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District hospital pinning hopes on Mata

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MANANTHAVADI: The district hospital here is pinning its hope in the visit of Mata Amrithanandamayi, who will arrive here on Sunday evening for the three-day Brahmastana Mahotsavam.

It is expected that Mata would announce some projects for the ailing healthcare sector of the district during her visit.

The devotees from the district had already given a representation to the Amrithanandamayi Mutt about the necessity to implement some sort of charity projects for the district, which is lagging far behind other districts on the healthcare front.

The district hospital, with its meagre infrastructure, had catered to as many as 3,10,000 patients last year including 3,100 inpatients. On an average, as many as 1,200 major surgeries are conducted in the hospital annually including 751 gynaecology cases.

The 274-bed hospital serves as many as 650 inpatients at a time. The absence of affordable private hospitals, coupled with high tribal population, also intensifies the issue. The absence of a trauma care unit is blamed for the around 40 deaths reported annually in the region.

According to Mutt sources, these aspects are likely to get a sympathetic view while announcing any package for the district.

A warm reception would be accorded to Mata at the district entrance at Lakkidy on Sunday evening. MJ Vijayapathman and KK

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MV Shreyamskumar MLA would be the guest of honour at the Brahmasthana Mahotsavam at Amrithagiri. Devotees from neighbouring districts of Malappuram, Kozhikode and Kannur also are expected to throng the venue of mahotsav.

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As many as 500 volunteers have been deputed at the venue for the smooth conduct of the programme. Mata would leave for an all-Indian tour from here on Tuesday, according to Mutt authorities.

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