

Annual Conference of Indian Psychiatric Society, Tripura State Branch

Psychiatrists have great responsibility towards society: Chief Minister

Psychiatrists are important part of the society. Psychiatrists need to go beyond the daily routine work to reach the marginal level of the society and come forward for the benefit of the people. People also need to be informed about mental health. Chief Minister Prof. (Dr.) Manik Saha said this at the 22nd annual conference organized by Tripura State Branch of Indian Psychiatric Society at Manikya Enclave in Gorkhabastiyesterday. At the programme, the Chief Minister said that psychiatrists have a lot of responsibility towards the society. Psychiatrists should come forward to create public awareness about the importance of mental health because mental health is also necessary apart from physical health.

At the programme, the Chief Minister said that drugs or addiction have a serious side effect in endangering mental health. The current government of the state is taking strict legal action against drug abuse. Along with this, public awareness is also being spread against addiction. The government is taking several steps regarding this sensitive issue. Psychiatrists need to mingle with people, he said. The Chief Minister urged the psychiatrists to understand their real mental problems. The Chief Minister said that the present government is working with priority on the development of health infrastructure and expansion of health services in the state. It also reduces the tendency to go abroad for treatment. People of the state are getting confident in the medical system of the state. The Chief Minister said that parents also have a lot of responsibility in the mental development of students.

At the programme, 2 senior psychiatrists namely Dr. AK Nath and Dr. Jiban Chakraborty were felicitated. Vice President of Tripura State Branch of Indian Psychiatric Society Dr. Dipayan Sarkar gave the welcome speech. Moreover, Director of Health Dr. Subashis Debbarma, Director of Family Welfare and Preventive Medicine Dr. Radha Debbarma, Dr. PriyaJyoti Chakma, Dr. Harprasad Sharma and others also gave speeches. Dr. Swapan Chandra Barman gave vote of thanks.