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Sonowal lays foundations for a series of projects in Nagaon

State government is committed to beautify Nagaon and extend fruits of government schemes to all: Sonowal

Dispur, February 14: In a move to ensure balance regional growth under State Own Priority Development, Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today laid the foundations of several projects and inaugurated several projects for Nagaon under City Infrastructure Development Fund at Nagaon.

It may be noted that Chief Minister Sonowal inaugurated the construction work of preservation and beautification of Morikolong Beel involving financial outlay of Rs. 25.34 crore. He at the same time laid the foundation stone of Morikolong bus stand to be built at a sprawling 8.2 bigha land with a financial outlay of Rs. 6.34 crore. Sonowal also inaugurated the reconstructed Nagaon Cultural Complex with the financial outlay of Rs. 1.99 crore. Sonowal also inaugurated a construction work of beautification of the Kolong river banks from Nagaon Law College to Ratna Kanta Borkataky bridge involving Rs. 22.92 crore. He also laid the foundation stone of a work to build, repair and beautification of roads of Nagaon town involving financial outlay of Rs. 8.19 crore.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Sonowal said that located at Central Assam, Nagaon is a very rich district, culturally, intellectually and spiritually. Stating that *Gurujona* took birth at Botodroba which is at Nagaon, Sonowal said that the district has to renew its pledge to lead its people in accordance with the philosophy of the *Gurujona* and champion the cause of humanity. Reminiscing Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhupen Hazarika who was instrumental in setting up this cultural complex, Sonowal paid a rich tribute to Girindra Kumar Baruah who played a lead role in giving life to this cultural centre.

Stating that State government has been taking several steps for the development of Nagaon, Sonowal said that the series of projects involving Rs. 67 crore that the State government took would adequately transform Nagaon into an important town. He also called upon the residents of Nagaon to contribute dedicatedly to strengthen the importance Nagaon and take steps for maintaining cleanliness of the town.

Chief Minister Sonowal also said that in 2016 when BJP led government took the reign of power, the state administration was tattered with corruption. People had no faith in the administration which was a bad omen for the democracy. However, the present State government with the help of its tirade against corruption and its four pronged policy of corruption free, insurgent free, pollution free and foreigners free, affected a total turn around as the people have started reposing faith in administration. He also said that the people of Assam have started witnessing a changed Assam, the change towards betterment of the lives of all sections of the people of the state. Now, the beneficiaries as against the previous governments

are getting 100 per cent benefits of the government schemes without the menace of any middle man. He also said that the previous Congress Government in the State, though committed to construct three lakh dwelling houses for the poor, it only remained in paper. However, the present BJP led government constructed more than three lakh houses and gave them very transparently to the poor beneficiaries.

Deputy Commissioner Nagaon Kavitha Padmanabhan gave the welcome address in the programme which was also addressed by MLA Rupak Sharma. Chairman ATDC Jayanta Malla Baruah and host of other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

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