

Need to establish a Health and Wellness Centre in Durgapur, West Bengal- Laid

SHRI KIRTI AZAD (BARDHAMAN-DURGAPUR): I would like to draw the attention of the Government to highlight the need for a dedicated Health and Wellness Center (HWC) in Durgapur, West Bengal. As the third-largest urban agglomeration in the state, with a population of over 740,000 in 2025, Durgapur is Eastern India's most industrialized city and a major economic hub. Given Durgapur's convenient connectivity to surrounding areas, setting up the HWC there will enable it to serve a broader population, including regions such as Bolpur, Bankura, Bardhaman East, and Bardhaman West. It also hosts large industries such as the Durgapur Steel Plant, Chittaranjan Locomotive Works, major thermal power plants, and numerous public sector undertakings, employing a vast workforce. Despite its vital role in India's industrial output and employment generation, Durgapur lacks a comprehensive HWC. Existing healthcare infrastructure, including hospitals and clinics, is fragmented and often limited to basic care. With over 430 industrial units now operating in the region?up from just 46 in 1951?this omission is a significant oversight given Durgapur's rapid growth and rising population. Central government employees, public sector staff, and industrial workers in Durgapur deserve integrated, modern healthcare services that ensure their well-being. Therefore, I strongly urge the government to take prompt action to establish a HWC in Durgapur.