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CM Dr. Sarma launches 'Bikashar Babe Eta Poshek' in Bongaigaon

Lays foundation stone and inaugurates several projects worth Rs 693.29 crore in Bangalore district

Dispur, December 5: Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma today formally launched 'Bikashar Babe Eta Poshek' a development initiative of the State government to take the development journey of Assam in an organized manner at a function held at Bongaigaon. In the first phase, the programme, which will run till December 19, will witness the laying of foundation stones and inauguration of infrastructure projects worth Rs 15,000 crore in 11 districts of the state.

As a part of the programme, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma laid the foundation stone of the 200 bedded Bangagaon Medical College and Hospital at a function held at North Bangagaon Stadium play ground in Bangagaon. The medical college and hospital will be constructed on 151 bighas of land. The project is scheduled to be completed within three months at a cost of Rs 61,067.41 lakh. The Chief Minister also laid the foundation stone of the Integrated Deputy Commissioner's Office of Bangagaon District. The project will be completed within 30 months. The cost of the project is Rs 4978. 78 lakh.

The Chief Minister also inaugurated a statue of Naranarayan at Bongaigaon immersion ghat and laid the foundation stone for the construction of a walking zone to facilitate the public to walk in a healthy environment. The project includes a 668-metre-long walking zone, an 18-metre-long bridge, a musical fountain. The Chief Minister also laid the foundation stone of Bongaigaon Polytechnic and a workshop of Bongaigaon ITI.

The Chief Minister also inaugurated the Srijangram Model Hospital constructed at a cost of Rs 439.56 lakh today. The model hospital has been constructed under the National Health Mission, The construction of this hospital will solve a long-standing problem of the people of the area.

The Chief Minister also inaugurated the Bhog-ghar of the Ganesh Temple at Lalmati in Abhayapuri. Dr. Sarma also inaugurated the newly constructed Sri Sri Shiva Temple at Paglasthan.

The CM visited the bridge over the Aie river connecting Barpeta district with Abhayapuri and took stock of the situation. The Chief Minister said the State government has approved Rs 29 crore from its own funds for the construction of the bridge and all other related works. It may be noted that the total financial outlay of the projects that the Chief Minister either inaugurated or laid foundation of is Rs. 693.29 crore.

The Chief Minister said that ever since the Cabinet meeting held in Bongaigaon, State government has been trying to prepare a new blue print for the development of the district. He said the State government will take several plans for the development of the district in the coming days. Dr. Sharma said the present State government is moving towards implementing the promises made during the elections one by one in less than two years of coming to power. He said that once it fulfils its promise to recruit 1 lakh posts, the government has planned a major scheme worth Rs



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5,000 crore for self-reliance of youth from next year. He said that he believes the State government can move towards a new environment of development taking the cooperation of everybody. He also said that a New Assam of Naranarayan-Chilarai's dreams can only be built through unprecedented development initiatives.

He also said that a theme park will be built at the newly created open space under the Chilarai flyover. The Chief Minister said the park will have landscaping, amphitheatre and statues depicting various cultures of Assam. The park will be constructed in three phases and the State government will construct it using untied fund.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Keshab Mahanta, Panchayat and Rural Development Minister Ranjeet Kumar Dass, MLAs Phani Bhusan Chowdhury, Abdul Batin Khandakar, Pradip Sarkar and host of other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

Chief Minister Dr. Sarma also visited the residence of former MLA Rabin Banikya who died on 11 November and paid his condolences to the bereaved family members.

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