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**CM inaugurates Sri Sri Madhabdev Kalakshetra at Narayanpur, lays foundation stone of several projects**

**Dispur, May 10:** Coinciding with the second anniversary celebration of the Government of Assam, Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma today inaugurated the newly built complex of Sri Sri Madhavdev Kalakshetra at Narayanpur in Lakhimpur district. On the occasion, he also inaugurated and laid foundation stone of several projects.

The Kalakshetra has been constructed at a cost of Rs 53.56 crore spreading across 44.86 bigha area with museum, guest house, auditorium, Bhakatgriha, Namghar, Ata Griha, office complex, security office, car parking facility, CCTV facility, music system throughout the premises, children's park, upgradation of Manuscript Bhawan, open air theatre, Kalakrishti Kendra, Manikut and upgradation of Satradhikar's residence

After inaugurating the Kalakshetra, the Chief Minister inspected the facilities at the premises and offered prayer at the Namghar of the Kalakshetra for well being of the people of Assam. He also planted a seedling of Barhamthuri in the premises and released fishlings at the pond located there.

Addressing a public meeting at Narayanpur Higher Secondary School playground, the Chief Minister said that Narayanpur has rich spiritual and cultural heritage. Founders of many satras of Assam like Barpeta, Kamalabari, Auniati, Kuruabahi, Garhmur, Dakshinpat, Bishnuwalikuchi, Naharati, Badla, Ahatguri etc. hailed from this place.

Stating that the history of Vaishnavism is very ancient in India, he said that Mahapurush Madhavdev was the leading force amongst the spiritual personalities who helped Mahapurush Srimanta Sankardev to build a strong foundation of bhakti movement in Assam. He also said that coming together of Mahapurush Srimanta Sankardev and Sri Sri Madhavdev for the cause of bhakti movement was a landmark event which had profound impact in the spiritual, cultural, social and intellectual aspects of Assam.

The Chief Minister also announced that arrangements will be made for a sound and light show at Sri Sri Madhavdev Kalakshetra highlighting the bhakti movement and the life and philosophy of Mahapurush Srimanta Sankardev and Sri Sri Madhavdev. He added that the construction of the next phase of Sri Sri Madhavdev Kalakshetra will start soon.

Referring to the second anniversary of the present state government, the Chief Minister said that every moment of the last two years has been dedicated to the development of the people of Assam. He said the achievements of the past two years have brought many moments of pride such as inclusion of Bihu in the Guinness World Records, celebration of 400<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Mahabir Lachit Barphukan, employment of near one lakh unemployed youth, welfare programmes like Orunodoi, construction of medical colleges and AIIMS at Changsari which reflect the successful journey of the past two years.

The Chief Minister today also launched construction of Madhavdev University which will be set up on 55 bighas of land at a cost of Rs 60 crore. Dr. Sarma informed that the state government will altogether spend Rs. 150 crore in two phases for construction of the University.



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The Chief Minister also laid foundation stone for upgradation of workshop and technical laboratory of Polytechnic Institute, Bihpuria, upgradation of Gohpur-Ghagrabasti via Dhalpur road, mini stadium at Pisala Sports Association playground and power sub-stations at Harmati, Simaluguri, Bangalmara and Bihpuria. He also inaugurated Deuri Tribal Cultural Project, multipurpose shelter home for flood victims and several road projects.

The meeting was also addressed by Agriculture Minister Atul Bora, Cultural Affairs Minister Bimal Bora, MP Pallab Lochan Das and local MLA Dr. Amiya Kumar Bhuyan. The programme was attended by MP Pradan Barua, MLAs Ranjit Dutta, Naba Kumar Doley, Manab Deka, Utpal Bora, Pramod Barthakur, former MLA Debananda Hazarika, social worker Phanidhar Barua, Principal Secretary of Cultural Affairs Department B Kalyan Chakraborty and several other dignitaries.

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