

HITAM App Telangana

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Christened Home Isolation Tele-medicine and Monitoring (HITAM), the app has already enrolled close to 170 doctors. **Mostly private and retired government doctors** were being chosen for this project with the government not wanting to disturb in-service doctors. **Each doctor was being assigned 50 patients.**

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The doctor will prescribe medicines through app messages. The doctor would also **collect details of the patient's family members and guide them**. If an emergency arises, the patient or his kin have to **press a button. An ambulance would arrive** and shift them to nearby COVID hospital.

Since not many doctors have come forward to assist the state in its fight against COVID-19 pandemic, the government has had to come up with this idea to have doctors on board. It has also **enabled enlisting of doctors who did not want to come out during this period**. The government has enlisted the doctors through walk-in interviews, an unconventional approach. However, while the government was expecting about a 1000 doctors, they have been able to enlist just 170 doctors so far.