



Bihar cabinet decided to upgrade the outdated Darbhanga Medical College and Hospital (DMCH) building in line with new infrastructure being built at the Patna Medical College and Hospital (PMCH), days after the Centre rejected the new site in Darbhanga district that the Bihar government proposed for establishing the state's second All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS).

"The DMCH gets more patients than its capacity. The new building will have 2500 beds. Currently, a 400-bed hospital is under construction at a cost of ₹569 crore. The remaining 2,100 beds will be constructed along with the hospital building. The total cost of the entire project is estimated to be ₹2546.41 crore," said additional chief secretary (cabinet) S Siddharth.

"The patients from the entire north Bihar as well as other districts of the adjoining state will be able to get convenient and proper treatment," he said.

This was among the 12 agenda items discussed and approved at the state cabinet meeting chaired by chief minister Nitish Kumar on Tuesday.

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