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<u>Recruitment for 11 thousand posts under process in the state</u> Tripura has stepped up to being the rapidly Developing State according to Niti Aayog report: CM

"The government has been giving priority to modernising the health infrastructure in order to be able to provide state of the art health service to the citizens of the state. Following which in a short span of time, the government has recruited 156 doctors in the state in a transparent way through TPSC which is a record in itself.," enunciated Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb after inaugurating the programme held to celebrate the birth anniversary of prominent physician Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy at Rabindra Bhawan on National Doctor's Day yesterday. The programme started with paying homage to Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy with flowers. The Chief Minister said, "The present government is an exceptional government. Along with development of health infrastructure, emphasis is being put on overall development of the state. Recruitment in the state for 11 thousand posts is under process." He also said that according to Niti Aayog report among 2nd category states Tripura has stepped up as rapidly developing state. The Chief Minister said, "The slogan on Doctor's Day should be to keep the doctors protected to keep oneself healthy."

The Chief Minister said, "The state government is working in Mission mode with the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to control the spread of Corona virus by setting a time limit. Tripura is leading among the primary states in vaccinating 18 above age group after successful vaccination of 45 above age group in the country. "He continued that the health department has been giving equal importance to other health services alongside the fight against COVID-19. 628.05 Crore rupees was allotted for health sector in the state budget in 2017-18 financial year whereas the budget has been increased to 1443.47 Crore rupees giving importance to quality development of present health sector. Apart from the modernised infrastructure, tricky surgeries and diseases are being treated in the state. As a result, referral treatment outside the state has reportedly reduced. In fact, people are coming to Tripura for getting treatments. The biggest oxygen plant in whole Northeast region is being constructed at IGM hospital. An oxygen plant is also being set up at Kherengbar hospital, Khumulwng with the financial assistance of the state government.

The Chief Minister in the programme enunciated, "Promotion process was stopped for a very long time which is why many employees have faced losses financially. However, the present state government has taken initiative to promote after much consideration. It is unfortunate that a part of the people is against the decision." The Chief Minister also informed that the doctors have expressed their demand to amend medical service rules to which the government is paying apt attention. He said, "The matter was already being discussed even if they wouldn't have raised the demand. He lauded the participation of women health workers and encouraged women to involve in such profession because of natural caring instinct."

The Chief Minister praised the youth of the state for participating in the development of the state by attaining positive mentality and becoming self-dependant that the Prime Minister has also mentioned in his speech. Slogans have now become a history, only overall development is happening in the state." MP Pratima Bhowmik in the programme lauded the Chief Minister's efforts for upgrading health services in the state. She called upon the state health department to work with a goal of building Tripura as a Medical Hub and generating health tourism. MP Pratima Bhowmik also paid tribute to those doctors and health workers who lost their lives saving people against COVID-19.

J.K Sinha, principal secretary of the health department in the programme said that the department is working to fulfil the Chief Minister's dream of creating health tourism. He said, "Earlier people in order to get good treatment used to go outside the state. Now the case has become completely opposite." He assured all kinds of assistance to the development of health sector. The Chief Minister and principal secretary, health, felicitated the health officials from different districts and their teams including National Health Mission. Other guests present in the programme were MLA Dr. Dilip Das, Professor Dr. Manik Saha, veteran doctor S.R Deb, health director Dr. Subhashis Debbarma, family welfare and preventive medicine director Dr. Radha Debbarma and medical education director Dr. Chinmoy Biswas.
