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CM Makes Day-Long Trip to Barpeta District

CM Dr. Sarma Inaugurates New Inspection Bungalow at Kayakuchi; Lays Foundation Stone for New Monikut, Pathway for Sarthebari's Jagannath Temple

CM assures of immediate actions on upgrading Sarthebari Civil Hospital into a State-of-the-art Healthcare Centre

₹5-crore Loan by bell-metal entrepreneurs to be written off: Dr. Sarma

Dispur, September 29: Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma on Thursday on a day-long visit to Barpeta district took part in a number of events, including the inauguration ceremony of the newly-constructed Inspection Bungalow of the Public Works Roads Department at Kayakuchi.

Built at a cost of ₹2 crore under the State-Owned Priority Development (SOPD) fund, the new inspection bungalow is spread across three floors, including the ground floor, and has a total of 11 rooms, of which 6 are air-conditioned while the rest of the rooms are non-air-conditioned. It also contains a suite for very important person (VIP) visit. The Chief Minister, in a brief meeting at the conference hall of the inspection bungalow with officials of PWRD and representatives of civil society organisations, took stock of the various ongoing developmental activities as well as grievances and expectations of the public from the Sarukhetri assembly constituency. The Chief Minister directed the officials concerned to take necessary measures for timely completion of the developmental activities while assuring the civil society members of all support from the government in mitigating their grievances and fulfilling their demands. The Chief Minister lauded Sarukhetri Member of Legislative Assembly Jakir Hussain Sikdar, under whose constituency Kayakuchi falls, for his efforts at overall development of the Kayakuchi area.

Earlier in the day, Dr. Sarma laid the foundation stone for construction of a new Monikut (the sanctuary) and pathway leading to it of the historic Jagannath Temple at Pachkhel Goyagoyoroh in Sarthebari. The Chief Minister declared a sum of ₹50 lakh as first tranche of funding from the government for the above works. The Chief Minister also declared a series of projects and schemes aimed towards overall development the bell-metal town and its residents. Chief Minister Dr. Sarma assured the residents of Sarthebari of immediate actions from the government in upgrading the current Sarthebari civil hospital into a state-of-the-art hospital equipped with the modern medical machineries and adequate healthcare staff. He also declared that loans and credits totalling ₹5 crore being availed by various bell-metal industry entrepreneurs will be treated as grants and neither the principle amount nor the interests will have to be returned. This would act as a huge boost to the bell-metal industry, Dr. Sarma added. The ongoing works related to improving the condition of Dr. Jinaram Das Road connecting Sarthebari with Pathshala shall be completed soon, the Chief Minister stated. He further assured the residents of Sarthebari of the government's

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seriousness in preserving their identity and culture and in this regard, and promised necessary actions required for the same.

The Chief Minister also paid a visit to the Krishnaguru Sewashram at Nasatra locality of the bell-metal town. The Chief Minister sought blessings at the ashram and also interacted with the residents and members of the religious site.

It is worth mentioning that in every location the Chief Minister visited, he was accorded a rousing welcome by the local population. The Chief Minister expressed his gratitude to the people of Barpeta for showering him with limitless love and affection.

The Chief Minister was today accompanied by Bhawanipur Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) Phani Talukdar, Palasbari MLA Hemanga Thakuria and Sarukhetri MLA Jakir Hussain Sikdar, along with a host of senior officials of the government.

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