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CM reviews various programmes to develop physical infrastructure along with institutional reform to strengthen healthcare system

Dispur, February 22: Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma took a comprehensive review of various programmes of the Health Department in a meeting with senior officials of the department held at Janata Bhawan today.

During the meeting, the Chief Minister reviewed key issues related to Assam Secondary Healthcare Systems Reforms Project, status of State Cancer Institute, GMCH and draft of Employees' Health Assured Scheme and made several directions to the Health Department.

After going the proposed interventions under Assam Secondary Healthcare Systems Reforms Project, which aims to develop physical infrastructure along with institutional reform to strengthen secondary healthcare systems in the state, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma directed to take steps for setting up 50 bedded hospitals under PM Ayushmaan Bharat Abhiyaan at five locations across Assam, 100 bedded hospital at Sualkuchi, one Mother & Child Care Hospital at Tamulpur and high quality GNM Nursing School as part of District Hospital infrastructure.

Further to make health delivery system hassle-free for patients, Dr. Sarma asked the department to take steps for online booking for OPD at medical colleges and opening Green Corridor for emergency cases with adequate space for parking. He also reviewed the progress of ongoing construction works of 5 District Hospitals at newly created districts.

While discussing various steps taken at State Cancer Institute, GMCH under National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular diseases and Stroke, the Chief Minister approved the utilization plan of the 1st instalment of fund received from Government of India along with the state government's share. He also made directions for prompt utilization of fund to be released under 2nd and 3rd instalments.

Moreover, reviewing the draft for implementation of Employees' Health Assured Scheme, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma observed the need for several modifications to suit the needs of the purpose of the initiative. He directed to introduce portal based submission of medical bills for government servants including the retired employees who will be able to upload their medical bills along with related documents directly at the portal. He also directed to end the empanelled hospital system to make the new mechanism more conducive.

Under the new mechanism, there will be a single admissibility board headed by CEO, Atal Amrit Abhiyaan Society. The CEO office will take steps for verification and other necessary procedures for release of admissible amount in a faceless manner with high end technological intervention. The Chief Minister asked the department to develop a portal and prepare appropriate guideline to ensure seamless experience for government servants.

Health Minister Keshab Mahanta, Principal Secretary to CM Samir Kumar Sinha, Principal Secretary Health Anurag Goel and other senior officials were present in the meeting.

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