Driven to serve India amid the pandemic

#BuildBackIndia

Aprajita Sharad

aprajita.sharad@hindustantimes.com

Many of India's front-liners and philanthropists have been helping fellow citizens rise from one of the worst pandemics that India has braced so far. And, as India records its lowest cases since the second wave, the war against the pandemic isn't over just yet. Yamini Jaipuria, Managing Trustee, Cosmo Foundation, is one such philanthropist, who understands the need of the hour. Her foundation has enabled build India back by facilitating the vaccination of thousands of people from all walks of life. "When the pandemic hit, we quickly began Covid-19-related efforts. We helped with the basic necessities, such as delivery of cooked meals and grocery kits and as infected cases rose, we organised and donated medical supplies to Covid-19 care centers, hospitals, government schools and rural institutions," she says.

The test of time came when India saw its worst during the second wave. While Covid-19 patients were struggling to breathe, Jaipuria organised charity drives and donated medical supplies, such as

Yamini Jaipuria
PHOTO: HTCS

BIPAP machines, oxygen concentrators, automatic hand sanitizer machines, oximeters and thermal guns to Covid-19 care centers, hospitals, government schools and rural institutions. "The second wave hit hard. As the crisis deepened, we launched vaccination drives for various pockets of New Delhi, enabling steady access not just for a single dose, but also the second one, especially to the frontline workers. We have so far administered thousands of doses and continue to accelerate the vaccination drive to prevent a third wave," she adds.

The foundation conducted Covid-19 counselling sessions through several webinars and audio-visual calls. "The mental health aspect was taken care of to eradicate fear, anxious thoughts, and notions due to misinformation with an aim to restore normal routine in post Covid-19 phase," shares Jaipuria, as she sets her focus on the next project that will help India bounce back with a bang.