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Sonowal holds video conference with principals of medical colleges

Takes stock of steps taken to deal with treatment requirements of Covid 19 situation

Asks them to prepare action plan to deal with Covid 19

Dispur, July 18: In view of surge of Covid 19 positive cases in the state, Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today held a video conference with the principals of medical colleges of the state and asked them to prepare action plan incorporating the new initiatives and challenges in the face of spiraling number of Covid patients and submit them to the government.

Talking to the principals through video conference at his residence here today, Chief Minister Sonowal took stock of the patients' load that each medical college is handling, ICU facilities, treatment for the non-Covid patients etc. He also said that in view of the surging number of Covid 19 positive cases in all the medical colleges and hospitals, the principals should prepare action plans and submit the same to the government. Sonowal also drew the attention of the principals that in the absence of any anti-dote to treat Covid 19 cases, they should promote the plasma therapy and popularize it and motivate the recovered Covid patients to donate plasma for other patients.

Sonowal also hailed the role of the doctors and para-medics who braving all odds are treating the Covid 19 positive patients and instill a ray of hope among them. He also said that in Assam, novel corona virus has assumed a critical proposition, where in people's strong morale lifted by the medical fraternity would go a long way to tide over the crisis. He also took note of the fact that in Assam the services being rendered by the medical fraternity is hailed throughout the country. He also stated that though the doctors, para-medics, safai workers and other health professionals engaged in health sector are infected by the novel corona virus, they have been working day in and day out under the leadership of Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma and his deputy Pijush Hazarika. He said that though in the 21st century the challenges posed by novel corona virus pandemic is somewhat novel, therefore, novel strategy is required to win over the battle and he hailed the medical professionals for their dedication and devotion in fighting against the virus.

Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare Pijush Hazarika participating in the conference said that Chief Minister's leadership, his involvement and guidance have been a source of motivation for all the workers associated with negotiating with Covid 19 pandemic.

In the video conference Principals of Gauhati Medical College, Assam Medical College, Silchar Medical College, Tezpur Medical college, Diphu Medical College, Jorhat Medical college, Barpeta Medical College gave the overview of all the steps taken by them to deal with the Covid 19 situation in the state. The superintendents and nurses also briefed the Chief Minister about the Covid 19 treatment protocols adhered to by them to giving treatment to the patients.

Principal Secretary to Health and Family Welfare Samir Sinha informed in the conference that in the next 15 days the Health Department would appoint 200 new nurses in the state.

Chief Minister's Media Advisor Hrishikesh Goswami, his Legal Advisor Santanu Bharali, Chief Secretary Kumar Sanjay Krishna, Chief Minister's Principal Secretary Sanjay Lohiya and the heads of the departments of the medical colleges were present during the video-conference.

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