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## Maheshwara Medical College & Hospital, Hyderabad, in the Forefront to Fight the Coronavirus Pandemic

As the world wrestles with unprecedented and cataclysmic implications of COVID-19, a pandemic that shook up society, we are facing a humanitarian crisis unlike any other.

## "MAHESHWARA FREE PPE PROGRAM"



EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO OUR DOCTORS-REAL HEROS DURING COVID PANDEMIC More than that, our social fabric and cohesion is under stress.

Dealing with these unforeseen challenges has taken a damaging toll on people across the world. The healthcare sector is at the crux of this gargantuan challenge, and the private sector has risen to the occasion by offering the government all the support it needs, including testing support, preparation of isolation wards for COVID-19 patients, and deploying staff and equipment in identified nodal hospitals.

India, like most parts of the world, is in a race against time to procure Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), N95 masks, and surgical masks for the safety of its medical teams fighting to halt the spread of the coronavirus. This has generated a huge demand for protective equipment for doctors and health workers across the country, and state governments are struggling to cope.

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The World Health Organization (WHO) has recommended standard protective equipment such as N95 masks, PPE kits, and surgical masks with an offset to their limited availability. Healthcare workers have been drawing attention to the shortage on social media and through professional bodies. Such lapses aren't merely a health risk; they severely deplete the staff strength at hospitals. As a result, many doctors have resorted to resignation and withdrawal to treating patients under these conditions with minimal protection. This leads to a miserable state of existing doctors to treat a large number of patients.

The state of Telangana continues to witness spikes each day, and the situation seems to be deteriorating, primarily because the state hospitals are beyond the means of the common citizen. It is very important that the government and the private medical teaching hospitals get together more effectively in Telangana and rise to the occasion in combating this deadly virus.

In view of COVID pandemic, Maheshwara Medical College & Hospital, Hyderabad, has initiated "Maheshwara Free PPE Program" to do its part to safeguard the medical fraternity in

the state of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, Tamilnadu, Kerala, and Delhi by donating PPE kits and N95 masks to the Government COVID Hospitals.

Maheshwara Medical College & Hospital, Hyderabad, is a 650-bed multispecialty hospital, with 21 departments, equipped with world-class infrastructure, dedicated staff, and with 24-hour emergency healthcare services from central casualty, OBG casualty, trauma care center, ICU, ICCU, SICU, NICU, PICU, laboratory, state-of-the-art blood bank, pharmacy, and ambulance services.

A team from the World Health Organization (WHO) recently visited the campus and appreciated the state-of-the-art infrastructure facilities and free health-care services provided to the poor and needy. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare of the Government of Telangana has also identified Maheshwara as one of the COVID Prescreening & Quarantine Centers in Hyderabad.

Government COVID hospitals in need of PPE kits and N95 masks may contact Dr. Savitha Sukhdev, the deputy director of Maheshwara Medical College & Hospital, Hyderabad, at +91 9133043333.

More information about Maheshwara Medical College can be found on their <u>official</u> <u>website</u> and on their <u>Instagram</u>.

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