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**Appointment Letters Handed Over to 45 Specialist Doctors Tripura  
is gradually becoming self-reliant in various fields: Chief Minister**

The state government has taken several initiatives to deliver advanced healthcare services to the people of Tripura. Earlier, due to the shortage of specialist doctors, it was not possible to provide them in every district or sub-divisional hospital. With the appointment of 45 new specialist doctors, this shortfall will be partially addressed. In the near future, the state government will take further initiatives to recruit more specialist doctors. Chief Minister Prof. (Dr.) Manik Saha said this while speaking at the appointment letter distribution ceremony of 45 specialist doctors held yesterday at Pragna Bhavan, Agartala. The Chief Minister stated that the state government is working to boost development in healthcare services and other sectors in line with the needs of the people. Since 2018, the number of doctors in different health centers has been increased. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision is to build a self-reliant India by enhancing the skills of educated youth. Tripura too is gradually becoming self-reliant in different fields. With improvements in the state's healthcare services, the number of patients being referred outside the state has reduced significantly. The Chief Minister expressed hope that the newly appointed specialist doctors will dedicate themselves to serving the people of the state. The Chief Minister personally handed over the appointment letters to the doctors.

Speaking at the event, Health Secretary Kiran Gitte said that 215 doctors will be recruited to fill the shortage of doctors in the state. District and sub-divisional hospitals have already been modernized. Work is ongoing to improve medical infrastructure across the state. Providing quality healthcare services to the people is one of the key goals of the state government. The welcome address was delivered by Additional Secretary of the Health and Family Welfare Department, Rajib Datta. The vote of thanks was given by Director of Health and Family Welfare Department, Dr. Tapan Majumdar. Among others present were NHM Mission Director Saju Vaheed A, Director of Medical Education Prof. Dr. H. P. Sharma, and Director of Family Welfare & Preventive Medicine Dr. Anjan Das.