

press release

AM/NS India mobilises resources to fight Covid-19 in India

India's continuing battle with Covid-19 is generating remarkable examples of corporate initiatives to contain the contagion and minimise its impact on the country's 1.3 billion population. ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India (AM/NS India) contributed Rs 100 cr jointly with HPCL-Mittal Energy Limited (HMEL) to PM-Cares Fund to augment the government's own fight against the pandemic, contain its fallout and minimise its impact on the most vulnerable communities.

In addition, AM/NS India has initiated support activities in the remote villages and communities that surround the company's industrial operations.

Create awareness - A task force has been formed to promote awareness about COVID-19 and educate villagers about safety measures such as social distancing and correct hygiene protocols to combat the virus. This taskforce comprising AM/NS India employees has undertaken a door to door campaign in remote villages of Chhattisgarh and Odisha to spread awareness.

Health benefits – AM/NS India has distributed more than 2.5 lakh masks, and sanitisers and soaps to communities in many locations. Additionally, infra-red thermometers and surgical gloves have been supplied to numerous primary healthcare centres while health kits have been provided to district administrations and police forces in Visakhapatnam and Surat. In some areas, the company has augmented existing ambulance services to ensure round the clock availability. Similarly, isolation wards have been set up for those infected. Police stations, local communities and villages surrounding the company's plant sites are being regularly fumigated and sterilised.

Social benefits – AM/NS India remains committed to giving full wages to its daily workers and contract labourers. Further, the frequency of payments to industrial wage earners has been accelerated from monthly to fortnightly to ensure that they have money in their pockets to care for their families. Food kits and meals are served to over five lakh people.

Mr. Dilip Oommen, CEO, AM/NS India said, "AM/NS India is committed to supporting the Government of India in its fight against COVID-19. We are focusing our efforts on easing the strain on public health services, food distribution and providing sanitation kits and PPE. Together, I am confident that humanity shall overcome these difficult circumstances. Hum Honge Kamyab!"

About AM/NS India

AM/NS India is the leading integrated flat carbon steel producer in India, with an achievable capacity of around 8.5 million tonnes per annum. We produce a full diversified range of flat steel products, including value-added steel, and have significant capacity to produce iron ore pellets.

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