# AarogyaPath: CSIR

**drishtiias.com**/printpdf/aarogyapath-csir

## Why in News

The government has launched an **information platform 'AarogyaPath' to provide real-time availability of critical healthcare supplies** for manufacturers, suppliers and customers.

> It is a **Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR)** National Healthcare Supply Chain Portal.

## Key Points

- It is an integrated public platform that provides single-point availability of key healthcare goods such as medical equipment, drugs, apparel, etc.
- **Vision:**
  - To set up an information management and forecasting database platform at national level to capture demand and supply scenarios for key healthcare needs items.
  - CSIR expects AarogyaPath to become the national healthcare information platform of choice in the years to come, filling a critical gap in last-mile delivery of patient care within India through improved availability and affordability of healthcare supplies.
- **Beneficiaries:** Hospitals, Pathology laboratories, Research institutes, Medical colleges and Individual patients. It will also create **opportunities for business expansion** due to an expanded network of buyers and visibility of new requirements for products.
- **Importance in Situations like a Pandemic (Covid-19):**
  - Anticipated shortages can be addressed and met at national level.
  - Opportunistic Pricing, hoarding and over- forecasting can be checked.
  - Over- production can be avoided. This would help to reduce wastage of resources.

**Council of Scientific & Industrial Research**

- It was established by the Government of India in September 1942 as an autonomous body. It comes under the **Ministry of Science & Technology.**
- It is known for its cutting edge research and development knowledge base in diverse science and technology areas.
- It has been ranked first in the **Nature Ranking Index-2020.**
    - The Nature Index provides close to a real-time proxy of high-quality research output and collaboration at the institutional, national and regional level.

**Source: PIB**