

Dell partners with government to develop mobile app for NCDs

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Dell Technologies, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) and Tata Trusts, has developed a mobile application for the management of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) at Government Primary Health Centres (PHCs) across India.

The mobile application was launched by Dr Harsh Vardhan, Minister of Health and Family Welfare on Universal Health Coverage Day on December 12th. The intuitive & easy to use mobile app will strengthen the existing NCD IT system's suite of six applications for Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs), auxiliary nurse midwives (ANMs), doctors, programme managers and health officials in the government.

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The NCD IT system provides an e-referral pathway that allows individuals to be monitored and cared for as they visit doctors at government primary, secondary and district level hospitals for NCD management. Dr Vardhan mentioned that the new app will improve the screening and management of the patients suffering from NCDs.

Alok Ohrie, President and Managing Director, Dell Technologies India said, "Our ongoing association with MoHFW and Tata Trusts is to work towards advancing healthcare conditions and supporting our communities with the right infrastructure."