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CM Dr. Sarma visits Batadrava Than development and beautification project

Asks implementing authorities to complete and dedicate first phase of the project in this calendar year

Dispur, January 16: Chief Minister Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma as a part of his two day visit to Nagaon district, took stock of the progress of the construction works of development and beautification project of Batadrava Than. He talked to the project engineer and project implementing agency to expeditiously complete the multi crore project so that the first phase of the project can be dedicated this year itself.

It may be noted that Union Home Minister Amit Shah laid the foundation stone of the project on 25 December, 2020. Chief Minister Dr. Sarma while reviewing the progress made it clear that the project should be developed in such a way so that Batadrava Than can be transformed into a world class tourist and cultural centre.

Earlier, Chief Minister Dr Sarma visited Batadrava Than and offered his prayers for the wellbeing of all sections of people of the society. He also took part in inaugurating the reconstructed Kirtan Ghar cum Monikut at the than.

While speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Dr Sarma said that as per its commitment, the State government has undertaken the Batadrava Than development and beautification project. As a part of the project, his government inside the Than premises would build an administrative building, guest house, approach road within one year with an approximate financial outlay of Rs. 19 crore.

MLAs Rupak Sharma, Sashikanta Das, Jitu Goswami, former Education minister Gautam Bora, Satradhikars Jogendra Narayan Deva Mahanta and Devananda Deva Goswami, Noted Social Worker Basistha Bujarbarua, Secretary Srimanta Sankardev Sangha Babul Bora and host of devotees were present on the occasion.

The Chief Minister also visited Srimanta Sankardev Research Institute at Batadrava and took a look at the research materials like manuscripts written on sanchi leaf etc. It may be noted that Dr. Sarma is the first Chief Minister after independence to have visited the research institute. He said that considering the importance of the institute, the government will send an expert team to prepare a roadmap for the development of the research institute to enable it to carry forward its scholastic activities for the spiritual, cultural and academic excellence of the state. President of the institute Dr. Naren Kalita, its secretary Indra Mohan Baruah, MLAs Jitu Goswami, Shibamoni Bora and Rupak Sharma were present at the event.

Chief Minister Dr Sarma also visited Kobaikota Satra and paid his obeisance at the Satra at Batadrava which is the birth place of Sati Radhika. He had a fruitful discussion with the management committee for the development of the Satra. He asked the management committee to maintain close contact with the local MLA and local people to chart out future

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course of action to transform the Satra into an important centre of tourist attraction. He also said that State government will help in all possible way to develop the Satra.

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