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Mumbai, Aug. 15 It is now National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) technology that has come to the rescue of doctors combating swine flu in Mumbai.

An air management system, airocide, developed by NASA for increasing the shelf-life of food for astronauts can control and prevent swine flu, according to Great White Technology, a Mumbai-based company which has bought the marketing rights for the technology.

The machines can keep the air inside casualty wards and intensive care units free of any organic contaminants and ensure safety of patients. The company is also interested in donating the airocide machines to Government hospitals in Mumbai such as Kasturbha and Bhaba.

Mr Dharmesh Keshwani, Managing Director, Great White, said that airocide would reduce infections in hospitals. The technology uses a process called 'Enconditioning' (environment conditioning) developed by NASA, which destroys known forms of virus, micro-organism and pathogens, he said.

He said airocide enconditioners can be easily installed like a plasma television and the air from the room is sucked through the fan and filtered through a reaction chamber which holds the patented technology.

The devices can manage 3,000 to 25,000 cubic feet of air and are available in three sizes. A basic device handling up to 5,000 cubic feet air will cost around Rs 1 lakh.

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