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Assam to get a cancer care grid soon

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Assam Health Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sharma revealed that a South Asian Cancer Research Centre and a three-level cancer care grid is likely to come up in Assam soon. This development was followed by the Minister's meeting with Ratan Tata and members of Tata Trusts at Mumbai recently.

Assam Government and Tata Trusts are working on setting up a unique three level cancer care grid that is first of its kind. The grid is being established at state, capital and district levels. It is likely to have an investment of Rs. 1400 crores and would be accordingly shared between Tata Trusts and the state.

The first level or L1 of the cancer care grid will have advanced, tertiary care facilities. The second level (L2) will be equipped with chemo, radiation and surgical oncology. And the third level or L3 will have day care, chemotherapy and radiation facilities.

On the same line, a South Asian Cancer Research Centre will be established for undertaking research on identifying reasons and developing protocols for effective treatment with a focus on South Asia.