

## Auriga Research expedites COVID-19 testing at Bengaluru airport

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Mandatory testing for arrivals as per government guidelines is being carried out at the Auriga testing counter

Auriga Research, a NABL accredited testing lab in India, has upgraded its team strength to 250+ members to support 24x7x365 COVID-19 testing at the Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru.

Operating throughout the pandemic, Auriga has, till date, facilitated hundreds of thousands of tests for both arrivals and departures, at the airport. The Rapid-PCR test method using the globally acclaimed Abbott ID delivers results in less than 15 minutes with 95% accuracy and is priced at Rs 3000.

Auriga also offers gold standard PerkinElmer High Throughput RT-PCR tests that deliver results in 5-6 hours, priced at Rs 500, and Rapid Antigen tests that deliver results in 40 minutes, priced at Rs 400, in compliance with the pricing by the Government of Karnataka.

Early in the pandemic, Auriga set up its real-time PCR lab at the airport with an investment of more than Rs 2 crores and was the first to offer Abbott ID Now facilities. After the resumption of flights, the situation worsened, and Auriga made a further investment of Rs 50 lakhs to add multiple PCR machines and extractors, including increasing staff strength to manage the footfall smoothly, in a time-bound manner.