

GMC's integrated management system to be effective this year

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PANJIM, FEB 6 - The ambitious project of the Government to have an integrated hospital and health management system at the Goa Medical College (GMC) is expected to be in place by the end of this year.

The Mumbai-based Novella Hospital Management Systems which was appointed by the Government of Goa to implement a totally integrated hospital and health management system in the state will computerize the GMC by December 2006.

This Project is part of the governments' programme to upgrade and modernize the GMC. Sources from the State health ministry had earlier disclosed that the cost of the

project is approximately 80 lakhs.

In the offing is a 24X7 online hospital management information system, electronic medical records, advanced imaging solutions, a laboratory management system for the doctors, management and staff of the GMC.

Satish Kini, principal consultant and director of the Novella systems who visited the GMC last week for a presentation said that "Novella is a healthcare consulting company and not just a software company. Only doctors and experienced hospital specialists guide the users on how to use the Novella 21st Century HealthNET"

According to Kini, the Novella 21st Century HealthNET is designed by doctors, IT specialists and other experts in the field. While the computerization of the GMC is scheduled to be completed by December 2006, the next phase would be to make these systems available to Mapusa and Margao district hospitals and the primary health centres. It is expected to take two years to implement the integrated hospital and health management system throughout the State.

A detailed plan about the project was presented by Novella Systems team at the GMC last week. In attendance were the department heads and doctors from the GMC.

