

Preparing for the Second Wave



New Delhi, Nov 17, 2020 (Issuewire.com) - To prepare for the coming winter and a possible second wave of Covid in India, **AIIMS Rishikesh** has decided to install the **Hologic Panther** system and run the **Aptima SARS-CoV-2** assay.

The Hologic Panther system, with **over 2000 installations**, runs more than **5 million tests** across the world for Covid every month and highest number of molecular tests (PRT_PCR, TMA) in the US every day. The Hologic Panther system is a fully automatic system that can run **over 1000 tests a day**. It is the most sensitive automated platforms globally.

The Hologic Panther system was amongst the first to get Emergency Use Approval by the US FDA for testing **both symptomatic and asymptomatic patients**. It is the only one to offer collection to result technology, with no need for transfer from one tube to another, providing safety to the laboratory personnel.

A spokesman for Hemogenomics Pvt. Ltd., Hologic's partner in India, said that they are proud that the Hologic Panther system is finally available in India. It is in talks with many Governments who want to prepare for the coming winter. Global demand had delayed availability, but now they have the ability to provide 1-2 Panther systems in India every month. Requiring very little space or modifications, it can start testing in a couple of weeks. Even a few Hologic Panther systems can add the capacity to test hundreds of thousand samples every month.

About Hologic

Hologic is the World Leader in Women's Health Screening and Detection, including Mammography, Cervical Cancer (HPV testing and LBC – Pap smear), STIs etc.

About Hemogenomics

Hemogenomics was formed to help diagnose and prevent diseases by bringing appropriate technologies into India. Its primary focus was on the safety of blood donations, with ID-NAT screening to prevent the spread of HIV and Hepatitis. It has now added Covid testing and screening for Cervical Cancer (the second most prevalent cancer amongst women in India).

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