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Chief Minister Dr. Sarma visits his childhood school Jorhat Balya Bhawan

CM visits the historic Jorhat Government Boys' Higher Secondary and Multipurpose School, Assam Agriculture University and Women's University

Dispur, August 19: Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma today visited Jorhat Balya Bhawan High School, the school in which he studied his elementary education.

It may be noted that Chief Minister Dr. Sarma during his 75th Independence Day speech, appealed to the people of Assam to do something for the educational institutions in which one studied. He also mentioned during his speech that he himself desires to visit the school in which he starts his education and do something for the school.

Accordingly, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma visited Jorhat Balya Bhawan High School and spent time with the teachers few of his class mates he studied together with and interacted with them. Dr. Sarma also paid a visit to the class room and had a look of the attendance register and became nostalgic.

Chief Minister Dr. Sarma said that during his visit to the historic Balya Bhawan and interacting with the teachers, he could ruminate his child hood days. The school which was based on the Montessori system of education, was a trailblazer of such system of education in the state. He also stated that the school introduced mid-day meal in the year 1972 which according to him laid the foundation for such scheme in school education today. The importance of such mid-day meal system can be understood from the present day mid-day meal system introduced by the governement. As a part of the he memorandum that was submitted to him, Dr. Sarma said that all the issues flagged in the memorandum would be addressed by the education department. He further said that true to his Independence Day speech, he would take substantive steps for the infrastructural development of the school.

Education Minister Ranuj Pegu, Agriculture Minister Atul Bora, Revenue and Disaster Management Minister Jogen Mohan, MPs Topon Kumar Gogoi, Kamakhya Prasad Tasa, MLAs Hitendra Nath Goswami, Renupoma Rajkhowa, Bhabendranath Bharali and host of others were present during Chief Minister's visit to the school.

Later, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma visited the historic 138 year old Jorhat Government Boys' Higher Secondary and Multipurpose School. The Chief Minister during his visit asked the school authority to preserve the heritage of the school while taking stock of the infrastructure development work of the school. He also said that though the government has decided to allot Rs 2 crore as untied fund, the government will additional give Rs. 3 crore for the development of the school.

Chief Minister Dr Sarma also visited Assam Agricultural University at Jorhat and interacted with VC and teachers there. He took stock of University activities and asked university authority to strive for converting it in a next generation university. He also laid the foundation of Assam Agriculture University Agri Eco- tourism through Green initiative.

He also visited the temporary campus of Assam Women's University at Assam Agriculture University and informed that permanent VC would soon be appointed there. He also said that construction of permanent campus of Women's University would start expeditiously.

Education Minister Dr Ranuj Pegu, Agriculture Minister Atul Bora, Revenue Minister Jogen Mohan, Tea Tribe Welfare Minister Sanjay Kishan, MPs Tapan Kumar Gogoi, Kamakhya Prasad Tasa, MLAs Hitendranath Goswami, Renupama Rajkhowa, Bhabendranath Bharali, Bhaskarjyoti Baruah were present on the occasion.

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