

## **Base for M&CH hospital, science & commerce college laid at Mahendraganj**

**AMPATI, 27 Nov:** Meghalaya Chief Minister Dr Mukul Sangma on 27 November laid the base for a dedicated college of Science and Commerce including the Maternity and Child Health (M&CH) Hospital at Mahendraganj. Dr Sangma was accompanied by Sports & Youth Affairs Minister Zenith Sangma, Government Chief Whip Winnerson D Sangma, Mahendraganj MLA Dikkanchi D Shira and GHADC CEM Boston Marak.

The M&CH hospital will be constructed at Mahendraganj while the dedicated college of Science and Commerce will be constructed at a land donated by the Nokma of Baksapara a few kilometers from Mahendraganj.

Addressing the gathering the Chief Minister said that the Education department has the highest number of government employees in terms of human resources that has the potential to be developed into an advantage and as such the government has put more focus into the sector. Education and health are the basis of any socio economic development and the government has left no stones unturned to improve the sectors in the state he said.

Speaking on the government's decision to open the educational institution at Baksapara Dr Sangma stated that there was an urgent need to reverse the trend of migration of the youth in search of higher education to urban settlement. Educational institutions need not be clustered in urban settlements such as the state capital but evenly distributed throughout the districts so that the youth are ensured equal opportunities to pursue higher studies Dr Sangma stated.

Stressing on socio economic development through the development of the medical and education sector the Chief Minister said that the M&CH Hospital and the Science & Commerce college would act as the hub and spoke of future development in the region. A new town will come up once the college is finished while justice will be done for underprivileged mothers at the Maternity and Child Health Hospital at Mahendraganj Dr Sangma opined.

Speaking on the occasion local MLA Dikkanchi D Shira lauded the government for its efforts to deliver the aims and aspirations of the people. The institutions will be a legacy dedicated to the people by the government she said.