AI-enabled apps join Covid-19 tracking bid

Apps can trace phones, photos of those who came in contact

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As contagion fears aggravate, several healthcare related companies are introducing 'contact tracking' features in apps to help social distancing. Some of the apps also have features that help detect and manage the illness.

GOQii, the smart-tech-enabled preventive healthcare company has launched this feature in its app to help users track every movement, activity and also track those who have been in close contact with them.

In case of a positive detection, users can immediately backtrack every movement and individuals that one has come in contact with, in the last few days. This will ensure prevention, quick detection of virus carriers and thus curtail the spread of the virus.

GOQii has specially updated the app to help users self-track, to the level of keeping a tab on every person one must have come in contact with. This also includes those related to online services like Uber, Lyft, Ola, Amazon, Flipkart, Swiggy and Zomato. One can record the person's name, contact number as well as photographs.

Healthcare authorities and professionals can also leverage the artificial intelligence-based app to accelerate Covid-19 surveillance and interventions.

"The GOQii Covid-19 related app features will help with contact tracing and remote quarantine management," said Vishal Gondal, founder and CEO of GOQii.

The app also can track body temperature, weight, heart rate, blood sugar and other vitals as well as detect symptoms like cough, cold, difficulty in breathing and the like.

Bajaj Allianz General Insurance too has updated its 'Caringly Yours' app with 'Social Trackback' feature. This is designed to help individuals maintain a real-time database of the people they have interacted in-person. This will help authorities and individuals quickly track the details in case the user has been tested positive for coronavirus.