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**CM lays foundation stone of new flyover in Maligaon**

**Rapid infra development will make Guwahati gateway of SE Asia: CM**

**Dispur, October 11:** Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today laid the foundation stone of a new flyover connecting Maligaon with Kamakhya Gate and Pandu in the city.

The proposed four-lane flyover will start from Maligaon and end by crossing the Kamakhya Temple gate on the Assam Trunk (AT) Road with an extended arm to the road leading to Pandu Ghat. The Assam PWD (Roads) will construct this flyover at an estimated cost of Rs 420.75 crores under the 'State Owned Priority Development (General) Scheme'. The nearly 3 km long flyover is targeted to be completed within two years from the date of construction.

Terming the rapid infrastructure development in Guwahati as part of the vision of the State government to make the city the gateway to entire South East Asia, the Chief Minister said infrastructure development has been taken up as a top priority by the State government to make Assam one of the best states in the country. He also referred to expansion of Guwahati city in all four sides under State Capital Region Plan and inclusion of Guwahati by the Central Government in first round of Smart City Project as indicators of the vision of both Central and State government to make Guwahati and Assam new engine of growth for the country, as envisaged by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Referring to Prime Minister Modi's 'transformation through transportation' motto, Sonowal said that 15 thousand k.m. roads have been built in the State under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) during the present State government as opposed to slow pace of development during the tenure of the previous governments. In all sectors such as agriculture, business, export, sports, science and technology etc. Assam is achieving rapid development and because of the Central Government's focus on Assam's development, four new bridges over Brahmaputra would be built, he added.

Saying that Assam's people had to struggle for basic amenities during the tenure of the Congress government, Sonowal stated that during the present State government's tenure infrastructure development projects are taken up on war footing without giving the people reason to protest for development. He urged the people to maintain peace, unity and harmony for timely completion of all developmental projects in the State so that Assam can become one of the top five states in the country. He also requested the people of Maligaon area to

patiently wait for the completion of the flyover as they will have to go through a little hardship during the construction period.

Speaking on the occasion, PWD Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma said that the new flyover at Maligaon area would greatly reduce the traffic congestion and facilitate smooth movement of vehicles and people in the busy area. He also informed that the flyover at Ganesguri will be completed and open for people in a very short time and the construction of the flyover at Super Market area was also going on at a rapid pace. He also informed about a feasibility study being carried out for a flyover connecting Guwahati Club to Bamunimaidam in the city alongwith opening of nine foot overbridges in the city and he highlighted successful completion of the second bridge at Saraighat, Bogibeel, Dhola Sadia Bridge etc. as the mile stones of the present State government's successful tenure. Lots of development schemes have been taken up for Guwahati city and once completed Guwahati would truly become the gateway to South East Asia, he added.

MP Biswajit Daimari, Commissioner and Special Secretary of PWD Rajesh Kemprai alongwith several other dignitaries were present in today's programme.

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