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Chief Minister Inaugurates 21st Foundation Day <u>Ceremony of Agartala Government Medical College</u> Government is working relentlessly to modernise healthcare services in state

Citizens of the state are increasingly placing their trust in Tripura's healthcare services. The tendency to seek medical treatment outside the state has significantly declined. The state government is working relentlessly to further modernise the healthcare sector. Various projects are being implemented to turn Tripura into a Health-Hub. Speaking at the 21st Foundation Day celebration of Agartala Government Medical College held at the Karl Landsteiner Auditorium, Chief Minister Prof. (Dr.) Manik Saha made these remarks.

Today, Agartala Government Medical College holds a respectable position across the country but its journey began in 2005. So, those who played key role in establishing the college should be respectfully remembered. Students and faculty members must work to uphold this dignity. The Chief Minister mentioned that currently, there are 150 seats in the MBBS program at AGMC. Initially, the college started with 100 seats. Of the current 150 seats, 118 are reserved for students from Tripura, 22 are allotted to central government nominees, and 10 are reserved for students from the North Eastern states. Presently, 525 students are pursuing their MBBS degrees at the college. So far, 1,484 students have graduated with an MBBS degree from the institution, of whom 1,270 are from Tripura. These graduates are actively serving in various rural and remote areas of the state, providing healthcare services with utmost dedication.

The Chief Minister added that students can pursue postgraduate (PG) studies in 20 disciplines, with a total of 89 PG seats. He also stated that people in the state once couldn't imagine the possibility of kidney transplants being done locally. Now, complex surgeries and advanced treatments are being successfully done within the state itself. To enhance the quality of healthcare services, the state government has adopted implementation of a variety of multi-faceted plans. Infrastructure in district hospitals is being modernised too.

During the event, the college's annual report was released. The Chief Minister formally inaugurated the wall magazine titled Udichi. MBBS and PG students with remarkable academic performances were awarded. The Chief Minister and other guests presented mementos and certificates to the students.

Speakers at the event included Health Secretary Kiran Gitte, Swami Shubhakaranandaji Maharaj, Secretary of Ramakrishna Mission, Viveknagar, and Dr. Anup Kumar Saha, Principal of Agartala Government Medical College, who delivered the welcome address. Other dignitaries present included Dr. Tapan Majumdar, Director of Health Services; Dr. Anjan Das, Director of Family Welfare and Preventive Medicine; and Dr. H. P. Sharma, Director of Medical Education, among others.
