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## SUPPLY CHAIN DISRUPTION

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# टीवीएस, मिंडा, भारत फोर्ज के संयंत्र भी बंद

कोरोना का प्रकोप बढ़ने के बाद कर्मचारियों को वायरस से बचाने के प्रयास तेज

नई दिल्ली (भाषा)।

दोपहिया वाहन निर्माता कंपनी टीवीएस मोटर और वाहन उद्योग के लिए कलपुर्जे बनाने वाली कंपनी मिंडा व भारत फोर्ज ने भी अपने संयंत्रों में काम काज बंद करने का ऐलान किया है। टीवीएस ने सोमवार को कहा कि वह अपने कर्मचारियों को कोरोना वायरस महामारी से बचाने के लिए अपने सभी संयंत्रों में उत्पादन दो दिनों के लिए बंद कर रही है। इससे पहले मारुति, टाटा, महिंद्रा समेत कई कंपनियां अपने संयंत्रों में उत्पादन रोक चुकी हैं।

टीवीएस मोटर कंपनी ने एक बयान में कहा कि कोविड-19 के मद्देनजर और अपने कर्मचारियों की सुरक्षा को देखते हुए कंपनी ने अंतरिम उपाय के तौर पर अपने सभी विनिर्माण संयंत्रों और कार्यालयों में कामकाज को दो दिन के लिए बंद करने का फैसला किया है। कंपनी ने कहा कि स्थिति की समीक्षा के बाद वह आगे कदम उठाएगी।

उधर आटो कलपुर्जे बनाने वाली कंपनी मिंडा इंडस्ट्रीज और भारत फोर्ज ने घातक कोरोना वायरस के संक्रमण की रोकथाम के उपायों के तहत अपने कारखानों में कामकाज रोकने की सोमवार को घोषणा की। मिंडा इंडस्ट्रीज ने शेयर बाजार को बताया, 'भारत के कुछ जिलों में कोविड-19 के फैलने का खतरा बढ़ने से उपजी चिंताओं और सरकार के निर्देशों के मद्देनजर, कुछ ऑर्शम (मूल उपकरण निर्माताओं) ने उत्पादन बंद करने की घोषणा की है। इसे देखते हुए उत्तर भारत, राजस्थान और महाराष्ट्र में अगले आदेश तक विनिर्माण कार्यों को बंद करने का निर्णय लिया गया है।'

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**कोरोना संकट**



**Online Coverage –Temporary Suspension Of Operations Of Factories And Offices Due To Pandemic Of  
Novel Coronavirus (COVID19)  
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Leading auto component suppliers have announced closure of their production units, following in the footsteps of several vehicle manufacturers which have shut down operations at their plants amid the Covid-19 outbreak.

Auto parts suppliers, including Bharat Forge Ltd, Motherson Sumi Ltd, Sundaram-Clayton Ltd, Minda Industries Ltd, Lumax Industries Ltd, JTEKT India Ltd, ZF India Pvt Ltd, shut down their production units as India continues to record increasing number of Covid-19 patients.

As on Monday, total coronavirus cases in India have risen to 415 with Maharashtra continuing to be the worst hit with 89 confirmed cases. The disease has so far claimed 7 lives, the union health ministry reported.

Automotive Component Manufacturers Association of India (Acma) continued to take stock of the situation, and has kept its members informed about decision by automakers to close their respective plants.

Vinnie Mehta, director general at Acma, told Mint on Monday the representative body of the auto parts suppliers is closely monitoring the state-specific lock down guidelines being announced by the state governments and authorities.

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On Sunday, Motherson Sumi Systems Ltd (MSSL) also cited government policies and directives on closure of production units and offices across the globe for different periods. "Accordingly, the company has decided for closure of respective manufacturing facilities and/or offices," MSSL said.

The duration of such closure, shutdown or reduced operations, will depend upon the directives of the respective state governments and union territories, the company added.



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The company said duration of the shutdown at its units would depend on the government guidelines. It added that work from home has been implemented at its global engineering and development centers in Europe.

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Headline: [COVID-19 Lockdown: Automobile industry in India hits emergency brakes](#)

Domain: Firstpost

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Journalist: Overdrive

The COVID-19 pandemic has reached Stage-II and the nation has gone into a lockdown after the Janta Curfew was observed on Sunday, 22 March. State governments, like Maharashtra, have gone a step further and declared a curfew till 31 March for now, a decision which will be reviewed with the situation.

The lockdown has hit labour-intensive industries the worst and among them are automotive industries. One of the largest employers of skilled workers in the country, car manufacturers and the ancillaries have participated in the lockdown, shutting down their manufacturing facilities till the government declares it safe to reopen.

COVID-19 lockdown: Automobile industry hits break on manufacturing amid coronavirus outbreak in India

After the District Magistrate of Gurugram (Gurgaon) issued orders to the effect of shutting all private and public establishments till next month. Image credit: AP

Anand Mahindra, leading the Mahindra conglomerate, has taken the lead to help the government with the array of resources at Mahindra and Mahindra disposal. After shutting down operations across sectors, including the car manufacturing facilities in Nashik, Mumbai and Chakan, Mahindra has offered their hospitality properties for temporary detention centres and also offered to produce ventilators and other essentials at their manufacturing facilities to help the government.

Tata Group, sticking to their philanthropic roots, have declared full salaries to even contract labour and employees for the months of March and April. While the Indian operations of Tata Motors have been shut till 31 March for now, operations of its subsidiary, Jaguar-Land-Rover have also been suspended in Europe to fight the pandemic.

After the District Magistrate of Gurugram (Gurgaon) issued orders to the effect of shutting all private and public establishments till next month, manufacturers like Hero, Maruti Suzuki and Honda 2-wheelers have declared suspension of manufacturing. The DM's order states heavy fines for those found violating the orders but has also allowed essential services and infrastructure work to continue but with due precautions.

Down south, Hyundai, Ford, TVS, Royal Enfield have also declared the suspension of their production facilities. Manufacturing facilities in Rajasthan, Gujarat and Maharashtra have also halted production lines after Honda Cars, MG Motors and Volkswagen Group along with the Fiat Chrysler group participated in the lockdown.

The components industries like Bharat Forge, Kalyani Brakes, Subros and Lumax have also stopped production. We have not had a word yet from Bosch India, the company that was looking at laying off workforce amid the automotive sales slowdown over the past year. There are over 1,000 MSMEs in the Gurugram-Manesar belt itself and if you consider the automotive manufacturing hubs in Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and TamilNadu, the extent of damage done by the COVID lockdown could only be estimated.



Also, with the sales down to zero, the Federation of Automobile Dealers Association (FADA) has again approached the Supreme Court to provide a solution for the pending BS-IV stock which will be rendered invalid from 1 April, 2020. While the Court has decided to admit the plea later this week, Rajiv Bajaj said that with a three-year notice, only the manufacturers could be held responsible for extending BSIV production for a little too long. As for the dealers, since they have bought the inventory, bearing the losses would be impossible with mounting rents, salaries and no sales whatsoever.

With millions of jobs at stake, the automotive industry is expecting a bailout package from the central government. While the big OEMs with their diversified interests and huge capital base can afford to dig deep and keep going, the MSMEs will need the stimulus to keep paying their workforce for the idle time.

With no clear sight of the endgame, it is advisable to stay indoors and observe social distancing unless there is an absolute emergency, because that is the only way to stem the spread of Corona Virus and hence the only way to recover sooner as a nation.

Headline: [Coronavirus impact: Here's what Aditya Puri, Rajiv Bajaj, Baba Kalyani and others have to say](#)

Domain: CNBC TV 18

Date: March 23, 2020

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*Read on to find out the measures top company executives are taking to continue and deliver to the public all the while maintaining high standards set by the government*

More and more companies are taking extreme precaution to ensure the safety of employees and staff by shutting production facilities and allowing them to work from home. Here are a few measures that these top company executives are taking to continue and deliver to the public all the while maintaining high standards set by the government.



Aditya Puri, MD of HDFC Bank | Happy that government has announced a lockdown. We should be concerned about impact on economy not just financial market. RBI's MPC should announce a non-scheduled rate cut. We need to understand that the world is not coming to an end, government should give forbearance for the cash flow problem the virus will create. We should be concerned about health aspect more than any other thing. (Image: Reuters)



Rajiv Bajaj, MD of Bajaj Auto | Safety of employees is paramount and we're preparing for an eight-week haul. Plants at Akurdi, Chakan, Aurangabad, Pantnagar are being shut down. We should all be focused on how to minimise the spread of the virus. The situation is changing rapidly not just in India, but in our export markets too. There will be no job losses or salary cuts

at Bajaj Auto. Will cover every employee until the end of the month in terms of jobs and salaries. (Image: Reuters)



Baba Kalyani, MD of Bharat Forge | Our entire focus is on the health and safety of employees. None of the vendors are operating and we have ample cash on our balancesheet. If there is no manufacturing for the next two to three months, fixed cost payments will be difficult. (Image: Bharat Forge)



Pawan Goenka, MD Mahindra and Mahindra | Foremost consideration for us is to ensure safety and good health of our employees. We have shut down our plant in Nagpur, which is our largest in India. Have implemented work from home for our employees and most factories will shut down in coming days. We have also shut all showrooms across the country. We will continue to make payments to our suppliers on schedule as April is the peak month for manufacturing tractors and will not delay payments to any daily wage workers associated with us. (Image: Mahindra and Mahindra)



Kiran Mazumdar Shaw CMD Biocon | The government should rope in the private sector to increase capacity via tests, hospital beds, ICUs and ventilators. COVID-19 is still under control in India, but we need to be very careful as collection of samples is very critical. Many labs can come onboard very quickly to assist in conducting tests and large indigenous companies could help develop testing kits. We need to actively maintain social distancing as the public health system in India is not quite robust. (Image: IANS)

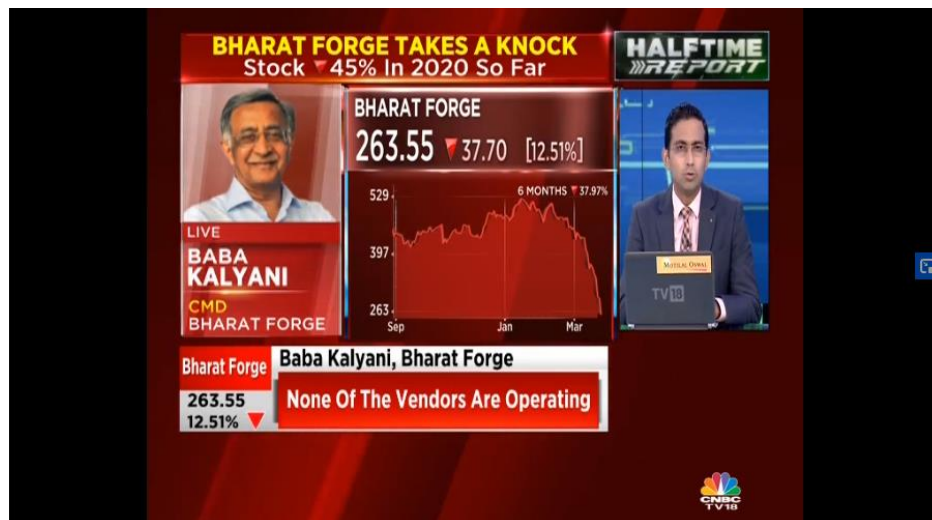
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Bharat Forge has decided to suspend all operations at their offices as well as manufacturing locations in India till March 31 owing to the coronavirus outbreak.

"Our entire focus will be to look after the health and welfare of our people," said Baba Kalyani, chairman and MD of Bharat Forge. "To that extent, we have put into focus all the suggestions that the government and the medical system has made including distancing, making sure that work-from-home is possible and checking people's health condition everyday as they come into work especially temperature and as of now we don't have single case in any of our facilities."

"However, as a precautionary measure and as per the government of Maharashtra's notification, we have seized operations in all our facilities from last night till March 31," he said in an interview with CNBC-TV18.

Talking about the entire ecosystem, he said, "The vendors are also closed but we will help the vendors in our ecosystem. More than vendors, we have a lot of people who live alone and when this scare of coronavirus or COVID-19 came, many of them were running back to their homes. To prevent that, we have made arrangements for people so that they can get food before they go home, so that they don't have to worry about their meal."

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Headline: <a href="#">Coronavirus: Minda Industries, Bharat Forge to stop manufacturing operations</a>	Domain: The Economic Times
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*The members of SIAM and ACMA both in original equipment manufacturer (OEM) and auto component industry have been asked to consider plant shut down for a limited time to overcome the critical period so that workers are not exposed to the virus, SIAM President Rajan Wadhera said.*

Auto manufacturers and auto component makers in India have been asked to shut their plants by the respective governing bodies, Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) and Automotive Component Manufacturers Association of India (ACMA).

The move comes in the wake of the growing coronavirus outbreak across India.

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He also added, "This is in line with SIAM's motto of 'Building the Nation, Responsibly.'"

Several automakers including Maruti Suzuki India, Tata Motors, Hyundai, Toyota Kirloskar Motor, Hero MotoCorp, VECV have already announced shut down of their respective manufacturing units as the coronavirus outbreak spreads across the country.

Among the auto component manufacturers present in the country, Subros, Bharat Forge, Minda Industries Limited, Subros, Lumax, Enkei wheels, PPAP Automotive Ltd, Rockman Industries Ltd has announced the shutdown of their plants.

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In the light of the Covid-19 outbreak across India, and Central Government's directives to ensure the safety of the workers and to contain the spread of the coronavirus, Auto component manufacturers Bharat Forge and Uno Minda have announced production suspension at their plants.

Bharat Forge in a regulatory filing on 23rd March has announced that it decided to suspend operations at all the offices and manufacturing plants in the country between 23rd March and 31st March.

Minda Industries Limited too has taken similar measures for all its offices and manufacturing locations in Northern India, Rajasthan and Maharashtra, effective from 23rd March till further notice.

The auto parts manufacturer said that the duration of the shutdown will depend on government policy. However, production at other domestic locations will continue, informed the company in a release.

Not only in India, but Minda Industries Limited's overseas operations in Spain, Mexico and ASEAN have been significantly impacted as well. For the global engineering and development centres' in Europe, work from home has been implemented by the company.

Spark Minda, another group company has also announced that it will keep operations shut in all its plants in Northern India and Maharashtra till further notice.

Another auto component manufacturer Lumax Industries too has announced to shut down its manufacturing facilities across India with immediate effect in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic.

Subros too have announced temporary shutdowns of its manufacturing plants and offices in Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Maharashtra with immediate effect till further notice. The company said that shutdown of these facilities will depend upon the respective States Government's directives.

Wheel manufacturer Enkei Wheels on Monday has announced the suspension of operations in its Pune plant in Maharashtra, in the wake of the lockdown announced by government to contain the spread of the coronavirus. The plant will be non functional with immediate effect till 31st March 2020, the company has informed in a regulatory filing.

The company has said that during the period of suspension, only essential services like security, power, furnace, information technology support etc will be operational. Enkei Wheels has also instructed its employees to follow the precautionary measures like social distancing, avoiding travel during this period.

Talbro Automotive Components Ltd has announced that its production facilities in Faridabad, Pune, Sitarganj and Bawal for two days, between 23rd March and 24th March, 2020.

Automotive sealing systems manufacturer PPAP Automotive Ltd too has announced temporary shutdown of its plants in Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan.

Rockman Industries Ltd., the auto-components arm of Hero Group, has announced suspension of all operations in its 7 facilities till March 31, 2020. The company has its manufacturing units in Ludhiana, Haridwar, Bawal, Chennai, Tirupati and Halol.

Rockman Industries Ltd also said that all of its employees, contractual and permanent, will be retained. The company has a workforce of 7,200 spread across their operations. Ujjwal Munjal, Executive Director, Rockman Industries, said, "It is imperative that we all come together to fight this pandemic."

Headline: [Makers of Auto & Ancillaries halt production due to Coronavirus; stock prices take a hit](#)

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As we know the global Covid-19 or coronavirus outbreak has hit the Indian automobile and ancillary's industry announcing lockdown of their plants and they have also stopped operations in India till March 31, 2020. The auto industry is already in a state of prolonged slowdown and the coronavirus pandemic is likely to further hit the industry.

Further, India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra) in its note said that the continued spread of Covid-19 would negatively impact the domestic auto industry in the near term, is a major manufacturing hub for automobile and auto parts.

Ind-Ra has also said in a statement that, Indian auto ancillaries and original equipment manufacturers (OEM) have about 27% import dependence on China for key parts and accessories. The agency also believes the auto sector would face pressure from not only the supply side but also the demand side and exports if the spread of Covid-19 persists for more than two months - both domestically and globally.

Below are the auto and ancillary's company's which have shut down their plant and manufacturing unit.

Maruti Suzuki's will shut production and office operations at its facilities in Gurugram and Manesar, Haryana with immediate effect till further notice. The R&D Centre at Rohtak will also remain closed.

The auto company has been taking all recommended precautions in its operations against the spread of COVID-19, which includes sanitisation and hygiene, temperature checks, maximising video-conferencing and minimizing contact, closing employee travel, health and distancing advisories to employees and following all government directions on the subject.

As a next step, the Government policy now requires closure of production and accordingly, the company has taken a decision on production closure, Maruti added.

With the safety and wellbeing of its employees as a top priority because of the escalating COVID-19 situation, Hero MotoCorp has decided to halt operations at all its global manufacturing facilities – including in India, Colombia and Bangladesh - and the Global Parts Centre (GPC) at Neemrana with immediate effect until March 31, 2020.

In light of heightened concern on spread of coronavirus in Maharashtra, we have decided to suspend the manufacturing operations at our Nagpur plant with immediate effect and Chakan (Pune) and Kandivali (Mumbai) from Monday night onwards. None of the plants is working on March 22, 2020.

Tata Motors is also closely monitoring the situation and have said that they might close the plant if required. The auto company is also rapidly scaling down activity at its car factory in the western state of Maharashtra and is preparing to close it if concerns about coronavirus deepen, the company said on Friday. Tata Motors is rapidly scaling down activity at its car factory.

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TVS Motor to shut operations at all its manufacturing facilities and offices for two days effective March 23.

Eicher Motors said in the statement that Royal Enfield will suspend all operations globally till March 31. This includes company offices and company-owned dealerships. Employees will continue to work from home and there will be no salary deduction. There will also be no reduction of any workforce.

Escorts closed down offices and plants in Faridabad till March 31. "As a responsible corporate entity, we also believe that health & safety of all our employees and their families is of utmost concern and priority. Therefore, we fully extend our support and cooperation to the notification issued by The District Magistrate of Faridabad and have taken immediate steps for the shutdown of our offices and suspension of all operations within Faridabad district, except the services, as permitted under the said notification. Accordingly, all our Faridabad based offices and plants across the Company shall be shut w.e.f. March 22, 2020, until March 31, 2020, or till further notice," Escorts said in the filing.

SML Isuzu has also suspended its production at its manufacturing plant in Punjab till March 31. "Suspension of production at Manufacturing Plant, located at Village Asron, Distt. Shahid Bhagat Singh Nagar (Punjab), effective from 23rd March 2020 (Monday) till March 31, 2020 (Tuesday)," the company said.

Lumax Industries to temporarily shut all manufacturing facilities across India till further notice.

In view of the directions passed by District Administrations to prevent & contain the spread of COVID-19 and to ensure the safety and wellbeing of employees and all stakeholders, Lumax Industries Limited ("the Company") has decided to temporarily close/is in process of closure of its manufacturing operations at its various manufacturing facilities across India with immediate effect till further notice. The duration of this shutdown will depend upon further directions from Government authorities.

Sona Koyo Steering Systems Ltd (JTEKT India) will shut its offices and operations at its facilities in Gurugram, Dharuhera and Bawal with immediate effect till further notice. Duration of the shutdown will depend on further directions from the Government.

GNA Axles to shut all manufacturing facilities in Punjab including all offices till March 31.

Minda Industries to suspend manufacturing operations in North India, Rajasthan and Maharashtra till further notice. Production volumes in Spain, Mexico and ASEAN have been significantly impacted.

Also, Honda Cars India said, "in view of the escalating COVID-19 situation and to ensure safety and well-being of all its associates, Honda Cars India Ltd., on Sunday, informed its associates and suppliers that production operations at both its manufacturing plants in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh and Tapukara (Rajasthan) will be temporarily suspended from March 23 to 31."

Honda Motorcycle and Scooter India also announced a temporary shutdown of all its four plants.



Headline: [Coronavirus impact: Auto companies shut down manufacturing plants](#)

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*The Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) and the Auto Component Manufacturers Association of India (ACMA) have requested their members to shut down their respective plants.*

As the government has announced a lockdown across various districts of the country in a bid to tackle the novel coronavirus disease (Covid-19), the country's automobile manufacturing and allied companies too have been asked to shut their plants by their respective industry bodies in view of the pandemic.

For now, the number of coronavirus cases in India stands at 415. The Centre has also warned of legal action against those violating the lockdown which has been enforced till March 31 to curtail the pandemic.

The Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) and the Auto Component Manufacturers Association of India (ACMA) have requested their members to shut down their respective plants.

The members of SIAM and ACMA both in original equipment manufacturer (OEM) and auto component industry have been asked to consider plant shut down for a limited time to overcome the critical period so that workers are not exposed to the virus, news agency PTI reported citing a statement by SIAM President Rajan Wadhera.

Here are the auto companies which have or are going to shut down their operations:

Hyundai Motor India

Hyundai Motor India announced that it will suspend vehicle production at its Chennai facility from Monday till further notice as a measure to stop the spread of coronavirus, the company has said.

In a statement late on Sunday night, Hyundai Motor India Ltd (HMIL) said, "We will await further notifications from the state (Tamil Nadu) government to resume operations at the plant."

Customers who are not able to avail vehicle warranty or extended warranty or free service due to health emergency or dealership shutdown in affected cities, HMIL will offer extended support of two months, the release stated.

Moreover, some 1,000 doorstep advantage bikes and emergency road service cars will provide any assistance to customers as part of the safety initiatives, the company said.

TVS Motor Company

Two-wheeler major TVS Motor Company said that it is suspending production at all its plants for two days in order to safeguard its employees from coronavirus.

"In view of COVID-19, and considering the safety and well being of its employees, the company as an interim measure has decided to shut operations at all its manufacturing facilities and offices for two days effective March 23, 2020," TVS Motor said in a statement.

The company said it would take further steps after reviewing the situation.

Minda Industries, Bharat Forge:

Auto component maker Minda Industries and Bharat Forge too announced that they will suspend operations at their manufacturing locations as part of precautionary measures to prevent the spread of deadly coronavirus.

In an exchange filing, Minda Industries said: “in light of heightened concern on spread of COVID-19 in select districts in India, government directives and certain OEMs (original equipment manufacturer) announcing production closure, it has been decided to suspend the manufacturing operations in Northern India, Rajasthan and Maharashtra till further notice”.

This apart, Bharat Forge in a BSE filing said, “the company has decided to suspend operations at all their offices and manufacturing locations in India with effect from March 23, 2020 to March 31, 2020, to ensure employee safety and contain the spread of COVID-19.

Toyota Kirloskar Motor

Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) said that keeping the safety of employees as the top priority, the company has voluntarily decided to temporarily halt production in its plant in Bidadi, Karnataka till further announcement.

The company has also expanded work from home for all its employees in its regional SBUs (Strategic Business Units) in New Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata & Bangalore, it added.

Apart from these companies, the country’s largest passenger vehicle manufacturer, Maruti Suzuki on Sunday had announced its decision to shut production and office operations at its facilities in Gurgaon and Manesar, Haryana, with immediate effect till further notice. The R&D Centre at Rohtak will also remain closed, it said.

Headline: [COVID-19 Lockdown: Automobile industry in India hits emergency brakes](#)

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The COVID-19 pandemic has reached Stage-II and the nation has gone into a lockdown after the Janta Curfew was observed on Sunday, 22 March. State governments, like Maharashtra, have gone a step further and declared a curfew till 31 March for now, a decision which will be reviewed with the situation.

The lockdown has hit labour-intensive industries the worst and among them are automotive industries. One of the largest employers of skilled workers in the country, car manufacturers and the ancillaries have participated in the lockdown, shutting down their manufacturing facilities till the government declares it safe to reopen.

Anand Mahindra, leading the Mahindra conglomerate, has taken the lead to help the government with the array of resources at Mahindra and Mahindra disposal. After shutting down operations across sectors, including the car manufacturing facilities in Nashik, Mumbai and Chakan, Mahindra has offered their hospitality properties for temporary detention centres and also offered to produce ventilators and other essentials at their manufacturing facilities to help the government.

Tata Group, sticking to their philanthropic roots, have declared full salaries to even contract labour and employees for the months of March and if it comes to that, April as well. While the Indian operations of Tata Motors are being scaled down as of today, they are ready for a shut down till 31 March. Operations of its subsidiary, Jaguar-Land-Rover have also been suspended in UK as well as Slovakia till 20 April to fight the pandemic.

After the District Magistrate of Gurugram (Gurgaon) issued orders to the effect of shutting all private and public establishments till next month, manufacturers like Hero, Maruti Suzuki and Honda 2-wheelers have declared suspension of manufacturing. The DM's order states heavy fines for those found violating the orders but has also allowed essential services and infrastructure work to continue but with due precautions.

Down south, Hyundai, Ford, TVS, Royal Enfield have also declared the suspension of their production facilities. Manufacturing facilities in Rajasthan, Gujarat and Maharashtra have also halted production lines after Honda Cars, MG Motors and Volkswagen Group along with the Fiat Chrysler group participated in the lockdown.

The components industries like Bharat Forge, Kalyani Brakes, Subros and Lumax have also stopped production. We have not had a word yet from Bosch India, the company that was looking at laying off workforce amid the automotive sales slowdown over the past year. There are over 1,000 MSMEs in the Gurugram-Manesar belt itself and if you consider the automotive manufacturing hubs in Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and TamilNadu, the extent of damage done by the COVID lockdown could only be estimated.

Also, with the sales down to zero, the Federation of Automobile Dealers Association (FADA) has again approached the Supreme Court to provide a solution for the pending BS-IV stock which will be rendered invalid from 1 April, 2020. While the Court has decided to admit the plea later this week, Rajiv Bajaj said that with a three-year notice, only the manufacturers could be held responsible for extending BSIV

production for a little too long. As for the dealers, since they have bought the inventory, bearing the losses would be impossible with mounting rents, salaries and no sales whatsoever.

With millions of jobs at stake, the automotive industry is expecting a bailout package from the central government. While the big OEMs with their diversified interests and huge capital base can afford to dig deep and keep going, the MSMEs will need the stimulus to keep paying their workforce for the idle time.

With no clear sight of the endgame, it is advisable to stay indoors and observe social distancing unless there is an absolute emergency, because that is the only way to stem the spread of Corona Virus and hence the only way to recover sooner as a nation.

Update:

1. Renault-Nissan India have also declared that the operations from their Oragadam plant near Chennai will temporarily halt from 24 March till further notice.
2. Benelli has also suspended operations owing to the state lockdown declared by the state of Telangana.
3. Kia Motors' facility in Anantpur, Andhra Pradesh has suspended operations until further notice.
4. Yamaha has also suspended its operation at its three facilities- Chennai (TamilNadu), Surajpur (Uttar Pradesh) and Faridabad (Haryana). While Surajpur and Haryana plants have already suspended operations from today, Chennai plant will halt production from tomorrow.
5. General Motors had already suspended production at their Talegaon plant on 21 March and have extended it till the end of the month.

Headline: <a href="#">COVID-19: Companies shut down production</a>	Domain: Dalal Street Journal
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In the wake of the lockdown, Maruti Suzuki has shut down production and office operations at its facilities in Gurugram and Manesar (Haryana) with immediate effect till further notice. The R&D centre at Rohtak will also remain closed. The company informed this to the bourses on March 22.

Further, the country's leading paint producer, Asian Paints also informed that in view of the lockdown in many of the states across the country, the operations in most of its locations are disrupted. The operations in all the manufacturing and most of the sales locations, including home improvement and industrial business, will be shut down. All the employees in its offices have been instructed to work from home.

Bharat Forge has temporarily suspended operations at all of their offices and manufacturing locations in India from March 23, 2020 to March 31, 2020. The said suspension is to ensure employees' safety and to contain the spread of Coronavirus.

Other companies that have also shut down their production or closure of shops are Enkei Wheel, DCM Shriram, Subros, Aditya Birla Fashion, Lumax Industries, Escort, Eicher Motors, TVS Motors, Whirlpool SML Isuzu, etc.

The market is witnessing a massive sell-off across the globe. The benchmark index BSE Sensex, which was locked in an upper circuit in the early morning is now trading at 26,337.78 down by 12 per cent.

Headline: [Bharat Forge temporarily suspends operations due to COVID-19; stock slips 8%](#)

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Date: March 23, 2020

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The stock is trading lower by more than 8% on the NSE.

This action is also in line with the directions issued by the Government of Maharashtra on March 22, 2020.

Stock view:

Bharat Forge Ltd is currently trading at Rs275.85 down by Rs25.5 or 8.46% from its previous closing of Rs301.35 on the BSE.

The scrip opened at Rs301 and has touched a high and low of Rs301 and Rs271.25 respectively. So far 81,534 (NSE+BSE) shares were traded on the counter. The current market cap of the company is Rs14,030.51cr.



Headline: <a href="#">Bharat Forge Ltd to suspend operations until March 31, 2020</a>	Domain: Equity Bulls
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Shares of BHARAT FORGE LTD. was last trading in BSE at Rs.301.35 as compared to the previous close of Rs. 304.85. The total number of shares traded during the day was 115977 in over 4181 trades.

The stock hit an intraday high of Rs. 327.45 and intraday low of 292.9. The net turnover during the day was Rs. 35672197.

Source: **Equity Bulls**