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CM Dr. Sarma launches Jorhat leg of 'Development Fortnight'

New infra projects to put Assam in robust growth trajectory: CM

Dispur, December 15: Chief Minister Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma launched the Jorhat leg of Development Fortnight christened 'Bikashor Babe Eta Pokhek' at the historic court field in Jorhat today.

It may be noted that Assam government is observing 'fortnight of development' in 11 districts across the state with laying of foundation stones for new projects and inauguration of completed ones involving financial outlay of Rs. 15000 crore.

The development fortnight, which was approved by the state cabinet last month will be covered in two phases. The second phase of the initiative to kick-start infrastructure projects will begin in January. The Jorhat leg of the initiative involved bhumi puja and laying foundation stones of as many as 17 projects involving financial outlay of Rs. 853.1548 crore.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Dr Sarma hailing the rich socio, cultural and academic prowess of Jorhat district, said that to help the district to sustain its traditions, State government has launched the infrastructure projects for the district. He said that he is happy to have laid the foundations of 17 infra projects. He said that once completed, the projects will add a new momentum to the development of Jorhat and its peripheral areas. Reiterating his government's commitment to the development of Assam and its people, Dr. Sarma said for the development to take place, the state needs an enabling environment sans the culture of 'dharna' and 'bandh'. He also appreciated the role of people which has catalysed for ushering an era new found development. He also sought cooperation from all sections of the people of Assam towards development. He also observed that if this tempo of development initiatives continue for one decade, Assam will surely become one of five top performing states of the country.

The Chief Minister also said that the infrastructure projects that have been taken off under the programme 'Bikashor Babe Eta Pokhek' will have a far reaching impact for the development of Jorhat district. He said that the Lachit Maidam Memorial and Cultural Project will be completed in two years and once completed, the site will be transformed into one of the most sought after tourist destinations of the state. Dr. Sarma also said that the Freedom Memorial Park that he laid the foundation at the premises of Jorhat Central Jail once completed give the people a new space for amusement. He said that the unrelenting endeavours of the State government will continue for the betterment of all sections of the people of Assam.

Under Jorhat leg of Development Fortnight the infra projects that will come up are Lachit Maidam and Cultural Project for Rs. 14982.54 lakh, road between Jorhat and Komarbondha for Rs. 26905.16 lakh, flyover at Komarbondha over rly line for Rs. 7827.12



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lakh, integrated DC office in Jorhat for Rs. 4961.57 lakh, District Sports Complex at Jorhat for Rs. 5000 lakh, Bapuji Mini stadium at Mariani for Rs. 1078.40 lakh, Teok Campus of Assam Women University for Rs. 2851.28 lakh, Cultural Complex after the name of Gomdhar Konwar for Rs. 25 lakh, Research Initiatives for upgrading the existing three ITIs of Jorhat district into a centre of excellence for Rs. 1510.92 lakh, a freedom memorial park at the complex of Jorhat Central Jail for Rs. 13491 lakh, four sub stations of APDCL at Jorhat district for Rs. 4441.49 lakh, a silk college at Titabor for Rs. 2241 lakh.

Welcome address of the program was given by MLA Jorhat LAC Hitendra Nath Goswami. Minister for Finance Ajanta Neog, Minister for I&PR, Water Resources etc Pijush Hazarika, Minister for Handloom and Textile UG Brahma, Minister for Health and Family Welfare Keshab Mahanta, Minister for Education Dr. Ranoj Pegu, Minister Cultural Affairs Bimal Bora, Minister for Power Nandita Garlosa, MPs Topon Kumar Gogoi, Kamakhya Prasad Tasa, MLAs Hitendra Nath Goswami, Renupama Rajkhowa, Bhabendra Nath Bharali, Rupjyoti Kurmi and other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

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