

**Governor attends 63rd foundation day of Gauhati Medical College**

**Hails GMCH's commitment to champion the cause of health and medical education**

**Guwahati, September 20:** Assam Governor Gulab Chand Kataria attended the 63rd foundation day celebration of Gauhati Medical College in presence of Minister of Health and Family Welfare Keshab Mahanta, at the GMCH Auditorium Hall, in the city here today.

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor said that the foundation day of any organization is an opportunity to reminisce and cherish old memories and also to rejoice the achievements made by it. He congratulated all the teachers, administrators, students and every individual of GMCH for their contribution of reaching a milestone of 63 years.

Kataria said that established on 20 September 1960 in the temporary campus of Ayurvedic College at Jalukbari Gauhati Medical College and Hospital was shifted to Bhangagarh in 1968. The then Governor of Assam Late. Braj Kumar Nehru had inaugurated the hospital. Acknowledging the phenomenal journey, the Governor said that GMCH has now become a hospital with 600 ICU beds and 3214 general beds.

Highlighting the role of Gauhati Medical College in providing healthcare and medical education in entire North East, the Governor said that GMC has grown strength to strength. It has produced a large number of doctors, specialists, super specialists, nurses and paramedical staff. The strong academic and healthcare foundation given in the hospital ensures one to get cutting edge medical education and at the same time state of the art treatment facilities.

The Governor appreciated the role of GMCH during COVID 19 pandemic. He said that the doctors and other paramedics played an important role under the leadership of the then Health Minister of the state and present Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma. Despite inherent dangers of the pandemic, the doctors and other staff of the hospital presented a brave front and served the infected patients of dedicatedly. "This contribution of the doctors of GMCH and other government hospitals can never be forgotten," the Governor added expressing happiness that the same commitment and dedication continue even now to provide health and happiness to all and sundry.

The Governor also said that being doctor is a noble profession where he or she gets an opportunity to serve humanity. He also asked the students of the medical science to be compassionate and serve the people. He said that the patients come to the hospitals with lot of hope and when the doctors behave with them gently they feel good. The Governor wished that GMCH continues to make an important contribution in building a healthy India by playing its role with dedication in the field of medical services and medical education.

The programme was attended by Commissioner and Secretary, Medical Education and Research Department, Government of Assam. Dr. Siddharth Singh, GMCH Principal Dr. A. C. Baishya, Vice-Chancellor of Srimanta Sankardeva University of Health Sciences Dr.Dhruba Jyoti Borah, Director of Medical Education Dr.Anup Kumar Barman, along with a host of other dignitaries.

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