

Arvind Limited, ACT Grants to produce 30 M N95 masks in India

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Bengaluru based textile company Arvind Limited and ACT Grants have partnered to produce 30 million N95 masks in the next 12 months.

Arvind Limited has received a grant of Rs 100 million from ACT Grants, the non-profit coalition of VC funds and start-up founders, and will employ its manufacturing expertise on Medical Products and Working Capital to create a large, integrated facility for N95 mask production and distribution.

Arvind and ACT Grants will jointly donate 9 million masks over the next year to charitable institutions, government bodies, and other organizations, focusing on medical and non-medical professionals with the highest risk of contracting the virus.

The partnership is a swift response to PM Narendra Modi's call to make wearing masks compulsory for the general public. Upon complete scale-up, the daily N95 mask production capacity will be approximately 2 lakh units which would be operated, owned and managed by Arvind. This capacity would bridge the gap in supply and edge India towards self-sufficiency in N95 masks.

The N95 masks will be available through Arvind Advanced Material Distribution partners, direct sales channels to Government, hospitals, and other corporates. Arvind Advanced Materials is a large, pioneering manufacturer of PPE Coveralls and Face Masks which are certified by BIS and Global agencies.

Apart from masks, Arvind also manufactures Protective Coveralls and Bio-Suits for medical practitioners and frontline warriors. Arvind has supplied more than 1 lakh coveralls so far to the Central and State Governments.