

CM lays stone of charitable Hans Eye Hospital

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Chief Minister Harish Rawat today laid the foundation stone of charitable Hans Eye Hospital at Bahadradab here today.

Rawat lauded social-charity works being carried out by the the Hans foundation, saying the timebound transparent working of social projects need to be followed by both government departments and other social organisations.

He said just a year ago the eye hospital was conceived and now after temporary structure a full-fledged building's foundation stone was laid today, which speaks of the working and commitment of the foundation.

Praising the Rs 500 crore donation by NRI Manoj Bhargava for charity works to be carried out and monitored by the foundation, Rawat said such initiatives by NRI for their homeland were commendable and would surely motivate industrialists, saints and commercial organisations to essay their social responsibilities.

Rawat also urged Hans foundation founders Bhole Maharaj and Mata Mangla Devi to open up a specialised hospital for women in Haridwar district.

Mata Mangla Devi cited the near completion of the Satpluli multispeciality hospital in Pauri Garhwal

district in Uttarakhand as the landmark project of the Hans foundation, which will cater to the health services of hill and plain districts of the state.

Citing 22,540 patients till October last month being provided free examination, tests, medicines and other related medical services from the temporary structure at this Satpluli hospital, Mata Mangla Devi said providing health services to the poor and needy is the objective of the Hans foundation.

Manoj Bhargava, co-founder of Hans foundation, said medical care had been the priority for the foundation and constructing such medical institutions and hospitals would cater to millions of the people in India.

Chairperson of Hans foundation Swetha Rawat said that they are earmarking such places where medical services are not in reach of the poor people and such non-profit hospital facilities are already being availed of in large numbers.

Health Minister Surendra Singh Negi assured the foundation of all cooperation. He said state-run medical centres too were being upgraded.

Local legislator Aadesh Chauhan, former Pauri Garhwal MP Lt Gen (retd) Tej Pal Singh Rawat, District Magistrate D Senthyl Pendiyan, SSP Sweety Aggarwal were present.