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**CM Dr. Sarma dedicates 80 ICU beds at SMCH**

**State government has taken several steps for infrastructural development of SMCH:  
CM**

Dispur, September 18: Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma today dedicated 80 ICU beds including 40 paediatric beds at Silchar Medical College and Hospital today.

During his two-day Barak Valley visit today, Dr. Sarma also took stock of the progress of the construction work of the 500 bedded hospital at the SMCH premises.

Speaking at a programme organised on the occasion, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma said that State government as per its commitment to make health care services more advanced, accessible and accountable brought about massive infrastructural development of the health facilities. Therefore, the government has taken several steps for creating infrastructure in SMCH along with other medical colleges and hospitals. Prior to the COVID pandemic, SMCH had only 14 ICU beds. Now the number has gone up to 180 beds including 80 ICU beds inaugurated today. As a part of understanding with the Coal India Limited, another 40 ICU beds will be added to SMCH. Along with the 500 bedded hospital, the Cancer Hospital of Silchar will start functioning soon.

With streamlining of medicine procurement and induction of new and additional manpower with infrastructural development, health sector has made phenomenal progress in the state. In every part of the state, it has been proved more than ever before that people are getting advanced treatment in all government medical college and hospitals. He also said that approval has already been granted for setting up of a Regional Forensic Laboratory at Silchar.

Environment and Forest Minister Parimal Suklabaidya, MP Dr. Rajdeep Roy also spoke on the occasion. MP Kripanath Malla, Pallab Lochan Das, several MLAs, senior officers of Health Department, faculty members of SMCH and host of other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

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