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## **Clarification of published news**

The news published in the Tripura Observer newspaper on 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2025, under the headline "Anger over negligence at Gomati District Patient forced to travel to Agartala for treatment," has come to the notice of the Department of Health and Family Welfare. Regarding this matter, based on the information sent by the Gomati District Hospital, the department is issuing the clarification. On 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2025 Hasi Begam an 18 year-old female of Chanban, came to the emergency block of Gomati District Hospital with history of foot injury. The Emergency medical officer examined her, provided the necessary primary treatment and she was transferred to the female orthopaedics ward on the same day at 9:00 AM.

Subsequently, the sister-in-charge of the female orthopaedics ward called the orthopaedic surgeon of the district hospital, Dr. Prasenjit Debnath, about the patient at 12:00 PM on the same day. Dr. Debnath, who was on duty at the DDRC center at that time, arrived at the female orthopaedics ward at 12:15 PM. However, Hasi Begam was not found in her bed in the female orthopaedics ward at that time. The relevant police station has been informed about this matter.

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