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## CM attends Abirbhav Mahotsav of Mahapurush Srimanta Sankardev at Sualkuchi

Sankardev was a great Indian and the greatest Assamese of all times: CM

Govt. plans to develop tourist circuit covering places travelled by Sankardev: CM

**Dispur, October 16:** Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma today visited Sualkuchi in Kamrup district and attended the 573<sup>rd</sup> Abirbhav Mahotsav of Mahapurush Srimanta Sankardev at Sri Sri Sankardev Mandir, which was organized by Mahapurushiya Dharmaluchoni Sabha.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Sarma said that Sankardev was a great Indian and the greatest Assamese of all times. He was a great social reformer who laid the foundation of the greater Assamese society.

Stating that Sankardev developed deep understanding about India and its culture and civilization through his pilgrimages to various religious places of the country, the Chief Minister said that the spiritual guru brought about a synthesis of Assamese and Indian cultures and fortified harmony in society. The Chief Minister said that Sankardev ignited spiritual thoughts in Assamese society.

The Chief Minister said that considering the social and religious contributions of Sankardev, there is still ample scope for research on his life and works. Dr. Sarma also informed that the state government plans to develop a religious tourist circuit covering the places travelled by Mahapurush Srimanta Sankardev and steps were taken to construct tourist niwas to serve the pilgrims. The Chief Minister further said that state government also plans to develop Patbausi Satra where Sankardev spent considerable years of his life in line with Batadrava Satra.

Chief Minister Sarma also inaugurated Srimanta Madhavdev Library at Sri Sri Sankardev Dham at Sualkuchi today coinciding with the Abirbhav Mahotsav of Srimanta Sankardev.

Earlier, Dr. Sarma visited Mahatma Gandhi 30 bedded Rural Hospital (FRU) at Sualkuchi today and took stock of the medical facilities and other services. He also interacted with the SDM&HO, Deputy Superintendent and other medical and para-medical staff.

The Chief Minister also inspected the under construction multi-disciplinary sports complex at Sualkuchi today and took stock of the progress of works. DC Kamrup was present during the visit of the Chief Minister.

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