

First ever healthcare facilities census launched

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With the launch of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare's first ever healthcare establishment census, patients will soon be able to look up for doctors, lab facilities, and infrastructure of any hospital in their vicinity at a click.

The Central Bureau of Health Intelligence of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) under the National Health Resource Repository (NHRR) project has engaged the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) to develop a geo-web portal and mobile app for geo-tagging, geo-visualization, and spatial analysis of all government and private health care establishments in the country.

It is being sponsored by the World Health Organization (WHO). The project aims to create a geo-mapped platform for health resources, both government and private. It will cover hospitals, diagnostic labs, doctors, pharmacies, etc., and will also have data on human resource, and medical infrastructure of each health facility in the country.

As per the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between ISRO and MoHFW, ISRO will develop an android-based mobile application for collection of health resources and assets details. An interface on the Bhuvan platform to receive geo-tagged data will be developed. ISRO will also train ministry officials to collect data.