

Village Resource Centres

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Key highlights

- To provide the space-based services directly to the rural areas, ISRO/ DOS has launched the Village Resource Centres (VRCs) programme in association with NGOs/ Trusts and state/ central agencies.
- VRCs have provided various space technology-enabled services such as telehealthcare, tele-education, natural resources information, advisories related to agriculture, career guidance to rural students, skill development and vocational training, etc. to the rural population.
- Establishing new VRCs is an ongoing process and the same is carried out based on communication technology needs, funds available, proposals received from State Governments/NGOs, etc.
- **The parameters for selecting NGOs and Trusts as partners in VRC include;**
 1. Experience in community organization and social work
 2. Availability of required infrastructure for housing the VRC facility
 3. Requisite manpower for the day-to-day operation and
 4. Capacity for conducting programmes of relevance for the development of rural areas.

Major benefits

- Rural empowerment
- SMART Governance
- Computerized Gram Panchayats
- Distance education
- Remote healthcare services

- Employment opportunities
- Access to products and services available to city dwellers