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**AAHI an Unique Platform for Doctors and Engineers to Work Together: CM Dr.
Sarma**

**Confident of Assam Becoming One of the Most Progressive States in Days to Come: CM
Dr. Sarma**

Dispur, April 14: Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on a day-long visit to the State, ceremonially dedicated to the nation the All India Institute of Medical Sciences - Guwahati and also inaugurated one new medical college each at Nagaon, Nalbari and Kokrajhar. The All India Institute of Medical Sciences and the three medical colleges apart, the Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone for the Government of Assam and Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Guwahati joint-venture titled Assam Advanced Healthcare Innovation Institute (AAHI), a 350-bedded superspecialty hospital and cutting-edge medical research centre to be built at an approximate cost of ₹600 crore at the IIT Guwahati campus. Prime Minister Narendra Modi also ceremonially launched the distribution process of nearly 11 million (1.1 crore) Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana cards for beneficiaries across the State.

Addressing the ceremonial event held at the premises of AIIMS Guwahati, Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma exuded confidence the 750-bedded AIIMS Guwahati, built at an approximate cost of ₹1,120 crores and having a capacity of 100 seats for MBBS course per academic session, would prove decisive in bringing in a revolution in the sphere of healthcare services in Assam and other parts of the Northeast. Stating that an AIIMS in Assam was a long-cherished dream of the people of the State, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma credited the Prime Minister's relentless focus on the Northeast for the transformation of that dream into a reality.

Chief Minister Dr. Sarma said the three new medical colleges inaugurated today, with one each at Kokrajhar, Nagaon and Nalbari, costing an aggregate of nearly ₹1,800 crores, would cater not only to the healthcare services needs of the residents of the respective

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districts and their adjoining areas but would also contribute towards the process of nation-building by producing human resources to work in the healthcare sector. From a handful of medical colleges a decade back, Assam would be having at 24 medical colleges within the next few years, the Chief Minister added.

Speaking on the Assam Advanced Healthcare Innovation Institute, the Chief Minister said this initiative, to become operational within 3 years, would provide a common platform to doctors and engineers to work in close co-ordination with one another. The cutting-edge researches and experimentations that would be carried out at AAHI would immensely benefit the residents of the North-Eastern States, the Chief Minister remarked.

The Chief Minister said today's ceremonial launch of distribution of 1.1 crore (11 million) PMJAY cards for beneficiaries of Ayushman Bharat scheme across the State was a manifestation of the Prime Minister's commitments towards the principle and ideology of Antyodaya, which roughly translates into "rise or uplift of the last person", professed by the late Deendayal Upadhyaya, the founder of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh. Dr. Sarma said the Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana cards would aid in hassle-free treatment for the beneficiaries of the one-of-its-kind social sector scheme.

The Chief Minister further added that under the overall leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the North-Eastern region in general and Assam in particular have embarked on a journey towards a new dawn. It is owing to the continued and relentless attention of the Prime Minister that Assam and other parts of the Northeast are touching newer heights of glory and achievements on multiple fronts, the Chief Minister added. He exuded confidence Assam shall be able to transform itself into one of the most progressive States in the country on all fronts in days to come.

Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare Dr. Bharti Pravin Pawar, Governor of Assam Gulab Chand Kataria and Assam Health Minister Keshab Mahanta also shared the dais with the Prime Minister and the Chief Minister.

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