

PRESS RELEASE



CM laid the Foundation Stone for State Veterinary Hospital

Shillong, 19th Aug 2026: Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Conrad K Sangma, today, laid the foundation stone for the State Veterinary Hospital at Upper Shillong in a program held at INDO DAN Guest House, Upper Shillong. Also present during the occasion were Minister, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary, Shri Sanbor Shullai, MLA, Myllem Constituency, Shri Ronnie V Lyngdoh, Chief Secretary, Dr Shakil Ahammad and officials from the AH & Veterinary Department.



In his address, Chief Minister, Conrad K Sangma, emphasized the need for as comprehensive ecosystem beyond individual schemes in the veterinary department with a focus on animal husbandry and creating a systematic approach. “The larger purpose and goal should be to create livelihoods and to minimize demand and supply differences through systematic efforts,” he said.



The Chief Minister described the state veterinary hospital as the hub with the district and the subdivision headquarters as spokes adding, “This hospital cannot function if we do not have the hub and spoke system strengthening infrastructure including machines, equipment, medicines and manpower at all levels.” Further, he also emphasized on the importance of achieving goals and targets in a step-by-step, phase-wise manner.

He outlined the need to have a comprehensive plan detailing the veterinary department’s plans for the next five years. He also urged the department to take initiative and create opportunities for entrepreneurship and investment.

Concluding his speech, he stressed on a clear timeline and quality control in the project. “Let us ensure that this veterinary hospital is one of the best hospitals and research centres in the Animal Husbandry and Veterinary sector for the entire North East,” he said.

The State Veterinary Hospital is a landmark investment of nearly ₹65 crore on around 161 acres of departmental land defining the commitment of the government to animal health, farmer prosperity and a self-reliant rural economy.

The existing State Veterinary Hospital has served Meghalaya for many years, but is now constrained by space and infrastructure limitations. More than 25% of the cases attended every day are referrals from different parts of the State, a clear sign that a stronger, modern, State-level referral institution is needed. The new hospital will serve as an apex referral institution, strengthening veterinary services at the district, block and village levels across Meghalaya.



The new veterinary hospital will offer modern, specialized veterinary care, advanced diagnostics, radiology and imaging, surgery, orthopaedics, inpatient services, laboratory facilities and pharmacy all under one roof. 24×7 emergency care, round-the-clock casualty, emergency and critical care, so that serious cases receive timely, life-saving treatment. Fewer outside state referrals by building advanced diagnostics, specialist treatment and critical care within Meghalaya to end the need to send complicated cases outside the state saving farmers time, cost and avoidable losses. Stronger animal disease diagnosis and surveillance to support food security, prevention of zoonotic diseases and public-health preparedness.