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## CM Dr. Sarma visits five educational institutions in Guwahati

## Steps to be taken to revamp infrastructure in 1000 schools involving Rs. 5000 crore across Assam

All 4000 schools to be empowered with infrastructure in a decade: CM

**Dispur, October 30:** As a part of sequel of steps of the State government to lend a new dimension to education sector of the state and bringing about infrastructure development in 1000 schools infusing Rs. Five thousand crore, Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma today visited five educational institutions in Guwahati and vowed to take steps for the infrastructure development of the schools to improve their academic environment.

Chief Minister Dr. Sarma visited Sonaram Higher Secondary School at Bharalumukh, Cotton Collegiate HS School, Kamrup Academy HS School, TC Girls' HS School and Gopal Boro Government HS School and inspected their existing infrastructure. During his visit, he asked PWD to prepare blue prints for the creation of new infrastructures in these schools keeping the provision of large open spaces and modern class rooms.

Visiting the schools, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma while talking to the media said that State government has taken a comprehensive step for infrastructure development involving one thousand high and higher secondary schools across the state. Under the plan infrastructure development will be brought about in educational institutions with the right kind of intervention. He however, said that if any educational institution has building which is more than 100 year old, the government will render its help to preserve the building as heritage building under the plan. Initially as an experiment, State government would take up 10 schools in and around Guwahati for their infrastructure development. After the completion of work, government would take up 8-9 schools in each assembly constituency for their infrastructure development and accordingly 1000 such schools will be revamped with creation of new and adequate infrastructure involving the financial outlay of Rs. 5000 crore. Stating that either the work will be completed by 2026 or started in all the 1000 schools, Chief Minister said in the next phase another 2000 schools will be taken up for this exercise. Accordingly in a decade, all the schools will be brought under the ambit of the plan.

Education Minister Dr. Ranoj Pegu, Advisor to Education Prof. Nani Gopal Mahanta and the senior officers of government accompanied the Chief Minister during his visit to the schools.

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