

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## Chief Minister Dr. Sarma dedicates 14 KM Tupia-Balijuri road to people

## Lays foundation for Health Centres in Chengamari and Balijuri

## Lays foundation for Balijuri Weekly Market

Dispur, September 2: Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma today dedicated a 14 KM road from Tupia to Balijuri at Sootea Legislative Assembly Constituency to the service of the people. Chief Minister Dr. Sarma at the same time laid the foundation stone of Primary Health Centres to be built at Chengamari and Balijuri. Besides, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma laid the foundation for Balijuri weekly market complex under Assam Agribusiness and Rural Transformation Project (APART).

Speaking on the occasion Chief Minister Dr. Sarma said that the foundation stone for Tupia-Balijuri road was laid during the last part of the tenure of the previous State government. He said that the completion of the road and inaugurating it before time would lead to lot of convenience of the local people. He said that acknowledging the requests of the local people belonging to Chengamari and Balijuri for health facilities, the government laid the foundation stones of two Prime Health Centres in those areas. He also assured that the construction of the PHCs would be completed within the stipulated time. He said that the construction of the Balijuri Weekly Market would augur well for the promotion of trade in Balijuri and its adjoining areas. Terming Balijuri as a confluence of people belonging to different caste, community and ethnicity, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma called upon the people to maintain peace and harmony in the area.

The Chief Minister also said that the present government within three months in power, took three important decisions which led to respect and dignity to the people belonging to Gorkha community. The Gorkha people living in tribal belt and block have been declared 'protected class'. As a result the Gorkha people would be entitled to land rights along with other rights. Moreover, the State government has also decided to take steps so that no case can be filed in foreigners' tribunal against the Gorkha people. Moreover, the government has asked public prosecutors to initiate steps to expeditiously dispose the existing cases against the Gorkha people pending with the foreigners' tribunal. This decision has ended the uncertainty looming before the Gorkhas. The Chief Minister also said that his government would take steps to safeguard language, literature, customs and traditions of the Gorkhas. He at the same time asked the Gorkha people to stay away from the propaganda of certain political parties.

Water Resources and Information and Public Relations Minister Pijush Hazarika, MP Pallab Lochan Das, MLAs Padma Hazarika, Promode Borthakur, Krishna Kamal Tanti, Prithviraj Rabha, Ganesh Limbu and host of other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

It may be noted that the people from all walks of life came out in large number and lit the entire stretch of 14 km Tupia-Balijuri road and expressed their gratitude to Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma with flower petals.

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