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## CM lays foundation stone for several development projects at Goalpara

Govt. is working to ensure equal development for all: CM

**Dispur, November 20:** "State government is working with commitment and dedication to ensure equal development for all communities. Guided by the principle of Sabka Saath Sabka Vikasand Sabka Viswas, steps have been taken and adequate opportunities have been to all sections of the people of the state for their equal development. Steps have been initiated for the preservation of their traditions, culture and heritage. Besides, State budgets have been prepared giving equal importance to all constituencies of the state", Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowa said this in a meeting held at Goalpara College playground to mark the laying of foundation stone for a slew of development schemes in Goalpara district today.

The proposed projects include several urban infrastructure development schemes under City Infrastructure Development Fund, one stop centre "Sakhi" to redress purported harassment subjected to women under Union Ministry of Women and Child Empowerment, patients' registration and waiting room at Goalpara Civil Hospital under WPTBC Department, construction of bridges under Mahabir Lachit aru Chilarai Setu Nirmaan Achoni, waiting room for ASHA workers at Lakhipur under NEC Development Fund, CSR projects funded by Indian Oil Corporation and a community radio station funded by NEC. He also launched an e-commerce website "Goalmart" to promote sale of local products globally and distributed sewing machine to dibyang beneficiaries, power tillers to farmers, smart phones to Anganwadi workers. He also formally inaugurated the services of Plastic Recycling and Shredding Machine introduced by Goalpara Municipal Board and presented awards to POSHAN clubs.

The Chief Minister said that the aim of the government is to make Assam free from corruption, illegal migration, insurgency and pollution. To materialize these goals, the government has initiated steps for making administration more transparent and accountable. He also urged upon the people to maintain strict vigil on the implementation of government schemes with a view to ensure adherence to their quality.

Underlining the vast potentials of Goalpara district which is endowed with its rich natural beauty and promising manpower, the Chief Minister said that the district has all the ability to emerge as a sought after destination for tourists. He assured that in future also the State government would continue its development activities in the district with full throttle. He however urged upon the people to maintain peace and harmony saying that conflicts divide society and harmony promotes development.

Further maintaing that the district has earned a distinction in the field of agrihorticulture sector, he called upon the people to focus more on sports, culture and academics. He also assured to extend support for augmenting infrastructure of Goalpara college. While Deputy Commissioner of Goalpara Varnali Deka delivered the welcome speech, the meeting was also addressed by Chief Executive Member of Rabha Hasong Autonomous Council Tankeswar Rabha.

MLAs Dipak Rabha, AK Rashid Alam, AK Rashid Mandal, chairman of Minority Welfare Board Mominul Awaal, chairman of Senior Citizens Welfare Board Gauranga Das, Principal of Goalpara college Dr. Subhas Barman and several other dignitaries were present in the meeting.

Earlier, Chief Minister Sonowal inaugurated the renovated Budhipara Anganwadi Center at Budhipara and the newly constructed smart class and library at Baladmari High School in Goalpara.

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