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**CM names Sahitya Manishi Bio Diversity Park at Dholai after AB Vajpayee**

**Nature conservation must be turned into a habit: CM**

**Dispur, January 10:** Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today inaugurated Sahitya Manishi Bio Diversity Park at Dholai in Cachar district and planted saplings at the park.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister announced naming the park after former Prime Minister 'Bharat Ratna' Atal Bihari Vajpayee. Saying that local residents must take up the responsibility to preserve and sustain the bio diversity park along with the Forest Department, Sonowal stated that the park would be able to inspire the children and young members of the society to work for preservation of nature and environment and he called on the journalists to create awareness about nature among the children.

Highlighting the commitment of the State Government to build a pollution free Assam, Sonowal thanked the Forest Department for planting 8.5 crore trees till now in the state out of the total target of 10 crore trees set by the State Government. He also appreciated the department for its proactive steps which resulted in increasing forest cover by 222 square kilometers in Assam and successfully protecting the flora and fauna. He also remarked that conservation of nature must be turned into a habit.

Forest and Environment Minister Parimal Suklabaidya, Deputy Speaker of Assam Legislative Assembly Aminul Haque Laskar, MP Dr Rajdweep Roy, MLAs Mihir Kanti Som, Kishor Nath, Dilip Paul, Rajdweep Gowala, Amar Singh Jain, DGP Bhaskar Jyoti Mahanta were also present in the programme among others.

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