Minister for Health Shri. Vishwajit Rane today laid the foundation for a new 100 bedded hospital for Institute of Psychiatry and Human Behaviour, Bambolim in the presence of MLA (St. Andre) Shri. Francisco Silveira, Secretary for Health Shri. J. Ashok Kumar IAS, Director for Health Dr. Sanjeev Dalvi, Dean of Goa Medical College (GMC) Dr. Pradip Naik and others. The new unit is a part of Phase II of expansion of existing 190 bedded IPHB complex undertaken by Goa State Infrastructure Development Corporation (GSIDC).

The new hospital will serve treatments for mentally ill patients as well as educational purpose. The hospital is aimed to improve the Psychiatric services, training and research by increasing the number of seats for M.D. Psychiatry. Graduate courses in Clinical Psychology, Psychiatric Social Work and Psychiatric Nursing will be also introduced along with an expansion of community outreach programs.

In another event, the Minister commissioned three modular Operation Theatres (OTs) and laid the foundation stone for construction work of new lecture halls (1, 2, and 3) at GMC complex in the presence of GSIDC Chairman Shri. Deepak Prabhu Pauskar, Vice Chairman Shri. Siddharth Kuncalienker and others.

While speaking on the occasion, the Health Minister urged the GMC staff to work together towards the betterment of the hospital and its patients. He also shared his upcoming plans and vision to make Goa a hub for best healthcare facilities.

Earlier, the formal function began by lighting the traditional lamp by the dignitaries. Dr. Pradip Naik welcomed the gathering. Shri. Silveira, Shri. Kuncalienker and Shri. Pauskar also spoke on the occasion. Dean of Goa Dental College Dr. Ida Athaida, Medical Superintendent of GMC Dr. Shivanand Bandekar, Dr. Rajnanda Desai, GSIDC General Manager Shri. Jude Carvalho was present on the occasion. The formal function was attended by students of Nursing Institute, the staff of GMC among others.

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