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CM lays foundation stone of Swahid Smarak Kshetra

No one should allow divisive forces to destabilize the state: CM

Dispur, Dec 10: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today laid the foundation stone of Swahid Smarak Kshetra and Swahid Udyan, to be built in the memory of martyrs of Assam Agitation at Paschim Boragaon in the city. The entire project would be set up at a land area covering more than 98 *bigha*.

Speaking at the programme held on the occasion, Chief Minister Sonowal stated that this Smarak Kshetra and Swahid Udyan would inspire the future generations of the state to dedicatedly work for the development of Assam while following the ideals of martyrs. As Assam is going through one of the prolonged phases of peace and development, no one should allow divisive forces to destabilize the state, he said.

“Our land is fertile, language is strong, culture is robust and therefore, we should not lag behind in development. In order to put Assam strongly in world map, we all must work dedicatedly. Building a robust work culture in the state should be the prime objective of everyone and youths must not be misled to join agitations” he said.

Saying that Assam had a rich history of bravery and heroism against outside aggressors as Assamese people had never bowed before any challenge, Chief Minister Sonowal urged the people to take inspiration from the history and endeavour to make the state developed in all sectors like science, technology, agriculture, literature, culture etc.

He also urged different organizations not to spread misinformation regarding Citizenship Amendment Bill (CAB) to create panic among the masses and called them to join hands with the government to make the state developed.

Assuring the people that the present State Government, which was formed by indigenous people of the state, would not do anything to jeopardise the identity of the Assamese race, he called all sections of the society to work for bringing positive change through hardwork and dedication.

Referring to the Land Policy 2019 formulated by the State Government, Sonowal said that State Government was fully committed to give land rights to the indigenous people of the state and that is why, land pattas were distributed to landless indigenous people which was not done by any other previous government. Bhasha Gourab scheme was taken up the State Government to preserve and promote languages of the different indigenous communities of the state which indicated the government's commitment to land and its people, he asserted.



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He also remarked that history never forgave anyone who was disloyal to his own people and all those who were spreading misinformation to create unrest in the state must refrain from such activities. He also assured that the present state government would fulfill all promises and the people must keep their faith on the government.

Saying that Assam was slowly gaining prominence in the country for its rapid development as it has become chosen destination for major events in India, Sonowal stated that logic and rationality would only be able to provide permanent solutions to state's problems and not emotional outbursts.

Minister of PWD, Finance, Health etc Himanta Biswa Sarma, Industry and Commerce Minister Chandra Mohan Patowary, Agriculture Minister Atul Bora, BTC Deputy Chief Kampa Borgoyary, West Guwahati MLA Ramendra Narayan Kalita also spoke at the programme which attended by Cultural Affairs Minister Naba Kumar Doley, MoS of Revenue and Disaster Management Bhabesh Kalita, CEM of Dima Hasao Autonomous Council Debolal Garlosa, MLA Rituparna Barua, Dr Numal Momin and several other dignitaries.

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