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Force Motors 'Mobile Dispensary' treats 1,11,679 patients, eases pressure on the Healthcare fraternity in Maharashtra against the COVID 19 battle

- *"Doctor Aplya Daari" initiative treats 1,11,679 patients in 26 days through the mobile dispensary*
- *50 mobile dispensaries to treat 2500 people every day in Pune and PCMC*
- *Checked and referred over 1070 suspected COVID—19 patients to the government hospitals across Maharashtra*

Maharashtra, April 27, 2020: Maharashtra remains to be leading state in the number of COVID-19 cases with 8,000 reported till April 26. Presently, there is immense pressure on the doctors and medical staff due to increasing positive cases daily. To address this issue, Pune-based automotive major Force Motors in association with the Bhartiya Jain Sanghatan (BJS, Pune) has initiated a mobile doorstep dispensary facility "**Doctor Aplya Daari**" in Maharashtra.

This initiative started on 1 April, with 30 Mobile Dispensary Vans completely equipped with doctors, support staff, medicines moving to various economically weaker localities in Pune and PCMC as per a pre-intimated schedule. The team of doctors and medics with these vans are fully equipped to identify COVID-19 symptoms and direct infected suspect cases to the designated hospitals.

All the medicines that are prescribed or given out on free of charge basis. Mobile units can check 2,500 people every day and can examine the symptoms of around 500 patients in a day. Doctors in the vans monitor patients for cold and flu conditions and also inform patients about preventive measures to be taken against coronavirus spread. Over 1,11,679 residents have been checked and more than 1070 suspected COVID-19 patients were transferred to government hospitals in the last 26 days. This service will continue until Coronavirus is fully contained.

Speaking on this initiative, **Mr. Prasan Firodia, Managing Director, Force Motors** said "*As Maharashtra has become a hotspot in the country, it has created huge pressure on doctors and medical staff. We are proud to be associated with this noble initiative*".



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He further added *“Apart from this initiative our group (Dr. Abhay Firodia Group) has earmarked Rs 25 Crores to support COVID-19 relief activities. This deployment will be aimed at supporting upgradation of health care infrastructure, enhancing blood collection capability, facilitating mobile clinic/testing capabilities and providing free food to the needy”.*

The citizens, as well as the local administration, have welcomed this initiative and Force Motors have already extended this initiative to other key markets like Pune, Aurangabad, Dhule, Nashik, Ratnagiri, Sangli, Solapur and others cities across Maharashtra. With close to 84 vans this is one of the largest mobile healthcare initiatives in the country.

Speaking about the initiative, **Mr. Shantilal Mutha, Founder BJS** said, *“The Firodia family has always wholeheartedly supported his organization’s social work initiatives, right from inception over three decades back”.*

About Force Motors Limited

Force Motors, was established in 1958 by Shri N. K. Firodia, with the vision to provide affordable commercial transport for the masses by harnessing the best available technology and offering economical, reliable and efficient products.

Today, Force Motors is a fully vertically integrated automobile company manufacturing automotive components, aggregates, vehicles and agricultural tractors. Its **‘Traveller’** and **‘Trax’** vehicle ranges are **market leaders** in their respective segments.

Force Motors is the flagship of the company group headed by Dr Abhay Firodia which has 15 manufacturing units across the country and a 14,000-strong workforce.

Force Motors is the only company in the world that produces engines for both Mercedes and BMW. In March 2018, it entered into a JV with **Rolls-Royce** Power Systems AG to manufacture in India and supply worldwide their 10/12 cylinder S1600 engines (545 to 1050hp) for power generation and under floor rail applications.

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