

**18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Agartala Government Medical College**

**Government wants to build a medical hub around Agartala Government Medical College: Chief Minister**

The state government is trying to create a medical hub around Agartala Government Medical College. A dental college is also going to start in the state very soon. A delegation of the Dental Council of India visited the state on 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 for this purpose. Chief Minister Professor (Dr.) Manik Saha said this at the programme organized at KLS Auditorium on the occasion of 18<sup>th</sup> Foundation Anniversary of Agartala Government Medical College yesterday. Chief Minister said that Agartala Government Medical College is the main medical service centre of the state. Agartala Government Medical College cannot be underestimated in any part. The state government has taken various initiatives for the development of this college. Many important medical services are being provided in this college hospital. But it is not properly propagated to the people.

Chief Minister Dr. Saha said that Agartala Government Medical College can be developed as an art of excellence and students, teachers and all concerned should take the responsibility. Addressing the students, Chief Minister said that it is not enough to be only a bookworm, students must establish themselves as an all-rounder. He said doctors are remembered with respect in society. They are the ones who issue birth and death certificates of people. Chief Minister said that in our state now we are getting better quality treatment. We are now moving towards super specialties. Medical services have been expanded in many areas. Chief Minister urged the next generation of doctors to work with a sense of responsibility. In his speech, the Chief Minister also mentioned the responsibilities of non-medical staff associated with medical services. Chief Minister wished Agartala Government Medical College for further growth and urged them to work hand in hand with the government.

Health Secretary, Dr. Debashis Basu, Director of Medical Education Dr. Chinmoy Biswas, Medical Superintendent of GBP Hospital Dr. Sanjib Debbarma, Principal of Agartala Government Medical College, Manjushree Roy spoke at the programme among others. Chairman of the organizing committee Dr. Tapan Majumdar gave the welcome speech. Merit awards were given to meritorious students of different departments at the programme. AGMC students performed cultural items. It should be noted that Agartala Government Medical College was established on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2005.