



Mercedes-Benz Research and Development India joins the fight against COVID-19 in India

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- Initiated monetary donation drive towards the PM CARES Fund and NGOs among employees

Bengaluru – As the ongoing coronavirus pandemic continues to create unprecedented crisis across the globe, healthcare facilities are facing tremendous challenges to control the growing number of cases in India. To support the fight against novel coronavirus, **Mercedes-Benz Research and Development India (MBRDI)** is sourcing and providing, in batches, upto **25,000 Real-Time PCR testing kits** to **National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS)** in Bengaluru.

The premier medical institution, has been conducting free-testing for suspected COVID-19 patients in the city. To assist them in this endeavour, MBRDI has sourced the Real-Time PCR testing Kits from ICMR approved suppliers and will be delivering them to NIMHANS in a phased manner. These kits will also be provided to other ICMR approved testing centers across Karnataka through NIMHANS.

Manu Saale, Managing Director & CEO, MBRDI, stated, “These are challenging times and we are committed to help the community at large to defeat this adversity. We have procured these kits to support in testing larger number of suspected cases and assist the healthcare fraternity/professionals in flattening the curve. We stand united with the Nation in the fight against this pandemic.”

In addition to this, the R&D centre has initiated a monetary donation drive to encourage employees to contribute towards the Prime Minister's Citizen Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situations Fund (PM CARES Fund) and NGOs to support the underprivileged and people with disabilities in need of assistance.

For further information:

About Mercedes-Benz R&D India (MBRDI)

Mercedes-Benz R&D India (MBRDI), headquartered in Bengaluru was founded in 1996 as a captive unit to support Daimler's research, IT and product development activities. We focus on topics ranging from computer-aided design and simulations (CAD, CAE) for powertrain, chassis and exteriors to embedded systems, telematics and developing various IT applications and tools. The satellite office in Pune specializes in interior component designs and IT engineering. The establishment of MBRDI is in line with the Daimler group's ambition to attract the world's best engineering talent and form a global footprint for its R&D and IT competencies. MBRDI also aims to partner closely with suppliers in India for its activities in product development and IT services. It is now one of the largest global development centres outside Germany, employing more than 5000 skilled engineers; and has established itself as a valuable partner to all business units and brands of Daimler worldwide.

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