

Himanta's health to get Midas touch



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GUWAHATI: The Assam Government has come up with some lavish plans to help the patients. If Health Minister Himanta Biswa Sarmah is to be believed, Assam will soon turn into one of the most respected states in the health sector in the country. Sarmah has announced on Sunday before journalists that the department would provide pacemakers free of cost to every patient from the next month. Besides, free chemotherapy treatment for cancer patients and free postoperative medicine to the patients undergoing kidney transplant are also some of the big plans of the Government.

Guwahati would also get a 375-bedded multi-specialty hospital near the GMCH. The Government will set up 50 new Public Health Centres (PHCs) in the State in the next year. "The Centre has approved Rs 619.65 crores to Assam," Sarmah said.

There is some good news for the citizens of Guwahati. Sixty critical care units would be in service in all the 60 wards of Guwahati. If anyone becomes critically ill, he can dial 200 and call for doctors. The unit would arrive within two minutes. The Health Department has also introduced boat clinic (mobile clinic) for char areas under private-public partnership (PPP).

Besides, the department has taken up Morigaon as the pilot district for health insurance.

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