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"A Day For Development:" CM Takes Part in Bhumi Pujan of Infra Projects Worth ₹1777 Crore for Kamrup Metro

**Projects Once Completed Would Help Transform City as Gateway to Southeast Asia:
CM**

Will Ensure Timely Completion of all Seven Projects: CM

Dispur, January 5: As part of the Government of Assam's "Bikashor Baabe Edin" initiative, which roughly translates into "A Day for Development", Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma on Thursday attended the foundation laying and bhumi puja ceremonies of a total of seven infrastructure development projects under the Public Works (Building & National Highway) Department at various locations across Kamrup (Metro) district.

The seven projects, being undertaken at an estimated cost of approximately ₹1,777 crores, are the new Raj Bhawan at Kharghuli to be built at a cost of ₹41.32 crore, an auditorium with 800 seating capacity at a cost of ₹44.26 crore, a police reserve at Pan Bazar at a cost of ₹544.44 crore, the integrated Deputy Commissioner's Office at Rupnagar at a cost of ₹58.86 crore, a 5,000-seating capacity auditorium at Khanapara at a cost of ₹185 crore, the Police Commissionerate building at Khanapara at a cost of ₹95 crore and the integrated Directorate Complex at Betkuchi at a cost of ₹808 crore. The construction of the Raj Bhawan shall be completed within the stipulated time-frame of 18 months while that for the rest of the projects range from 24 to 30 months.

Speaking to mediapersons at the project sites, the Chief Minister said today was a historic day for the residents' of Guwahati, as the above seven infrastructure projects had the ability to ensure the largest city in the Northeast becomes the gateway to Southeast Asia in days to come. He said the seven projects for which the foundation stones were laid today would act as catalysts in helping the government realise its aims and ambitions to transform Guwahati into the nerve-centre of all important activities in the field of economy, industries, cultural affairs and tourism in the region.

The new Raj Bhawan, once completed, would easily stand out as one of the most magnificent governor's residence in the entire country and the government of Assam ensure the project is completed within the time-frame of 18 months, as per the contract agreement, the Chief Minister said.

A redeveloped Guwahati Police Reserve complex at Panbazar and a new office building for the Police Commissioner would prove immensely helpful to the police department in efficiently and effectively carrying out their official obligations and duties in the city. Stating that a city such as Guwahati with an ever-increasing population figure poses several challenges in maintenance of law and order, traffic management, new-age technical crimes, etc., the Chief Minister exuded confidence the redeveloped police reserve and the police Commissionerate office would serve their intended purposes and help create a favourable image for Guwahati.

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Taking part at the "bhumi puja" at the site of the Integrated Deputy Commissioner's Office and the Integrated Directorate Complex at Rupnagar and Betkuchi respectively, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma said apart from promoting good governance and efficient time-management, the spaces that would be freed up after the offices shift to their new location would be utilised for welfare of the public in the form of public parks, gardens, etc.

Speaking on the two state-of-the-art auditoriums, one with a seating capacity of 5,000 at Khanapara and the other with a seating capacity of 800 at the Srimanta Sankardev Kalakshetra premises and to be built at a cost of ₹185 crore and ₹44.26 crore, respectively, the Chief Minister said these would fill the void that was being felt from time to time while organising events with large number of audience in attendance.

The Chief Minister assured of all assistance from the government to the implementing agencies and departments for timely completion of the projects foundation stones for which were laid today. He expressed hope once these and others projects currently under various stages of development are completed, majority of the grievances of the public of Guwahati would be mitigated.

Along with senior officials of the government, the Chief Minister was today accompanied by Ministers Bimal Bora and Atul Bora. Governor Jagdish Mukhi and his wife, Prem Mukhi, were present at the bhumi puja site of the new Raj Bhawan.

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