

CM LAYS FOUNDATION STONE FOR SUPER SPECIALITY BLOCK

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"Goa can become a model state in sectors such as health and education," said Chief Minister, Shri Manohar Parrikar at the foundation stone ceremony held in Panaji for the Super Speciality Block which will come up at Goa Medical College (GMC) in Bambolim under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.

The Chief Minister stated, "GMC will become medical hub of the topmost quality. At the moment, GMC competes with private hospitals on many counts." Shri Parrikar however emphasized on the need to maintain hospitals. He told people to utilize the healthcare facility with care and asked the people of the State to partner with the Government in this regard. The Chief Minister also asked people to reap the benefits of Central Government Schemes. The Chief Minister further highlighted the contribution of the Central Government in the progress of the State of Goa.

Minister for Health, Shri Vishwajit Rane, termed the Super Speciality Block as a proud moment for all Goans. "This will change the narrative in the State of Goa in terms of health care," Shri Rane asserted.

The Super specialties include Endocrinology, Nephrology, Urology, Neurology, Medical Gastroenterology, Pediatric Surgery, Plastic Surgery, Neurosurgery, CTVS, Cardiology and Surgical Gastroenterology.

The total project is estimated to cost Rs 350 crores. The state-of-the-art facility will bring specialized health care services to Goans. It will segregate Public places (Hospital Zone) from Semi-Public Zone (Institutional Zone). This in turn will help decongest and reduce the patient load to create breathing space within the campus.

Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha, Shri Narendra Sawaikar, said that health is very important and it was this sector which the Prime Minister was focusing on. There will be a healthy society if all work together he said.

Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, Shri Vinay Tendulkar, spoke of the Governments' developmental works being carried out from Pernem to Canacona.

Present on the occasion were MLA of St Andre Constituency, Shri Francisco Silveira, MLA of St Cruz Constituency, Shri Antonio Fernandes, Dean of GMC, Dr Pradeep

Naik, Medical Superintendent, Dr Shivanand Bandekar and other government officials among others.