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**CM Dr. Sarma distributes land pattas at Sadiya**

**Dedicates 132/33 KV Chapakhowa Grid Sub Station**

Dispur, October 4: As a part of safeguarding the rights of the indigenous communities in the state, Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma at a programme held at Chapakhowa in Sadiya formally presented allotment certificates of land pattas to five beneficiaries.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma said that since Sadiya belongs to tribal belt and block, the people belonging to Ahom, Chutiya, Moran, Matak, Gorkha were getting deprived of their land rights. In order to give them land rights, State government through a cabinet decision has categorised these people belonging to these communities as protected categories. Terming it as a great success of the State government, Dr. Sarma said that after independence, for the first time, these communities have been able to get land rights.

It may be noted that 1043 beneficiaries have been selected for the allotment of land pattas, as the Chief Minister presented allotment certificates to five beneficiaries to mark the beginning of the process. Dr. Sarma said that for the protection of the ethnic communities of the state, government has constituted tribal belts and blocks. He also emphasised that for removing all encumbrances and irregularities associated with land, State government has also launched Mission Basundhara. As a part of this, an exhaustive land survey was started which would be carried out across the state from October 2.

Reiterating the importance of Sadiya since the time of Mahabharata, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma said that Sadiya has immense importance from the historical and tourism point of view. This place can be transformed into an important tourist destination for the tourists both local and foreign. He said that State government has already mooted several plans in this regard. Moreover, to give succor to the people of Sadiya from the perennial flood, steps will be taken to dredge river Kundil. In fact, government is committed to bring about pragmatic changes in Sadiya over the next five years, Dr. Sarma exhorted. He also pointed out that necessary steps will be taken in due course to enable people belonging to Scheduled Caste community to gain rights of land in tribal belt and block.

Earlier, Dr. Sarma dedicated 132/33 KV Chapakhowa Grid Sub-station to the service of the people. It may be noted that the sub-station has been built involving a financial outlay of Rs. 73.87 crore. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Sarma said that people of Sadiya had been suffering from electricity shortage for a long time. However, with the inauguration of this sub-station the long standing problem of the local people of Sadiya will be solved. This sub-station besides helping the people of Sadiya in getting uninterrupted power supply, will also help setting up of business units.

Revenue and Disaster Management Minister Jogen Mohan, Power Minister Bimal Bora, MP Pradan Baruah, MLAs Bolin Chetia, Bhaskar Sarma, Ponakan Baruah and host of other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

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