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CM dedicates ₹14-Crore "Amrit Udyan" Park to Residents of Guwahati

Dispur, August 23: Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma on Tuesday at an event officially inaugurated "Amrit Udyan", a park with various amenities built at a cost of ₹14.81 crores on 14 bighas of land at Hengrabari.

Executed by M/s. NIRMAN, the project has been completed at a record time period of just a year, with construction activities starting in August last year. The land for the project was procured by the government of Assam from the Assam Khadi and Village Industries Board, for which a payment of ₹25 crores had to be made.

A striking feature of the park is the life-sized statues of eight tribal leaders from the Northeastern states who had valiantly fought for the nation's freedom from British colonial rule, with some even making the supreme sacrifice, such as Bir Tikendrajit Singh of Manipur, the Meitei prince who was sent to the gallows in 1891 for raising the banner of rebellion.

This apart, the park also has a multi-utility building with restaurant, a meditation deck, a roller skating ring, among others. Separate parking facilities for two and three wheelers have also been arranged.

Speaking at the event, the Chief Minister stated that when he was made the Minister for Guwahati Development Department in 2003, beautification and transforming the city into a truly smart one was one of his top priorities. The inauguration of "Amrit Udyan" at Hengrabari, along with the ongoing riverfront beautification process and the launch of the Integrated Traffic Management System (ITMS) today, were steps in that very direction, the Chief Minister added.

With Amrit Udyan today and the inauguration of Atal Udyan at Maligaon last year, the city can now boast of two parks of high standards, and the third one, a botanical garden at the old Central Jail complex at Fancy Bazar, should be ready for the public by coming December, the Chief Minister said.

Speaking on the statues of the eight great tribal leaders, the Chief Minister exuded confidence this would be able to instill a sense of patriotism in the minds and hearts of the youths, while at the same time according due recognition to these extraordinary personalities.

The Chief Minister lauded Minister Ashok Singhal and his team for working day and night to ensure the park project was completed in record time.

In today's inauguration event attended by thousands of Guwahatians, the Chief Minister was joined by Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs Ashok Singhal, Guwahati Lok Sabha constituency Member of Parliament Queen Ojha, Rajya Sabha MP Pabitra Margherita, Guwahati Metropolitan Development Authority Narayan Deka and a host of senior officials of the government.

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