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Appeal For Contributions To IPA's Emergency Survival Fund

The Covid pandemic of 2020-2022 sounded the death knell for many small and medium newspapers and publications. Some of them have already perished, while others are battling a life-and-death situation. The last three years have hit small and medium newspapers in India extremely hard. India Press Agency (IPA), which has served several of these very small and medium publications for close to seven decades, has been trying its best to help them survive by offering its services for free or at nominal charges. However, now, IPA itself is facing a financial crisis due to the subscribers' inability to pay.

IPA has faced many economic onslaughts and hurdles over the course of its eventful journey since its inception in December 1958, but never for a single day has the IPA news service been suspended. We continue to take into account the interests of the small and medium newspapers and publications catering to India's information-hungry smaller cities and towns. We offer them top-quality opinion and analysis at subsidized rates, thus ensuring there's no gatekeeping of good journalism and editorial insights from them. However, this time, we are indeed at financial dire straits. IPA needs a minimum Rs. 30 lakh in its kitty to sustain the services that have served as an uninterrupted journalistic lifeline India's small and medium publications for close to seven decades.

In an age when mainstream media outfits behave as if they were owned by the ruling dispensation, it is imperative that fiercely independent, ethical and journalistically responsible institutions like the IPA survive in the interest of safeguarding our democracy. This is a role that IPA has played consistently and diligently, ever since it was founded by Nikhil Chakravartty, the doyen of Indian journalism, in 1958. The current editor-in-chief of IPA, Nitya Chakraborty, has been overseeing the agency's functioning since April 2001, taking over the reins after the demise of Chakravartty in 1998.

Well-wishers and Foundations, who staunchly believe in free and independent media, may contribute to this survival fund effort so that the legacy of IPA, which has been acclaimed throughout its existence, can be safeguarded and built upon. Contributions by cheque/draft can be made in the name of **Panchsheel News Private Limited** and sent to D-34 (Basement), Gulmohar Park, New Delhi-110 049. Online transactions through NEFT/RTGS can also be made. The details are:

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