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‘Government has prioritized development of necessary health infrastructure in the rural areas. The people of the state will be benefitted only if modern health service is provided in the rural areas. The Government is working with this vision.’, said the Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb after inaugurating the newly built Borakha Health and Wellness Centre in Mandai block. He added, ‘Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced to build 1.5 lakh such health and wellness centres in the country within 2022.’ Although the construction work of this primary health centre commenced in 2007, but only after the present state government came into power, the centre has been re-structured. This primary health centre will from now onwards have services like Alopathy, Homeopathy, Ayurveda, OPD including 24 hours IPD service. The inauguration of the primary health centre has brought good news for the public on the eve of Durga Puja. The state government has invested around 2.75 crores to build this 10 bedded primary health centre.

The Chief Minister said, ‘With the cooperation of the health workers, administrative officers and above all the public, the effect of Covid-19 has declined to a certain extent, below 10% in the state. Recovery rate has climbed to 85%.’ He also shared that many are still frightened to get infected even after wearing of mask and social distancing being maintained. With regard to this, the state government has decided to start Antibody testing, through the sero survey, through which it can be checked if a particular person’s body is capable of fighting Covid-19. Chief Minister said, ‘The state has 116 community and primary health centres, has district hospitals, GBP, IGM, TMC and private nursing homes which provide Covid-19 testing service. There is Oxymeter system available for the Covid-19 infected patients staying in home isolation in which the patients themselves can regulate the oxygen level according to their need. Symptomatic corona patients whose oxygen levels are low, they can contact the nearest health centre and attain health service. With regard to this, he further added, ‘ The state government has taken initiative to provide 10 days food items or Rs.1,500 if the patient under home isolation is the sole earner in the family and if the patient under home isolation is not a government employee.’ He said, ‘ The state only had 300 oxygen cylinders and one ventilator when the corona first started to spread in the state whereas now the state has 1,136 oxygen cylinders and 92 ventilators. Also there were only 500 PPE kits whereas the state has around 65,000 kits now. The urban and the rural health centres are ready to fight the corona infection and so are the District hospitals, community and primary health centres. The spread of Covid-19 came under control due to the cooperation of health workers,

doctors, nurses, Asha workers, police, administrative officers and elected representatives. The Chief Minister thanked all.

He said, 'Referral cases to other states have decreased in comparison to the 5 years after upgrading the health services.' The referral cases in the year 2019-20 was 1,988. From 1st January to 31st May 2020, such cases has decreased to 532. He also said that total 300 neurosurgeries were done in the last two years in the state. Apart from this, 1300 neuro patients were treated in the GB hospital in minimum cost. The state government is working to upgrade health infrastructure with the vision that none would have to go outside the state for getting proper treatment. He also added that around 11.5 lakh e-cards have been given away under central government's Ayushman Bharat Yojana through which the patients can attain treatment costing 5 lakh.

Chief Minister said, 'The state government is working towards boosting economic development amidst the Covid-19 situation and stressing upon various important issues such as finance approval from the Central Government for the establishment of Special Economic Zone, Logisric hub, Intergrated Checkpost in Sabroom etc.' Once the work on India-bangladesh Maitree Setu over Sabroom Feni river is completed, the northeastern states will be connected to the Chittagong port. As a result, the distance travelled for carrying goods will lessen. Chief Minister also spoke about various developmental works of Central and State government in Mandai block area. He said that earlier those who had tin shed houses were not included under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, whereas in the present scenario they can attain the benefits of the scheme. The Central government has changed the policy for the benefit of all. Lastly, he urged everyone to celebrate upcoming Durga Puja maintaining all the safety measures.

Apart from the Chief Minister, MLA Dhirendra Debbarma; J.k Sinha, Principal Secretary, Health Department; West Tripura DM Dr. Shailesh Kumar Yadav addressed in the programme. Welcome speech was given by Dr. Radha Debbarma, Director, Family welfare and Preventive Medicines Department. Apart from them, Dr. Sidharth Shiv Jaiswal, Mission Director, Tripura Chapter, National Health Mission was also present. After the inauguration of the newly built centre, Chief Minister spoke with the doctors and healthcare workers.
