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**Sonowal lays foundation for a gateway to Howly**

**Inaugurates Swahid Bedi in recognition to supreme sacrifice of martyrs of Assam Movement**

**Inaugurates Chandi Barua Bhawan and lays foundation for Jania Satra**

**Though previous governments divided people, present State government expedited development through peace and harmony: CM**

Dispur, November 17: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today inaugurated the newly built Chandi Barua Bhawan and a Swahid Bedi (Martyrs column) encompassing the martyrs of Assam Movement at Howly. At the same time Chief Minister Sonowal laid the foundation stone of an Adarani Toron, a welcome gateway to Howly to be built by Assam Tourism Development Corporation for Rs. 40 lakh on the National Highway.

It may be noted that Chandi Barua Bhawan of Howly has been reconstructed by Cultural Affairs Department involving a financial outlay of Rs. 2 crore. Moreover, the Swahid Bedi has been built using the un tied fund of the Chief Minister.

Speaking at a programme at Howly organised by the Cultural Affairs Department in association with District Administration, Barpeta, Chief Minister Sonowal while paying rich tributes to the martyrs of Assam Agitation from Howly Madhu Baishya and others, said that the people of Howly should be committed to keep the town dignified, clean and green. He also called upon the parents to help their wards to imbibe love and respect for Chandi Barua and help them to grow up culturally. Stating that in contrary to discord and disharmony created by the Congress and Left parties, the present BJP led State government has been working to bolster the development of the state taking everybody belonging to all communities and ethnicities on board. He also said that though some vested interest groups are conspiring to derail the rate of development, State government however, remains committed to expedite the development of the state. He also said that in the last four years, government has taken several steps for the infrastructural development of the state.

Chief Minister Sonowal also said that since independence though several governments were in power in the state, the development of the areas on the north bank of the Brahmaputra remained lopsided. However, the present BJP led Government at the state moved by the able leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Sabka Saath, Sabka Bikash and Sabka Viswas principle took several steps for the all-round development of all areas belonging to Barak, Brahmaputra, hills and plains.

Thanking his Media Advisor Hirhsikesh Goswami for show his keen interest in the development of Howly, Chief Minister Sonowal urged upon the people of Howly to remain

committed to transform Howly one of the top ranking towns of the state. He also said that since Barpeta district is endowed with the blessings of the *Gurujona*, he called upon the people of Barpeta to work unrelentingly to make the district more developed culturally, spiritually, socially, economically and infrastructurally.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister of State (i/c) Naba Kumar Doley gave brief snapshot of all the steps that the State government has taken to enrich the art and culture of all groups of people of Assam. He also stated about different awards and cultural centres that State government is instituting in the name of great personalities of the state.

While speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister's Media Advisor Hrishikesh Goswami expressed his gratitude to Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal for taking initiatives for the all-round development of Howly. He at the same time urged upon the people not to pay any heed to the false propaganda being circulated by some vested interest groups against the government. He said that to safeguard the interests of the indigenous people of the state, the present State government took several steps. He, therefore, thanked Chief Minister Sonowal, Cultural Affairs Minister Naba Kumar Doley and Chairman ATDC Jayanta Malla Baruah for Chandi Barua Bhawan, Swahid Bedi, Gateway to Howly town etc.

Chairman ATDC Jayanta Malla Baruah, Deputy Commissioner Barpeta Munindra Sharma also spoke on the occasion. MLA Gunindra Das, Director Cultural Affairs Department Bishnu Kmala Bora, Managing Director ATDC Deba Kumar Mishra, Vice Chairperson ATDC Nabadeep Kalita, eminent sculptor Biren Sinha and a host of other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

Later at a different programme, Chief Minister Sonowal laid the foundation stone to mark the beginning of the construction work of Jania Satra to be built with financial outlay of Rs. 50 lakh. At the same programme Sonowal also released 'Na-Ghosa' composed by Sri Sri Purushuttam Thakur and edited by executive editor *Asomiya Khabar* Biswajit Das.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister gave a brief snapshot of all the steps that government of Assam has taken for the preservation of satra, devalaya, namghars, temples etc. In this context, Sonowal mentioned about the one time grant given to eight thousand *namghars* in the state.

Conducted by the executive editor of *Asomiya Khabar* Biswajit Das, the programme was attended by the Minister of State (i/c) Cultural Affairs Naba Kumar Doley, Chief Minister's Media Advisor Hrishikesh Goswami, Chairman ATDC Jayanta Malla Baruah, Deputy Commissioner Barpeta Munindra Sharma, Vice Chairperson ATDC Nabadeep Kalita, social worker Shankar Das and a host of other dignitaries.

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