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CM visits Kasturba Gandhi Ashram and Shanti Sadhana Ashram

CM opens Dhirenpara FRU as Annexe to GMCH

Dispur, January 1: In a bid to ensure enhanced healthcare to the people of the state, Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma today opened the services of Dhirenpara First Referral Unit (FRU) as Annexe to Gauhati Medical College & Hospital.

As services of Mahendra Mohan Choudhury Hospital under GMCH will remain closed from today as a new 800 bedded multi speciality hospital will be constructed in place of MMCH, which will be Guwahati's second medical college, Dhirenpara FRU and Pandu FRU will now be operational for the patients undergoing treatment at MMCH. Medical services such as OT facility, medicine specialist, surgery, obstetrics & Gynaecology, ENT, free X-Ray, ultrasound, laboratory services etc. will be available at the FRUs.

Health & Family Welfare Minister Keshav Mahanta, West Guwahati MLA Ramendra Narayan Kalita and MLA and Political Secretary to the Chief Minister Jayanta Malla Baruah were present during the opening of services at the FRU.

Chief Minister Sarma today also visited Kasturba Gandhi Ashram at Sarania Hills in Guwahati and spent some time at the cottage where Mahatma Gandhi stayed for 3 nights during his visit to Assam in 1946. He also took blessings of 102-years old Gandhian Sakuntala Choudhury.

The Chief Minister also interacted with the sevikas and took stock of activities at the Ashram and enquired about the challenges faced by the institution. He assured that the state government would take all possible steps to address the issues. Chief Minister Sarma also informed that the Government of Assam would take up a developmental project at the Ashram for preserving its rich heritage.

Later Chief Minister Sarma also visited Shanti Sadhana Ashram at Basistha in Guwahati and took blessings of noted Gandhian and founder of the Ashram Hem Bhai. During the visit, the Chief Minister also discussed various activities of the Ashram and its future plans and programmes. MLA Jayanta Malla Baruah accompanied the Chief Minister during the visits.

Earlier in the morning, Chief Minister Sarma inaugurated a library at the Chief Minister's Block at Janata Bhawan as his first engagement of the New Year. The library consists of several highly recognized book titles.

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