

A 30-second Corona test: India-Israel collaboration

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Today's Jerusalem Post reports on a fascinating Israel-India collaboration, to develop something the world has needed for a very long time, since the start of the pandemic: a quick (instant) test!

One of the key implications of a 30-second test is that air travellers will be able to confirm they are virus-free instantly — and board without hassle. This could save civil aviation, which is in a desperate crisis — in the US alone, some 130,000 civil aviation employees face permanent layoffs.

Here is the report by Maayan Jaffee-Hoffman:

"A 30-second [coronavirus](#) detection test being developed by India and Israel should be ready in "a matter of days," Israeli Ambassador to India Ron Malka told the Indian news agency PTI on Friday. "All the thresholds have been passed."

The operation has been dubbed "Open Skies," and Malka said he believes the testing kit will enable the world to begin opening the skies, since the technology simply requires a person to blow into a tube and the results become available in less than a minute. It is also very cheap to carry out, as the results are delivered locally without the logistics and cost of sending the sample to a lab.