

India calls for technology solutions to test COVID-19 under 1 minute

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Announces commercial pilot for testing tech to start with Delhi and Mumbai airports ahead of anticipated 3rd wave



Emerging tech prototyping agency Advance Services for Social and Administrative Reforms (ASSAR) opens applications for global technology and healthcare companies to provide Technology, Products & Services (TPS) for instant COVID-19 testing that will give reliable results within 60 seconds.

Announcing to conduct this testing tech as a commercial pilot starting with critically high value international airports of the country - Delhi and Mumbai; the pilot aims to target the two international disembarkation that have the highest risk of importing mutated variants of COVID-19 virus in India.

Prototype pilot will then extend to 12 other test venues in coordination with the state governments in the same phase of pilot to make domestic & inland air-travel safe passage for transportation ahead of predicted wave and possibility of further lockdowns.

ASSAR under its 'Ease of Doing Business' program in New Delhi has opened the applications for this pilot on July 10th and is currently in the process of corroborating screening process with competent bodies until July 25th. Thereafter, the shortlisted companies shall undergo logistical and financial planning for execution in the month of August 2021, by the agency.

Since it is a commercial pilot not medical prototyping, only a technology medically pre-approved by ICMR / US-FDA / CE-IVD will be considered to showcase its portability, simplicity, cost-efficiency, scalability, prevention of data falsification & optimization with internet connectivity, high – throughput for testing at international disembarkation as well as last mile testing in rural outbreak.