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Apollo ties up with hotels to ready rooms

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Apollo Hospitals on Monday said it has partnered with a number of corporates such as Hindustan Unilever, the State Bank of India, Deutsche Bank, Oyo Rooms, Lemon Tree, Ginger hotels and Zomato, to launch an initiative – Project STAY I – wherein it aims to make 5,000 isolation rooms available across the country to combat COVID-19.

These rooms will be pooled from Lemon Tree, Ginger and Oyo Rooms at a discount, while Zomato will provide food delivery service, HUL and SBI will pitch in with funds to make some of these rooms available free of cost, and Apollo Hospitals will provide medical supervision.

"Project Stay I is an initiative to strengthen the bulwark against COVID-19 by creating isolation rooms in hotels with light medical supervision for quarantine and creating a barrier to ensure people recover without spreading the virus," Dr. Sangita Reddy, joint managing director, Apollo Hospitals Group, said. This will also ensure that people who don't need hospital beds are not using the scarce resource if they are not critically sick, she said.

A guest who wishes to book a room under Stay-I will need to visit www.as-kapollo.com or call helpline number 18605000202.