

A Call for Urgent Action - Appeal for 'Covid-19 Relief' in India

Dear Fellow Indo Canadians & the Broader Kingston Community,

As you all know that India has been devastated by the **COVID-19 pandemic** and it has wreaked havoc on innocent people's lives. The health care system is on the verge of collapse. You may have witnessed the horror people are experiencing on the news channels and social media platforms. People are in desperate need of help in the form of oxygen cylinders, medical equipment and medicines. Many people are not even getting dignified last rites. The scale of mental trauma from this crisis cannot be comprehended. It's time for us to step up to ensure that our beloved people back in India can have access to life-saving basic amenities to fight this deadly pandemic. We cannot let India down at this moment of crisis and must help it to stand on its feet again.

In this time of crisis, we are sending this **Call for Urgent Action** on behalf of a group of community organizations representing people of Indian heritage in Kingston region to support the pandemic efforts in India.

We are sure that many of you want to help and perhaps not sure how to do it effectively. Based on the discussion amongst representatives of different community organizations and consultation with the High Commission of India, Ottawa - we would like to offer the following options to choose from for your **donations**. These organizations are performing extraordinary ground work in the COVID battlefield in India. You can follow the links below to donate online.

1. **Red Cross Canada:** [Donate to the India COVID-19 Response Appeal - ICRA MWF Don \(redcross.ca\)](#)
2. **United Way India:** [donate-disaster - uw india](#)
3. **Khalsa Aid:** <https://www.khalsaaid.org/donate-canada>
4. **PM Cares Fund:** [Foreign Donations - Credit/Debit Cards | PM CARES](#)

At the moment, it is most important to provide immediate help, and if you prefer any organization other than ones in the list, please do not hesitate to donate to them.

Your support will be much appreciated by several people around the world especially the ones suffering.
Let's Do the Right Thing!

Thank You.

On Behalf of our Loving Indo-Canadian Community

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