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<u>CM Dr. Sarma Inaugurates/Lays Foundation Stones of Projects Worth ₹555 Crore for</u> <u>Bongaigaon District</u>

Bongaigaon College Will Be Upgraded to University: CM

Bongaigaon Has Contributed Immensely to Assam's Cultural, Historical, Spiritual Fields: CM

Dispur, July 27: Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma on Thursday either inaugurated or laid the foundation stones of infrastructure projects worth much as ₹555 crores in total for Bongaigaon district.

The Chief Minister inaugurated bridge over river Aie on the Borghola-Kirtanpara road built at a cost of ₹69 crores, ecopark and connected wetland development project worth ₹15.69 crores, statues of Mahabir Chilarai and Mahabir Lachit Borphukan built at a cost of ₹14 lakh and ₹8 lakh respectively on the premises of the district library, a Conference Hall cum Convention Centre built at an approximate cost of ₹17.94 crores, along with a couple of other projects. On the other hand, the projects for which foundation stones were laid today were ₹417-crore development and improvement of the road from Jogigopha to Sahid Bedi road under Asom Mala scheme, a mini stadium at Barshangaon for which a sum of ₹11.99 crore has been allocation, the ₹6.20-crore infrastructure development of Sri Raghunath Temple at Srijangram, among others.

Addressing a public rally at the Bongaigaon Playground, Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma exuded confidence the total of 13 projects which were either inaugurated or foundation stones laid would prove decisive in fulfilling the hopes and aspirations of the residents of Bongaigaon.

He said the current dispensation in the State has been working tirelessly to ensure Assam transforms into one of the foremost States on all front. One way to do so is to see that all districts are able to become a part of the growth story of the State, he said. With this in mind, projects worth as much as ₹15,000 crore were undertaken across the State, of which around ₹693 crore were earmarked for Bongaigaon district, the Chief Minister stated.

Chief Minister Dr. Sarma said Bongaigaon district has a special significance in the State's culture and history. The district has also contributed immensely to the spiritual environment of the State, he added.

The Chief Minister said the road development projects launched today have the potential to lend a new impetus to the district's forward march in the field of economic progress. The Chief Minister added that steps shall be taken to upgrade the status of Bongaigaon College to that of a university.

Panchayat & Rural Development Minister Ranjeet Kumar Dass, Members of Legislative Assembly Phanibhushan Choudhury, Ajay Kumar Ray, Pradip Sarkar, Abdul Batin Khandakar, along with a host of other dignitaries, were also present.

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