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Foundation stones laid for Critical Care Block (CCB), Centre for Infectious Diseases (CDC), & 20-bedded Special Ward at GBP Hospital

Tripura's healthcare system has now reached a new height. The present state government and the Health Department are working tirelessly to ensure that citizens receive the best possible medical services. With the goal of providing modern, efficient, and affordable healthcare, the state government is developing advanced infrastructure.

Speaking as the chief guest at a program organized at Karl Landsteiner Auditorium after laying the foundation stones, the Chief Minister said that GBP Hospital has long served the people and continues to do so yesterday. People can now clearly see the difference between past and present healthcare services at GBP Hospital. The state government is continuously enhancing healthcare infrastructure by incorporating modern technologies, improved medical practices.

For better patient care, assistance is also being sought from renowned hospitals and doctors across the country. Various projects are being implemented to upgrade the subdivisional hospitals as well. The government is also focusing on the beautification and modernization of GBP Hospital and other hospitals across the state, keeping patient comfort and public health in mind.

The Chief Minister further stated that the tendency of state residents to seek treatment outside Tripura has significantly declined in recent times. He expressed hope that the newly launched Digital Telemedicine Service, connecting AGMC and GBP Hospital with AIIMS, New Delhi and SGPGI, Lucknow, would bring positive changes in the state's healthcare system.

Additionally, the Chief Minister launched an Interdepartmental Referral System at GBP Hospital to improve patient management. Highlighting the potential of telemedicine, he said that if patients can directly interact virtually with doctors, healthcare delivery will become even more effective. He emphasized the importance of continuous learning and updating medical knowledge among doctors, noting that this not only improves healthcare services but also helps earn the trust of patients and their families.

The Chief Minister also mentioned that the state's medical colleges collectively offer 400 MBBS seats, which is a matter of pride for Tripura. However, this year, except for AGMC, the MBBS results of other colleges were not satisfactory. The reasons behind this will be examined, and the government is aware and attentive to the issue.

At the event, Chief Minister Professor (Dr.) Manik Saha highlighted various plans and achievements in the state's healthcare system. He said that the skills and talent of the state's doctors and healthcare workers are second to none. Complex diseases and critical surgeries are now being handled by doctors within the state. Surgeries such as gastro, knee replacement, hip replacement, cardiac, bronchoscopy, and renal surgeries are being successfully performed locally. A super specialty block has been launched at GBP Hospital. Initiatives have been taken to establish a Mother and Child Health Department at AGMC-GBP Hospital. Plans have also been made to set up a tertiary eye care hospital. In the 2025–26 budget, provisions have been made for the establishment of the Bharat Mata Canteen and night shelters for patients' attendants and relatives. At Agartala Government Medical College and GBP Hospital, a lunch service has been introduced where patient attendants can get meals for just $\Box 10$. Additionally, Chief Minister Professor (Dr.) Manik Saha referred to the Mukhyamantri Jan Arogya Yojana, plans to set up a de-addiction centre at Bishramganj, and also other related initiatives.

The welcome address was delivered by Kiran Gitte, Secretary of the Health and Family Welfare Department. He said that this day marks a milestone in the state's medical services. The Health Department is making sincere efforts to improve healthcare facilities and develop GBP Hospital. Other speakers included Sanjeev Kumar Janjua, Asset Manager of ONGC Tripura, and Prasada Rao, CEO and Member Secretary of PPGS. The vote of thanks was delivered by Professor (Dr.) Sanjib Debbarma.

Among those present were Professor (Dr.) H. P. Sharma, Director of the Department of Medical Education; Dr. Shankar Chakraborty, Medical Superintendent of GBP Hospital; and Professor (Dr.) Anup Kumar Saha, Principal of AGMC and others.