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**CM unveils rebuilding work of Ananta Nallah and beautification work of Sarbananda Singha Kshetra**

**The project would make the area a top tourist destination: CM**

**Dispur, Nov 18:** Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today unveiled the foundation stone of rebuilding and development work of 1.5 km of Brahmaputra River bank (Ananta Nallah) along with protection of Sarbananda Singha Kshetra and Guijan and its adjoining areas at Tinsukia. The project initiated under DONER Ministry's special infrastructure development fund with an expenditure of Rs 18 crore would protect a total area of 11 thousand hectares in Guijan from erosion.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that the project would safeguard the land of Swargadeo Sarbananda Singha from erosion and make the area one of the most attractive tourist destinations. Biodiversity hotspot of the Dibru-Saikhowa adjoining Guijan areas' beauty would be enhanced tremendously after the completion of the project, he added.

Calling on the people of Guijan to keep a strict watch over the construction work of the project to ensure highest quality, Sonowal thanked the various Mottok organisations of the area for raising their voices for the project. Lambasting the previous Congress governments in the state for using the water resource department as a money making tool as they embezzled public funds, the Chief Minister said that the department has been revitalised by the present state government and the department has been able to start erosion protection works in November itself this year.

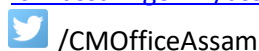
He also referred to the recent inauguration of 200 projects of water resource department at Sarthebari in Barpeta.

Saying that youths of the state have responded to the call of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to make Atma Nirbhar India by engaging in different sectors with hard work and dedication, Sonowal urged the people of the state to contribute in the mission to make Assam a developed state. He said that Kaziranga National Park has been freed from poaching to a large extent with the help of local community, police and forest department and likewise, he urged the local people to come forward for the protection of Dibru-Saikhowa National Park.

Water Resource Minister Keshab Mahanta, in his speech, spoke about how water resource department has expanded the scope of its work while not staying limited to only traditional embankment building and erosion protection functions. He also highlighted the archeological department's work of preservation of historic places and monuments.

Union MoS of Food Processing Department Rameswar Teli, MP Pradan Barua and MLA Binod Hazarika also spoke at the programme. MoS of Tea Tribes Welfare Department Sanjay Kishan, MLAs Prasanta Phukan, Teros Gowala, Bimal Bora, Bhaskar Sharma, Chakradhar Gogoi, Suren Phukan were also present at the programme along several other dignitaries.

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Later, the Chief Minister also took a ferry ride over Dibru River and visited areas adjoining Dibru–Saikhowa National Park.

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