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**CM launches 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of PMAY (U)**

**Govt. sets target to build 25 thousand pucca houses under PMAY (U): CM**

**Dispur, July 27:** Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal launched the second phase of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) in the State today. A target is set to complete construction of 25 thousand pucca houses in the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase. The Government would build these houses with an expenditure of Rs. 749.52 crore. As part of the initiative, the Chief Minister laid the foundation stone for a pucca house of a beneficiary at Nagaon Municipality Board today. He also ceremonially distributed cheques amounting to Rs. 80 thousand (1<sup>st</sup> instalment) to a few beneficiaries and disbursed equal amount to rest of the beneficiaries through electronic transfer.

The Chief Minister while speaking in a programme held on the occasion at Khagen Mahanta auditorium in Nagaon today, which was organized under the aegis of Urban Development Department in association with PMAY (U) and Nagaon Municipal Board said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi since coming to power in 2014 has been working to ensure dignified life for the weaker sections of the society. The Chief Minister said that a number of programmes with an aim to address the basic needs of the people were taken up by the Government. As part of such efforts, PMAY was launched with the objective of housing for all by 2022.

Chief Minister Sonowal informed that the State Government had built around 3 lakh houses under PMAY (G) since 2016. The government has set a target to construct 4.36 houses under PMAY (G), he said. The Chief Minister further said that there were many IAY houses which were left incomplete by the previous govenment. However, the present government not only completed constructed of the IAY houses but also aggressively carried out the PMAY scheme, the Chief Minister said. Sonowal also urged the beneficiaries of PMAY (U) to ensure quality construction of their houses.

Underlining the welfare schemes of the Central and State governments, the Chief Minister said that steps were taken for the first time for financial inclusion of the poor in the country. He said that under PM Jan Dhan Yojana, 36 crore bank accounts were opened since 2014. Further, PM Ujjala Yojana and similar other programmes were taken up for empowerment of women and other weaker sections, Sonowal said adding that the PM's mantra of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Viswas" brought about visible changes in the country. He also praised the PM for his leadership in rekindling nationalistic fervour among people in the country following the ideal of "Ek Bharat, Sreshtha Bharat".





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Water Resources Minister Keshav Mahanta, Minister of State (i/c) for Urban Development Department Pijush Hazarika and Nagaon MLA Rupak Sarma also spoke on the occasion.

While Principal Secretary of UDD Neeraj Verma delivered the welcome address, the programme was also attended by MLAs Dimbeswar Das and Ramakanta Deuri, MD PMAY Subhasish Das, DC Jadav Saikia, SP Gaurav Abhijit Dilip and other dignitaries among others.

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