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CM inaugurates 100 bedded district hospital, PNB branch at Majuli

Sonowal flags off boats of DDMA and veterinary boat ambulance

Dispur, February 21: In a bid to boost disaster preparedness and rescue operations, Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today flagged off one emergency speed boat and five pump operated rubber boats of District Disaster Management Authority besides a veterinary boat ambulance at Kamalabari Ghat in Majuli district today. He also dedicated the newly constructed 100 bedded Sri Sri Pitambardev Goswami district hospital to the service of the people at Garamur in the district.

Addressing the people on the occasion, Chief Minister Sonowal said that the State government has been sincerely working to make available all modern facilities at Majuli district. Stating that the new district hospital fulfilled a long standing demand of the people of Majuli, the Chief Minister said that the DDMA boats would also significantly benefit the people during flood and other disasters.

Rajyasabha MP kamakhya Prasad Tasa and MD NHM Dr. S Lakshmanan were present during the inauguration of the district hospital.

Later Chief Minister Sonowal also inaugurated a new branch of Punjab National Bank along with an ATM at Phulani in Majuli district today. On the occasion, he also laid the foundation stone for 'Bhupendra Bhavan' to be built under the aegis of Majuli Sanmilita Samaj with financial outlay of Rs. 10 lakh under untied fund for the year 202-21 and Rs. 20 crore Scheduled Caste multipurpose project to be implemented by the Directorate of Scheduled Caste of the State government.

As part of the inaugural function of the new branch of PNB, the Chief Minister handed over an ambulance, 10 beds, wheel chairs etc. provided by the bank to the office of the Joint Director of Health Services of Majuli. Chief Minister Sonowal also distributed loan sanction letters to SHGs and financial grants to 20 meritorious students under 'Ladli' scheme of the bank.

Speaking in a meeting held on the occasion, Chief Minister said that it was a very significant day for Majuli as several State government initiatives and projects aimed at benefiting the public were made operational in the district. He said that the new branch of PNB would immensely benefit farmers, entrepreneurs, small traders of the area and thanked the bank authorities for opening the branch. Chief Minister Sonowal also urged the people to cooperate with the bank management for its smooth functioning so that the initiative gives further push to development in Majuli.

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While Regional Manager of PNB SS Singh delivered the welcome speech, CMD of the bank CHSS Mallikarjune also spoke on the occasion. Rajyasabha MP Kamakhya Prasad Tasa, president of Assam Cricket Association Ramen Dutta, chairperson of Majuli Zila Parishad Papu Dutta Hazarika, DC Bikram Kairi, Padmashree awardee Gopiram Borgayan Burhabhakat, sangeet natak akademi awardee Hem Chandra Goswami, noted social worker Loknath Kutum and other dignitaries were present in the meeting.

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