore, the first step is the reduction of tax levied on ambulance from 28% to 12%, shifting it into the same category as medical equipment. Second, there is a need for centralisation of the 108 and 102 system. Last, there has to be access to easy loans as most ambulances are purchased against bank finance. If such loans can be brought under the "priority sector lending" category, it will ensure bankers/financial institutions provide easy and affordable loans. The recent revision and expansion of RBI's priority sector lending basket did not include enterprises providing healthcare services.

New enterprises can integrate within the existing startup ecosystem to improve services. Besides improving the healthcare service, it will also help slow the growing unemployment. With a rapid rise in Covid-19 cases, there is going to demand for ambulances and an upgraded ERS.

In the news

SCRAPPAGE POLICY TO PUSH DEMAND

With special emphasis on enhancing domestic manufacturing, government's decision to allocate ₹1.97 lakh crore for PLI schemes is a promising move

SUDHIR MEHTA
CMD,PINNACLE INDUSTRIES, DIRECTOR, FORCE MOTORS & PRESIDENT, MAHRATTA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INDUSTRIES AND AGRICULTURE

THE INDIAN AUTOMOTIVE industry has been eagerly waiting for the Union Budget announcements. After a year of upheavals, India is now slated to be one of the fastest growing economies in the world.

The challenge this year was to balance lives and livelihoods, which has been ably addressed. Overall, the budget this year is very positive for both, the overall economy as well as the automotive industry.

A major positive development and a much needed step is in the public sector privatisation. Except for companies in strategic sectors, all other central public sector enterprises are to be privatised or closed. This year's Budget has very wisely resisted from any tinkering in income tax rates, indicating a movement towards stable tax regime.

We also welcome the announcement and clarity on the voluntary scrappage policy as it is likely to increase demand for new commercial vehicles and passenger vehicles. It will also prove to be environmentally sustainable, encouraging fuel efficiency and reducing oil imports. What is also encouraging is that the budget outlay for the MSME sector has been doubled.

With special emphasis on enhancing domestic manufacturing, government's decision on allocating ₹1.97 lakh crore for PLI schemes is a promising move that will help create manufacturing global champions in India across 13 sectors, including the automotive sector. Announcements with regards to a large infrastructure boost will provide ease of mobility, indirectly boosting the opportunities for the auto sector.

Furthermore, the new scheme launched for public bus transport services, will support their augmentation and will bring relief to the much affected bus market and also improve public transport services. The cost of this is estimated around ₹18,000 crore. A systematic and continuous focus on building rural and agricultural infrastructure while prioritising agriculture credit growth will have a long-term positive impact on rural demand of passenger, small, light commercial vehicles.

Increase in customs duty rate on parts of vehicles from 10% to 15% is also aimed towards promoting domestic manufacturing. Uniform reduction of customs duty on steel and other commodities will have a positive impact on the sector and provide an impetus to the auto-ancillary sector.

A series of measures and stimulus packages will be needed to be implemented throughout the year. To minimise the impact that our economy and almost every single sector has faced over the last year, we need to look at boosting growth in mid to long term. Our focus should be on stability of tax policies.

This Budget is as much important for its exclusions as it is for its inclusions. It has a sharp focus on few areas like health and infrastructure, with an emphasis on disinvestment. This makes it the best Budget of the current FM as both the intent and direction is clear. The government has put its best foot forward and we all need to respond and contribute by increasing our focus on national wealth and job creation.

कोरोना मृत्युदर आणूया शून्यावर

कोरोनाची दुसरी लाट का आली आहे? आपण वाढत चाललेली रुग्णसंख्या अन् मृत्युदर कमी कसा करू शकतो, याचा ऊहापोह करणारा लेख.

सुधीर मेहता

नव्या वर्षाची सुरुवात होताच 'कोविड १९' हळूहळू मागे हटताना आपण पाहिले. सप्टेंबर २०२०च्या तुलनेत रुग्णांची संख्या देशात नाट्यमयरीत्या कमी झाल्याचे आढळून आले. मात्र, आता स्थिती पुन्हा बदलली आहे आणि पुण्यात ते प्रकर्षाने जाणवते आहे. हे का आणि कसे झाले, हे जाणून घेण्यासाठी आपल्याला थोडे मागे जावे लागेल व केवळ अंदाज न करता माहितीआधारित (डेटा) प्रश्न विचारावे लागतील.

कोरोनाची दुसरी लाट का आली आहे? आपण वाढत चाललेली रुग्णसंख्या कशी कमी करू शकतो? आपण केस पॉझिटिव्हिटी दर कमी करू शकलो नाही, तरी मृत्युदर कसा कमी करू शकतो? सर्वांत महत्त्वाचे म्हणजे कोरोनामुळे होणारे मृत्यू आपण कसे कमी करू शकतो...

संसर्गाची लक्षणे नाहीत...

मार्च व एप्रिल २०२०मध्ये विषाणूचा संसर्ग कमी लोकांना झाला होता व त्यामुळे त्यांना शोधणे व अशा लोकांना वेगळे करणे (आयसोलेट) शक्य होते व त्यामुळे मृत्युदरही कमी होता. आता मात्र सामूहिक संसर्ग फोफावला आहे. एखाद्या व्यक्तीला नक्की कोठून संसर्ग झाला हे शोधून काढणे जवळपास अशक्य आहे. मार्गील वर्षीच्या तुलनेत यावेळी लोकांत मोठ्या प्रमाणावर (९५ टक्के) कोरोनाची कोणतीही लक्षणे दिसून येत नाहीत किंवा त्यांच्यात अत्यंत कमी प्रमाणात (३ ते ४ टक्के) लक्षणे आढळतात. याचाच अर्थ मोठ्या प्रमाणातील संसर्ग झालेले लोक शोधले जात नाहीत आणि त्यामुळे ते विषाणूचा संसर्ग इतरांत करीत राहतात. लोकांचा हलगर्जीपणा व समूह प्रतिकारशक्तीबद्दलची चुकीची धारणा यांमुळे कोरोना वेगाने पसरतोय. 'कोविड १९' संदर्भातील सावधगिरी व नियमावली पायदळी तुडवणे, कोविड काळातील आवश्यक जीवनशैली न स्वीकारणे, मास्कचा वापर बंद करणे, गर्दी करणे, खासगी व सार्वजनिक ठिकाणी एकत्र जमणे, महासाथीच्या तीव्रतेकडे काणाडोळा करणे यांमुळे हे घडत आहे. शिवाय आता राज्यात 'सार्स कोव्ह २'चा नवा अवतार 'डबल म्युटेशन'मधून अवतरला आहे. 'आयहिलवेल' या संस्थेच्या अभ्यासानुसार स्पष्ट झाले, की पुण्यातील रुग्णालयांत दाखल झालेल्या ४ हजार ४२१ कोरोना बाधितांना प्रवेशाच्या वेळी ऑक्सिजनची गरज पडली नाही. त्यातील केवळ ७४५ (१६.९ टक्के) रुग्णांची तब्येत नंतर खालावली व त्यांना ऑक्सिजन किंवा 'आयसीयू'ची गरज पडली. दाखल होतानाच आयसीयूची गरज पडलेले रुग्ण २४१ (५.५ टक्के) होते व केवळ ६१ (१.४ टक्के) रुग्णांना व्हेंटिलेटर लागला.

लशींची उत्पादनक्षमता काही महिन्यांत मोठ्या प्रमाणावर वाढविल्यानंतर आपल्याला दुसरा डोस देणे शक्य आहे. तसेही, मोठ्या कालावधीसाठीची प्रतिकारशक्ती निर्माण होण्यासाठी दुसरा डोस १२ आठवड्यांनंतर घेण्याचा सल्ला तज्ज्ञ देत आहेत. ब्रिटन, स्कॉटलंडमध्ये पहिला डोस दिल्यानंतर मृत्युदर कमी झाल्याची आकडेवारी आहे. आपण आता ज्येष्ठ नागरिक आणि संसर्गाचा धोका असलेल्यांचे लसीकरण मोठ्या प्रमाणात पूर्ण केले आहे. आता धोका असलेल्या इतरांचे लसीकरण सुरू करणे महत्त्वाचे आहे. २७ ते २८ वयोगटातील तरुणांचा कोरोनाने मृत्यू झाल्याचे दिसून येणे ही धोक्याची घंटा आहे. सध्या दिवसभरात १२ हजारांपेक्षा अधिक नागरिकांना संसर्ग होत असून, केस पॉझिटिव्हिटी रेट ३० ते ३५ टक्के आहे. पुणे जिल्ह्यात आतापर्यंत १० हजारांपेक्षा अधिक जणांचा मृत्यू झाला असून, वेगाने प्रतिबंधक पावले उचलायला हवीत.

दररोज एक लाखांना लस

पुण्याचे लसीकरणाचे मॉडेल देशासाठी रुपेरी किनार बनली असून, त्यातून अनेक गोष्टी शिकता आल्या. गेल्या शनिवारी पुणे जिल्ह्यात सर्वाधिक ७६ हजार ९५४ जणांचे लसीकरण झाले. सध्याचे निर्बंध व मर्यादित साधनसामग्री असूनही आपण दिवसाला एक लाख लोकांचे लसीकरण करण्याच्या तयारीत आहोत. सर्व वयोगटांसाठीचे लसीकरण खुले केले आणि प्रत्येक पुणेकराला येत्या ३० दिवसांच्या विक्रमी वेळेत या सर्वांना पहिला डोस दिल्यास दैनंदिन मृत्युदर आणि रुग्णालयात दाखल होण्याचे प्रमाण नाट्यमयरीत्या कमी झालेले दिसेल. हे पर्यायी मॉडेल आणि धोरण साधे, व्यवहार्य आहे. त्याचे दुष्परिणाम नाहीत. फक्त अधिक लशी उपलब्ध करून द्याव्या लागतील. पुणे जिल्ह्यासाठी लसीकरणाचे अधिक उदारमतवादी धोरण राबवावे लागेल. देशातील या सर्वाधिक ग्रस्त जिल्ह्याची त्याद्वारे कोरोनातून सुटका करता येईल. जिल्ह्यातील मृत्युदर वेगाने वाढतो आहे आणि तातडीने तो रोखण्यासाठी कंबर कसावी लागेल. लसीकरणासाठी लावलेल्या चाळण्या हटवाव्या लागतील आणि ते सर्वांसाठी टप्प्याटप्प्याने खुले करावे लागेल. मात्र, ठराविक वय आणि सहव्याधी असलेल्यांसाठीच लस देणे हा पर्याय कादावा लागेल.

यासाठी पुणे शहराकडे संसाधने, व्यासपीठे, पायाभूत सुविधा, क्षमता आणि मजबूत आराखडा तयार आहे. गरज आहे अडथळे हटविण्याची, विश्वास ठेवण्याची व आपल्या क्षमतेनुसार लसीकरणाची. सध्याची रुग्णवाढ व मृत्युदर पाहता आपण दिवसाला एक लाख जणांचे लसीकरण करण्यात अयशस्वी ठरल्यास दिवसाला ५० जणांचे मृत्यू होतील. महत्त्वाचे म्हणजे, आपण केवळ जीव गमावणार नसून, मोठ्या लोकसंख्येच्या भविष्यावदलच्या आशा, आर्थिक - मानसिक स्थैर्य व आरोग्यही गमावणार आहोत. भारताने कोरोनाची पहिली लाट रोखण्यात चांगली कामगिरी केली आहे आणि आता लेखात विशद केलेले धोरण राबवून आपण पुण्याला भारतातील पहिले 'कोरोना मृत्युमुक्त शहर' बनवू शकतो. यातून देश आणि जगात मोठा सकारात्मक संदेश जाईल. त्याचबरोबर याद्वारे आपण पुन्हा एकदा जगाच्या आर्थिक विकासाचे केंद्र बनू शकतो.

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पहिला डोस 'गेम चेंजर'

ताजे अहवाल पाहिल्यास दिसते, की लशींच्या पहिल्या डोसची परिणामकारकता (इफिकसी) ७६ टक्के असून, त्यामुळे बाधितांचे रुग्णालयात दाखल होण्याचे प्रमाण जवळपास शून्य आहे. पहिला डोस घेतल्यानंतर २२ दिवसांनंतर मृत्यूचे प्रमाणही शून्य आहे. म्हणजेच, आपण महासाथीने सर्वाधिक बाधित जिल्ह्यांतील १८ वर्षांवरील लोकांचे लसीकरण पूर्ण केल्यास संसर्गाची तीव्रता कमी होईल आणि मृत्यूही रोखता येतील. त्यातून पुण्यातील आरोग्यसेवेवर आलेला ताणही कमी होईल. सध्या शहरातील बहुतांश रुग्णालये, क्लिनिक, नर्सिंग होम आणि इतर आरोग्य सुविधांची ८० टक्के क्षमता केवळ कोविड रुग्णांसाठी राखीव आहे. त्यामुळे इतर रुग्णांवरील उपचार मागे पडताहेत. पुण्यातील १८ वर्षांवरील सुमारे ४० लाख लोकांना पुढील ३० दिवसांत लशीचा पहिला डोस दिला गेल्यास रुग्णालयांतील खाटा मोठ्या प्रमाणात रिकाम्या होतील व पुढील ६० दिवसांत मृत्युदर ९० टक्क्यांनी कमी होईल. हे धोरण महिनाभर राबविल्यास १ जून २०२१पर्यंत मृत्यूचे प्रमाण ९० टक्क्यांनी खाली येईल.

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