

Health Information Management System (HIMS) project

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In news- The Delhi Cabinet recently gave a financial nod to its ambitious Health Information Management System (HIMS) project.

About the project-

- As part of the project, **each citizen will have a health card**, which will be a repository of their medical information.
- The health card will act as a unique health identifier for each individual through which everything from their medical history to appointment dates can be accessed.
- All citizens between 1 and 18 years would be issued a health card linked to their parent's health card.
- **All newborns (up to 1 year) would be linked to their mother's health card.**
- The citizens of Delhi along with their family members would be able to pre-register themselves for issuance of a temporary e-health card for a duration of one year.
- This will be converted to a permanent card once the citizens' details have been validated through surveys and all the required data is updated subsequently.
- These health cards will be **based on secured QR-codes or cryptographs** and similar technology to contain the encrypted information about the unique identity, demographic details and key clinical information on individual citizens.
- A voter ID card of Delhi shall be the only mandatory document for registration for adult citizens who would

be issued a health card for availing free services in any of the healthcare institutions of Delhi, which may be further extended to institutions outside Delhi as well.

- There will be **provisions for citizens to request for re-issuing health cards and get the demographic details corrected**, if required.
- There will also be provisions for self-registration for health cards, through a web-based or mobile-based interface of the digital platform.