

We had a meeting with Civil Surgeon, Sheohar Dr. Viswambhar Thakur for half an hour in his official Chamber at Civil Surgeon Office . The office has shifted in this building just one months back, though the new building was ready since last one half years. Dr. Thakur has joined as Civil Surgeon just a month back and too initiative to shift the office to new and sprawling premises. He has his priorities fixed and communicated these to the district in clear terms. It was soothing to talk.

Major issues he identifies

- There are only five PHC in the Piprahi. Purnahia . Taryani , Sheohar and Dumri Katsari . The entire district comprises only 53 Panchayats .
- There is ample of opportunities to work, yet challenges are mounting.
- Attitude of the health staff and absenteeism is the main hurdle.
- Medicines and equipment are not in proper supply.
- HR status is poor
- Training and coordination
- District has been mismanaged it's tough job to bring it on track

His priorities

- Sadar Hospital (L1) is in good shape just needs proper monitoring.
- To ensure that PHCs do run on 24x7 basis . At least one doctor is available all the time in the hospital.
- Emergency services at PHC are provided un- interrupted.
- Availability of medicines in the facility is a major focus
- Will take collaborative approach , yet will handle erring personnel sternly
- Focus on VHSND and other outreach services.
- Rational posting will be the second priority