

# Indian Air Force & Navy step up efforts to ferry oxygen and medical supplies

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Indian Air Force (IAF) and Indian Navy (IN) have intensified their efforts to aid the civil administration in tackling the current COVID19 situation by ferrying oxygen containers and medical equipment. As on May 07, 2021, the C-17 aircraft of IAF have conducted 400 sorties from within the country, including 351 to airlift 252 oxygen tankers of total capacity of 4,904 Metric Tonnes (MT). The cities covered were Jamnagar, Bhopal, Chandigarh, Panagarh, Indore, Ranchi, Agra, Jodhpur, Begumpet, Bhubaneswar, Pune, Surat, Raipur, Udaipur, Mumbai, Lucknow, Nagpur, Gwalior, Vijaywada, Baroda, Dimapur and Hindan.

The IAF aircraft also conducted 59 international sorties to airlift 72 cryogenic oxygen storage containers of 1,233 MT total capacity along with 1,252 empty oxygen cylinders. The containers and cylinders were procured from Singapore, Dubai, Bangkok, UK, Germany, Belgium and Australia. In addition, the C-17 and IL-76 aircraft have been tasked to airlift cryogenic oxygen containers, oxygen generators and ventilators from Israel and Singapore.

The Indian Navy deployed its ships INS Talwar, INS Kolkata, INS Airavat, INS Kochi, INS Tabar, INS Trikand, INS Jalashwa & INS Shardul to ferry oxygen containers/cylinders/concentrators and related equipment from friendly foreign countries. The details are as follows:-

Ship Name	Medical Supplies	Country/Port	Status
INS Talwar	27-MT oxygen containers – 02	Bahrain	Arrived at New Mangalore on May 05, 2021
INS Kolkata	Oxygen cylinders – 200 Oxygen concentrators - 43 + Oxygen cylinders - 200 27-MT oxygen containers – 02 Oxygen concentrators – 04	Doha, Qatar  + Kuwait	Expected arrival at Mundra on May 09, 2021
INS Kochi	27-MT oxygen containers - 03 Oxygen concentrators - 03 Oxygen cylinders – 800	Kuwait	Expected arrival at Mundra/Mumbai on May 10/11, 2021

INS Tabar	27-MT oxygen containers - 02 Oxygen cylinders-600	Kuwait	Expected arrivalat Mundra/Mumbai on May 10/11, 2021
INS Trikand	27-MT oxygen containers- 02	Doha, Qatar	Expected arrivalat Mumbai on May 10, 2021
INS Airavat	20 T empty cryogenic oxygen cylinders – 08 Empty oxygen cylinders - 3,150 Filled oxygen cylinders – 500 Oxygen concentrators - 07 Rapid Antigen Test kits - 10,000 PPE kits – 450	Singapore	Expected arrivalat Visakhapatnam on May 10, 2021

Loading of oxygen containers and other medical supplies has also been planned on INS Tarkash, INS Shardul and INS Jalashwa from Doha, Kuwait and Muara, Brunei respectively in the coming days.

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