

## Australia-India Trade Association suggests deployment of COVID-killing robots

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Australia-India Trade Association (AITA), an Australian not-for-profit organisation has been facilitating talks between SoftBank Germii (A SoftBank Robotics venture) and various healthcare organisations to deploy COVID-19 killing robots.

The SoftBank robot equipped with a Germii UVC pathogen killer is being viewed as the tech that could create COVID free spaces without the use of antiviral chemicals.

The inventor, Harold Thomas Van Haltren, who has spent his life studying the effects of UV rays on pathogens commented, "Chemical Sanitisation along with the cost and logistics is also a health hazard and may not be very effective as manual spraying or fogging could not be very effective against COVID 19."

AITA also hosted a virtual conference on Friday, 14th May 2021, which was attended by the Germii and Softbank executives along with several leading Hospital and healthcare companies in India. In addition to the above, AITA is also considering talks with vaccine manufacturers to deliver large quantities of vaccines to India in the next few weeks.

Vineet Rai, Secretary General AITA, Mumbai says, "We have reached out to various state governments and private healthcare institutions with a willingness to help out and have received very good feedback."