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CM Inaugurates ₹18-crore, 100-bedded Gohpur Sub-Division Civil Hospital on Martyrdom Anniversary of *Swahid* Kanaklata Baruah, Mukunda Kakati

Overall Development of Biswanath a top priority of the current dispensation: Dr. Sarma

CM Exudes Confidence Biswanath Medical College to Become Functional by 2026

Dispur, September 20: Chief Minister Dr. Himanata Biswa Sarma on Tuesday ceremonially inaugurated the newly-constructed Gohpur Sub-Divisional Civil Hospital, located at the historic Gohpur town in Biswanath district.

This state-of-the-art hospital, with a total build-up area of 5,029 square meters, has been built at an approximate cost of ₹18 crores. Equipped with facilities such as accident and emergency ward, X-ray room, gynaecological ward, post-natal ward, intensive care unit, to name a few, the Gohpur Sub-Divisional Civil Hospital is spread across four storeys, with the ground floor having an area of 1267 square meters and the rest of the three floors consisting of 1254 square meters each.

Dedicating the Gohpur Civil Hospital to the service of the people on the anniversary of martyrdom of Kanaklata Baruah and Mukunda Kakati, the Chief Minister remembered the martyred duo for their exemplary display of courage and valour against colonial rule during Gandhi's call for "do or die". The Chief Minister stated that development of Biswanath district, home to freedom struggle martyrs such as Kanaklata Baruah, Mukunda Kakati, Lerela Kachari, Mahiram Koch, to name a few, has always been of top priority for the current dispensation in the State.

Stating that improvement in the healthcare services of the state has always been a focus area of the government, Dr. Sarma drew a comparison between the number of medical colleges now with that a few years back. From just 3 medical colleges earlier, the state can now boast of 9 medical colleges, the Chief Minister said. He further exuded confidence that the upcoming medical college at Biswanath district should become functional by 2026. With the medical colleges at Tezpur and Lakhimpur already functional and the ones at Biswanath and Dhemaji under various stages of construction, all the four districts of the north bank will have a medical college each, he added. This, he said, would be step towards addressing the long-standing grievances of being subjected to "step-motherly treatment" by the residents of the northern bank.

The Chief Minister further declared that construction works for a state university to be named after *Swahid* Kanaklata Baruah at Biswanath district will be started at the earliest. He requested the legislators from Assam Legislative Assembly belonging to Biswanath district to look for a suitable piece of land for the proposed university.

Further, the Chief minister further declared that steps will be taken to ensure public can visit the historic Gohpur Police Station, where Kanaklata Baruah and Mukunda Kakati achieved martyrdom on September 20, 1942, and pay homage to the martyr duo.

Inauguration of Ghahigaon Sports Stadium

The Chief Minister today inaugurated the Ghahigaon Sports Stadium, constructed at a cost of ₹10 crore and foundation stone for which was laid on March 10, 2019 by Dr. Sarma himself during his tenure as a Cabinet Minister in government of Assam. Stating that sports is a medium through which the prestige of the nation can be raised to a higher pedestal, the Chief Minister urged the youths of Gohpur to utilize the opportunities

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available at the Ghahigaon facility. Referring to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's slogan of "*Kheloge toh Khiloge*" (You bloom when you play), the Chief Minister exuded confidence the latest addition to sporting infrastructure would enable many youths from Assam to shine at national and international sporting events in future. The Chief Minister also announced an additional grant of ₹15 crores for further infrastructure upgradation of the Ghahigaon sports stadium.

The Chief Minister was today accompanied by Health Minister Keshab Mahanta, Member of Parliament from Tezpur Lok Sabha constituency Pallab Lochan Das, legislators of Assam Assembly Utpal Bora, Ranjit Kumar Dutta, Pramod Borthakur, Amiya Kumar Bhuyan, along with a host of other dignitaries.

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