

## Health Ministry introduces professional data portal

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The Union Health Ministry has recently launched the Allied and Health care Professional Database which will can help the government track the number of professionals and streams of allied and health care professions in the country.

The allied and health care professionals' can visit the portal and provide basic personal, qualification and professional information. The portal will then send an auto-generated email for verification and will provide an enrolment reference number for further usage.

According to the ministry, more than 3, 000 professionals have already registered on the portal during the testing phase. The portal has a capacity of capturing more than 10 lakh allied and healthcare professionals' data.

This portal may further prove helpful in expediting the envisaged processes viz. licensing of professionals, workforce policy planning, and bringing transparency in the system by maintaining standards of educational and clinical practice.

Union Health Secretary Preeti Sudan has mentioned that the portal is a provisional measure taken by the Ministry to track and reach out to all the allied and health care professionals in the country till a statutory body is established