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Hon'ble Speaker of the Assam Legislative Assembly.

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Members of the Assam Legislative Assembly.

Hon'ble Members of this August House,

It is with great honour and humility that I stand before you on the occasion of the Budget Session 2025 of the Assam Legislative Assembly. I extend my heartfelt greetings and best wishes to each one of you. This session marks a pivotal opportunity to reflect on our journey, deliberate on the challenges, and chart a visionary roadmap for the future of our beloved state.

"सं गच्छध्वं सं वदध्वं सं वो मनांसि जानताम् ।

देवा भागं यथा पूर्वे संजानाना उपासते ॥"

**"Saṁ gacchadhvaṁ saṁ vadadhvaṁ saṁ vo manāṁsi
jānatām |**

Devā bhāgaṁ yathā pūrve saṁjānānā upāsate ॥"

Translation: *"Walk together, speak together, let your minds
be in harmony, just as the gods of old united in their
shared purpose."*

This quote from the Atharvaveda (7.52.2) is a beautiful expression of collective unity and cooperation, perfectly reflecting the ideals of democracy—where governance is rooted in shared purpose, harmony, and the collective welfare of all citizens akin to our government.

With the unwavering trust and confidence placed by the people of Assam, my Government is committed to steering the state toward an era of harmony, progress, and prosperity. I am confident that the discussions and decisions during this session will further strengthen the foundation for transforming Assam into a vibrant, inclusive, and forward-looking state, embracing the aspirations of its citizens.

Assam has always been a land of greatness, wisdom, and courage. Our ancient scriptures, including the Puranas, speak of its deep roots in Bharat's history. The mighty kingdoms of Kamrupa and Pragjyotishpur shaped our civilization, while the Koch and Ahom dynasties enriched our heritage. From the blessings of Maa Kamakhya to the spiritual guidance of Sri Sri Sankaradeva and Sri Madhav Deva, Assam has been a beacon of strength and culture. The bravery of Lachit Borphukan reminds us of our duty to protect and uplift our land.

Today, our government is working to revive this lost glory and build a future that honors our past. Assam is now connecting with the rest of the country and the world with pride and purpose. Through strong infrastructure, better industries, and new opportunities, we are making sure every

citizen shares in this growth. Our rich traditions inspire us, but our vision is modern. We are creating a state that blends history with progress, ensuring dignity and prosperity for all.

Honorable Members,

Keeping this background in the mind, let me highlight some of the new milestones and recent achievements of the Government.

GSDP and Economic Growth of Assam

- Over the past decade, Assam has been on a steady trajectory of economic growth, achieving an impressive Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 12.6%. This strong foundation has been further reinforced by a robust 25% increase in tax revenue during the financial year 2022-23 and 15% increase in FY 2023-24.
- To ensure more systematic and sustained economic progress, the state has launched an innovative and pioneering initiative for the estimation of District Domestic Product (DDP) for each district using a bottom-up approach. This effort, undertaken as part of the *District Domestic Product Estimation and District Vision Document of Assam* project, marks a first-of-its-kind attempt by any state in the country. The results of this comprehensive exercise will be

available by the fourth quarter of the financial year 2025-26.

- The rising state income has had a positive ripple effect across Assam's economic landscape. In response, all Line Departments under the leadership of individual Cabinet Ministers under overall guidance of Hon'ble Chief Minister, Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma, are working in close coordination to not only sustain the current growth momentum but also enhance it further.
- Assam's commitment to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) has been recognized nationally, with the state advancing to "Front Runner" status in the SDG India Index and achieving a 100% score in Goal 7 (Clean Energy).

Assam: Spearheading India's Semiconductor and Industrial Revolution

- Assam is rapidly emerging as a key player in India's semiconductor industry alongside Gujarat. The ₹27,000 crore Tata ATMP (Assembly, Test, Marking, and Packaging) Plant in Jagiroad is a landmark investment under Make in India, utilizing indigenous technology developed by Tata Electronics Ltd. Construction is in full swing, with 1,444 workers and 91 heavy machines accelerating progress. Production is set to begin in December 2025, initially manufacturing 1.2 crore chips per day at one-fourth

of its full capacity. Once fully operational, the facility will create 12,000 direct and over 25,000 indirect jobs, propelling Assam into a new era of technological and industrial growth.

Boosting Agriculture with a Modern Fertilizer Plant

- Beyond semiconductors, Assam's industrial expansion continues with the establishment of an ultra-modern fertilizer plant under Brahmaputra Valley Fertilizer Corporation Limited (BVFCL). Announced in the Union Budget 2024-25, this facility will increase urea production to 12.7 lakh tonnes annually—a significant jump from the existing 2 lakh MT capacity. Utilizing cutting-edge technology, the plant will enhance domestic production, reduce reliance on imports, and strengthen India's agricultural self-sufficiency.

Advantage Assam 2.0 : A Global Investment Hub

- With these transformative developments, the Assam government is set to host the Assam Infrastructure and Investment Summit 2025, Advantage Assam 2.0, on February 25-26, 2025 in Guwahati. This global summit will bring together key stakeholders from industry, government, and think tanks to unlock new investment opportunities across sectors like electronics, semiconductors, renewables, aerospace, petrochemicals, and MSMEs.

- Assam is leveraging its strategic location as the gateway to Northeast India and Southeast Asia to attract global investors. Through high-profile international roadshows, led by Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma and other cabinet members, Assam has strengthened ties with South Korea, Japan, UAE, UK, Thailand, and Malaysia, positioning itself as a rising hub for semiconductors, IT, manufacturing, renewable energy, and tourism.

Towards a Future-Ready Assam

- The Advantage Assam 2.0 Summit, to be inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on February 25, 2025, will feature high-level ministerial sessions, industry discussions, and sector-specific breakout sessions. The summit will also highlight Assam's potential in Bamboo & Sustainable Harvesting, Fragrance & Flavour Industries, MSMEs, Farmer Producer Organizations, and Women's Self-Help Groups.
- With progressive policies, a strategic location, and an investment-friendly ecosystem, Assam is set to drive India's next wave of industrial transformation and establish itself as a global economic powerhouse.
- Amidst these economic advancements, the year 2024-25 stands as a historic period for Assam, marked by two significant milestones made possible through the visionary leadership of our Hon'ble Prime

Minister, Shri Narendra Modi. The recognition of the Assamese language as a *Classical Language*, alongside Bengali, and the designation of Charaideo Moidams as a *UNESCO World Heritage Site* are landmark achievements that honour and preserve Assam's rich cultural and linguistic heritage. These milestones will be remembered as lasting contributions to the state's identity and legacy.

ASSAMESE AS CLASSICAL LANGUAGE

- The history of the Assamese language can be traced back to prehistoric times, with its evolution reflected in archaeological findings. Substantial evidence indicates that Assamese is over 1,500 years old, meeting the fundamental criteria for being designated as a *Classical Language*.
- Despite its strong historical and linguistic credentials, Assamese had not previously received this prestigious recognition. In response, the Government of Assam prepared a comprehensive technical report to substantiate its claim. Through relentless efforts and persistent advocacy under the dynamic leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma, the Union Cabinet, led by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, officially granted Assamese the status of a *Classical Language* on October 3, 2024, alongside four other languages.

- The announcement was met with immense joy and celebration across Assam. Communities, linguistic groups, educational institutions, and public organizations came together to express their enthusiasm. As part of the celebrations, an impressive 1,19,141 meetings were organized by language enthusiasts, and 2,62,488 personal letters were sent to the Hon'ble Prime Minister, expressing gratitude for this historic decision.

CHARAIDEO MOIDAMS: Heritage to be preserved and cherished

- Moidams, the burial mound system of the mediaeval Ahom Kingdom (c. 13th - 19th century CE in Assam), are located in different parts of the State of Assam. However, their largest concentration today is at Charaideo. This Ahom royal necropolis lay to the south of the Charaideo (or Che-Rai-Doi) city, the first capital city established by *Chaolung Siu-Ka-Pha*, originally from Mong Mao (reign 1228 – 1268 CE), who founded the Ahom kingdom in mediaeval Assam. Architecturally, Moidams are vaulted chambers (with a *Chow-Chali*, a small octagonal structure as a finial element) entered through an arched entrance which lay on the west. After the deceased king was entombed in it, the chamber was covered with the heap of earth making the mound appear hemispherical.

- It is a matter of great pride that on 26th July 2024, in the 46th session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee Meeting held at New Delhi from 21st to 31st July 2024, “Moidams—the Mound-Burial system of the Ahom Dynasty, Charaideo” was inscribed as the 43rd World Heritage Property of India. This inscription made the **Moidams – the Mound-Burial system of the Ahom Dynasty, Charaideo** as the 3rd World Heritage Property of Assam and the 1st World Heritage Property under the category of cultural heritage site of Northeast India thereby adding a new burial typology in the UNESCO World Heritage List. It led to openings for new international tourist destination in Assam as well as in North East India.

Assam Ranked 4 Among Top 52 Travel Destinations in the World for 2025

- In a moment of immense pride, The New York Times has ranked Assam as the 4th top place to visit among 52 global destinations in 2025. This prestigious recognition highlights the state's stunning natural landscapes, rich cultural heritage, and unparalleled biodiversity, further establishing Assam as a world-class travel destination. With this global spotlight, Assam is set to attract increased international tourism, boosting its economy and cultural exchange on a larger scale.

Jhumoir Dance: A Grand Celebration of Assam's 200-Year-Old Tea Industry

- Building on this recognition and inspired by the record-breaking Bihu dance performance, the Government of Assam is now promoting Jhumoir, also known as Chah BaganarJhumur Nach, as a symbol of its tea heritage and cultural identity. Rooted in the traditions of Assam's tea garden workers, Jhumoir has long been a vibrant expression of the tea tribes' joy, resilience, and unity. Performed during Karam Puja and Tushu Puja, the dance is a mesmerizing blend of graceful movements, rhythmic formations, and soulful music, accompanied by traditional instruments like the madol and flute.
- To honor Assam's 200 years of the tea industry, a historic Jhumoir performance will take place at Sarusojai Stadium on February 24, 2025, featuring 8,000 dancers from the tea garden and Adivasi communities. This grand spectacle will be graced by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, ambassadors from various countries, and global industrial leaders, further elevating Assam's cultural prominence on the world stage.
- As Assam's tea industry enters its third century, Jhumoir continues to stand as a timeless tribute - a celebration of the land, its people, and their enduring traditions.

Having spoken about these exciting developments in Assam, let me highlight a few achievements of my government now:

Orunodoi : Women Empowerment and Financial Security

- Our Government has been providing monthly financial assistance of Rs.1250 per month to more than 24 lakh eligible women in the State today. We have already launched Orunodoi 3.0, wherein beneficiary number will be taken to 37 Lacs in coming year.
- You are all aware that the objective is to support women financially so that they can get nutritional and medical support and they can purchase required pulses, sugar, essential fruits and vegetables, and medicines.
- The popularity of this program became trendsetter and example for many other States in the Country.

Industries, Skill development, and Handlooms

- You will be pleased to know that our government has recently taken a landmark decision to create the Department of Innovation, Incubation, and Startups—the first of its kind in the country. This dedicated department reflects our commitment to fostering a dynamic entrepreneurial ecosystem in Assam. It recognizes the aspirations of our youth, who are

eager to innovate, incubate, and embark on entrepreneurial journeys. By nurturing startups and driving innovation, this initiative will play a pivotal role in propelling Assam into a new era of economic growth and development.

- Our Government's steadfast dedication to driving industrial growth, creating jobs, and achieving economic self-reliance in Assam has yielded significant progress. The people of Assam have shown unwavering support for the government's vision to industrialize the state.
- While, as I have already mentioned, the ₹27,000 crore semiconductor assembly and test facility at Jagiroad is expected to generate a large number of jobs and boost ancillary manufacturing, contributing significantly to the state's economic ecosystem. Hence, we have chalked out a strategy to develop a semiconductor vendor logistic park and electronic city with TATA OSAT plant as an anchor industry.
- In addition, to further bolster industrial development, the state has signed MoUs with 21 mega industrial units, with proposals for 7 additional units approved by the Cabinet. These projects would bring an investment of ₹14,808 crore and are set to create over 21,000 jobs.
- The establishment of a Unity Mall at Betkuchi, Guwahati, with a project cost of ₹298 crore, marks another significant initiative. This mall will showcase

One District One Product (ODOP) and GI-tagged products, promoting national integration while supporting local artisans and entrepreneurs.

- The Chief Minister's Atmanirbhar Asom Abhijan (CMAAA), launched in 2023, has empowered over 25,000 youths through grants ranging from ₹1,00,000 to ₹2,50,000, fostering self-employment opportunities. Our dedicated CM Fellows are working across districts to nurture entrepreneurial ideas and strengthen stakeholder collaboration.
- Under the PM Vishwakarma Yojana, over one lakh traditional artisans and craftspeople have been enrolled for skill development and financial support. About 61000 beneficiaries have received training, and more than 7000 loans have been disbursed to promote entrepreneurial growth in this sector.
- Innovation remains a key focus, with ₹5 crore allocated to establish startup incubation centres at Assam Engineering College and Jorhat Engineering College. These centres will nurture the next generation of entrepreneurs and innovators.
- MSMEs, the backbone of Assam's economy, are thriving, with over 6.6 lakh registrations under the Udyam Portal. Additionally, the RAMP Program has trained more than 25000 new MSME owners to enhance their capabilities.
- Assam's export sector continues to shine, achieving ₹3,600 crore in exports despite global challenges.

Products like tea, silk, and GI-tagged items such as Karbi Anglong Ginger and Assam Lemon are gaining international recognition. To promote eco-friendly industries, the Bamboo Mission has initiated awareness programs in 10 districts, covering 400 bighas with new plantations and distributing 200 toolkits.

- The mining sector, a key revenue generator, has shown tremendous progress, with collections exceeding Rs. 3,815 crore this year. Granite auctions alone contributed approximately Rs. 362 crore, while ongoing limestone and coal explorations are projected to add Rs. 1,000 crore annually. Additionally, Over Rs. 100 crore from the District Mineral Fund has been effectively utilized to improve drinking water supply, healthcare, and infrastructure in mining-affected regions.
- Our efforts to improve Ease of Doing Business have placed Assam among the Top Achievers in the Business Reforms Action Plan by DPIIT, Government of India, with a remarkable application processing rate of 99%. This reflects our efficiency and commitment to supporting businesses.
- The government is advancing skill development and entrepreneurship through initiatives like the **Mukhyamantri Mahila Udyamita Abhiyaan**, empowering 39 lakh women as rural entrepreneurs.

- Skill training programs have expanded through partnerships with Tata Technologies and L&T, with 30,000 seats available across 44 government ITIs and 80 private ITIs. Specialized initiatives in solar energy and vocational training are further enhancing skills and employability.
- These achievements reaffirm Assam's position as a hub for investment, innovation, and sustainable development. We remain dedicated to building a resilient and prosperous industrial ecosystem for the people of our state.

Agriculture, Cooperation & Allied sector:

- I am extremely happy to highlight the significant strides our state has made in the agricultural sector, which is the backbone of our economy. Under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PMKISAN), about ₹1,374 crore was disbursed in 2024, benefiting over 18 lakh farmers. The Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) saw a remarkable increase in farmer applications, with approximately 4 lakh applications during Rabi-2023-24 and 7.8 lakh during Kharif 2024. The YES-TECH initiative and the upcoming WINDS system will further enhance the accuracy of crop yield estimations and weather data.
- Our efforts in crop diversification and area expansion have been fruitful, with mustard cultivation covering about 2.16 lakh hectares and pulse cultivation

spanning around 70,000 hectares during Rabi 2024-25. We aim to achieve self-sufficiency in edible oil production, targeting around 2 lakh MT by 2025-26.

- The Soil Health Card initiative has helped testing soil quality of the farmers generating about 6 lakh cards in 2024. We have invested ₹30 crores in building and renovating 26 state-of-the-art soil testing laboratories. Our focus on agricultural mechanization has provided 887 tractors, over 7,400 power-tillers, and various other machineries, enhancing farm power availability to about 0.82 Kw/Hectare.
- The government is committed to the conservation and sustainable management of soil, water, and vegetation to support farmers and enhance agricultural productivity. About 6,100 hectares of rainfed agricultural land are being developed in 2024-25 with an investment of ₹1,350 crore under priority development programs. The Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana is addressing soil and moisture conservation with significant progress in natural resource management and livelihood activities, creating over 8.8 lakh hectares of irrigation potential, including approximately 10,000 hectares in 2023-24. Nine surface minor irrigation schemes are being implemented, targeting an additional 7,600 hectares. Major and medium irrigation projects like Buroi and Puthimari, and four in Barak Valley, aim to generate

nearly 75,000 hectares of potential. Innovative solutions, such as solar-powered mobile lift irrigation schemes and cart-mounted solar pumps, have been introduced to support sustainable practices, benefiting hundreds of hectares. 85 proposals for repairing water bodies are under approval, targeting 7,500 hectares.

- Educational initiatives by the State Agricultural Management and Extension Training Institute (SAMETI) have benefited thousands of farmers and extension personnel. For paddy farmers, the government has kept a target of 5.85 lakh metric tonnes of procurement this season, supported by rice mills, godowns, and fortified rice kernel machines. The Minimum Support Price (MSP) for mustard and paddy has ensured fair prices for farmers' produce.
- My Government. is promoting natural farming for sustainable agro-ecological balance, with around 10,000 hectares brought under natural farming. Infrastructure development includes the completion of 73 rural agricultural markets, cold storage facilities, and the development of a banana market in Darrangiri. Our agricultural exports have reached new heights, with products like Tezpur litchi, Dolichos bean, organic black rice, Assam lemon, and various other organic produce being exported to international markets.
- The fisheries sector in Assam provides food and livelihoods to over 2.5 million fishers. Fish production

has risen by 27% since 2019-20, reaching 4.74 lakh metric tonnes in 2023-24. Government schemes like Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), APART, and NABARD-assisted RIDF focus on boosting production and doubling farmers' income. Under these schemes, Financial aid is provided to 21,000 fishers annually and Infrastructure projects aim to increase production by 1,500 million fry and 5,000 metric tonnes of table fish. Innovative systems like Recirculatory Aquaculture Systems (RAS) and Bio-floc units have enhanced production.

- Three Pet Care Hospitals are under construction at Guwahati, Dibrugarh & Golaghat and expected to be completed by FY 2025-26. Four Multi Care Veterinary Hospitals are under construction at Golaghat, Tinsukia, Changsari & Lakhimpur and expected to be completed by FY 2025-26. Work for the 5th Multi Care Veterinary Hospital at Sivasagar will be started soon.
- To enhance profitability and competitiveness of our dairy farmers my Government is going to provide Rs. 5/- gap support per litre of milk supplied to all dairy farmers who are providing milk to eligible registered Dairy Cooperative Societies.
- In the 2022-23 financial year, our government procured 1.16 lakh doses of sex-sorted semen, which is expected to produce around 50,000 female calves. For the 2023-24 financial year, 1.00 lakh doses of

sex-sorted semen were utilized. This initiative has been continuing.

- In order to revamp the milk production and organized milk marketing, my Government has set in motion the Assam Dairy Development Program by signing MOU with NDDDB to incorporate a Joint Venture Company, North East Dairy and Foods Limited (NEDFL). Under this plan it is envisaged to process and market 10 lakh litres of milk per day. In order to achieve this, initially two milk processing plants of 1.0 lakh litres per day capacity each are to be established at Jorhat and Dibrugarh with fund from RIDF for an amount of Rs 50 Crore.
- In order to tap the milk at source, the milk processing plant at Dhemaji with 5000 ltr per day processing capacity is to be operationalized in collaboration with WAMUL (West Assam Milk Producers Union Limited). Similarly, the milk processing plant at Khanapara with 5000 ltr per day capacity is set for operationalization with suitable organization. This initiative is expected to rope in about 10000 ltr of milk from unorganized sector to organized sector covering about 2000 farmers.

Food Security and Public Service delivery

- The Government of Assam has implemented the National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013, benefiting 2.29 crore people across 67 lakh families, including

6.7 lakh Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) and 60 lakh Priority Household (PHH) families. AAY families receive 35 kg of rice per month, and PHH families get 5 kg per member, all free of cost. In December 2024, 1.27 lakh metric tonnes of rice were distributed under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY). Vulnerable groups, including residents of old age homes, orphanages, and eSHRAM registrants, have been issued ration cards, and 20 lakh new beneficiaries now benefit from free health insurance, LPG connections, and other welfare schemes.

- Initiatives like Anna Sewa Din ensure monthly rice distribution from the 1st to the 10th of every month, while the One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) scheme allows nationwide access. Transparency has improved through Aadhaar seeding and eKYC. Over 5,600 "Aamar Dukan" outlets supply affordable essentials, and 50.97 lakh LPG connections have been provided. These measures highlight the government's commitment to food security, transparency, and farmer support.
- The Assam State Commission for Right to Public Services, established in March 2024, strengthens public service delivery mechanisms. The state has excelled in grievance redressal through CPGRAMS, achieving 60% quality disposal, surpassing the national average. Kritagyata initiative ensures

seamless pension processing, and Jeevan Pramaan initiative offers biometric digital life certification for pensioners, simplifying their access to essential services.

- To enhance administrative efficiency and citizen-centric governance, the Government operationalized 39 Co-districts on October 4, 2024, aligning their boundaries with Legislative Assembly Constituencies.
- The State's highest civilian awards—Assam Baibhav, Assam Saurabh, and Assam Gaurav—honour exceptional contribution of individuals in various fields. Last year Assam Baibhav was awarded to Shri Ranjan Gogoi. Assam Saurabh, and Assam Gaurav were awarded to 4 and 17 stalwarts respectively.

Rural Development, Drinking water and Sanitation

- My government is committed to the development of rural Assam, focusing on improving infrastructure, agricultural growth, and empowering rural communities. Under the Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G), over 19.5 lakh pucca houses have been completed in Assam, with an additional target of about 1.7 lakh houses under PMAY-G 2.0. The Griha Pravesh ceremony for over 5.5 lakh beneficiaries was held in 2024, underscoring the government's dedication to achieving "Housing for All."

- Axom Adarxo Gram Yojana, launched in 2018-19, fosters self-sustainable development in rural Assam, with ₹3,000 lakh allocated for FY 2024-25. Under the Assam Darshan Scheme, ₹10,000 lakh has been earmarked for FY 2024-25 to improve infrastructure at religious sites, with ₹2,119 lakh sanctioned for 694 Namghars. Additionally, the MLA Area Development Scheme continues to empower local development, allocating ₹1 crore per constituency, amounting to ₹126 crore for FY 2024-25.
- The Jal Jeevan Mission aims to provide functional household tap connections to every rural household, ensuring 55 litres per capita per day of safe drinking water. Assam has made remarkable progress, increasing coverage from 1.6% in 2019 to over 81%, benefiting about 58 lakh households. Over 15,000 piped water supply schemes have been completed, with operational management handed over to local bodies. The Jal Doot initiative has trained over 40,000 students as water ambassadors, fostering community ownership and responsibility. Assam's efforts were recognized with a Bronze Award at the International Water Association Awards 2024 for outstanding contributions to water management.

Urban Development

- The government has made remarkable progress in urban development, focusing on sustainability,

affordable housing, and improved infrastructure to enhance citizens' quality of life. Initiatives such as amending building construction byelaws aim to boost industrial growth by encouraging vertical expansion, introducing flatted industries, and integrating energy-efficient practices like electric vehicle charging infrastructure. Over 9,000 building permissions were granted under Mukhya Mantri Sohoj Griha Nirman Asoni, ensuring ease for citizens.

- The Old CP Bungalow at Panbazar, Guwahati, has been upgraded under the Brahmaputra Riverfront Beautification Project at a cost of ₹69.85 crore. Inaugurated on January 20, 2024, by Shri Amit Shah ji, the Hon'ble Union Minister, Home and Cooperation, it is now a popular attraction for locals and tourists. To provide a green lung amidst urban development, GMDA has taken up a pilot project for creation of urban forest at Borbari hillock, Guwahati and development of different parks are under progress namely Tarun Ram Phookan Park at Bharalumukh, Silpukhuri Park, beautification of Geeta Mandir campus and its surroundings and Dr. Bhupen Hazarika Memorial Park at Nizarapar, Chandmari. Smart city projects in Guwahati have rejuvenated spaces like Gandhi Mandap and Judges Field while introducing intelligent surveillance and public transport systems.

- To mitigate flooding in the city, a GIS-based Comprehensive Stormwater Drainage Master Plan along with the proposal for the Bahini Basin project, with an estimated cost of Rs 166 crore, has been taken. Also, another proposal of Rs 200 crore for the city has been submitted to the Government of India under the National Disaster Mitigation Fund (NDMF).
- Efforts in waste management include door-to-door garbage collection, legacy waste treatment, and operational compost and faecal sludge treatment plants in Guwahati. Smart lighting projects have enhanced city safety, with over 20,000 lights installed and more underway. Water connections have been subsidized for thousands of households, furthering equitable access to resources.
- Under AMRUT Mission, major drinking water projects in Nagaon, Silchar, and Dibrugarh have been partially commissioned, providing potable water to thousands of households. The JICA-assisted Guwahati Water Supply Project, nearing 93% completion, will benefit over a lakh households by 2025.
- Housing initiatives have made significant strides, with over 1.14 lakh houses completed under PMAY(U) and thousands receiving financial aid for urban housing needs. Street vendors have received over ₹250 crore in loans through PM SVANidhi, empowering small businesses.

Health Sector

- I am delighted to share with you the remarkable endeavour undertaken by my Government. in the Health Sector. Medical Colleges at North Lakhimpur, Dhubri, Nagaon, Nalbari, and Kokrajhar have been made functional. Tinsukia Medical College & Hospital has been already inaugurated. To boost the medical infrastructure in Guwahati, Pragjyotishpur Medical College in Kalapahar & 800 bedded General Hospital in GMCH campus is in progress. New Medical Colleges at Dhemaji, Tamulpur, Golaghat, Bongaigaon, Biswanath, Charaideo and Morigaon have been allotted and work is in progress in full swing which is targeted to be completed within Dec'2025. Medical colleges at Sivasagar and Karimganj have been allotted and work just started. 2 New Medical Colleges at Goalpara and Darrang have also been taken up.
- Projects under JICA funding have been taken up for establishment of Super-Speciality wing at existing 6 Medical Colleges. A Proton Therapy Centre is proposed for Guwahati, which will be only the third such facility in India, following those in Apollo and Tata Medical Centres, marking another milestone in cancer care for the state. The Cancer Hospital in Diphu is set to be operationalized by March 2025,

further strengthening the state's cancer treatment infrastructure.

- To improve the Nursing Education in the state, schemes for construction of 7 New Nursing Colleges along with upgradation of existing Nursing College into state of the Art infrastructure at various locations of the state are taken up along with construction of 6 New Ayush Hospital and 2 Ayurvedic Colleges in various locations of the state under National Ayush Mission for special impetus on Ayurveda. 5 Ayush Hospitals at various districts & 1 Ayurvedic College at Dudhnoi are already taken up. To ensure optimum utilization of resources, construction of 26 nos. of 50 or 100 bedded Critical Care Hospital Block with emergency, surgical & intensive care under NHM(PM-ABHIM) upto FY 2025-26 are also proposed & five such 50 bedded Critical Care Hospital Block are taken up.
- Assam has made remarkable progress in health insurance, with over 12 lakh beneficiaries receiving cashless treatment under AB-PMJAY and AA-MMJAY schemes. More than 37 lakh Ayushman Cards have been distributed, and claims amounting to ₹1,321 crore have been settled. Government employees and pensioners also benefit from the Ayushman Asom-Mukhya Mantri Lok Sevak Arogya Yojana.

- The Assam Cancer Care Foundation, in partnership with Tata Trusts, has operationalized seven cancer care hospitals, with two more recently inaugurated and several others under construction. Comprehensive cancer screening programs have reached over five lakh beneficiaries, and community-based palliative care has been launched to support patients.
- These transformative efforts reflect my Government's unwavering commitment to advancing health services, ensuring equitable access, and building a healthier Assam for all.

Education Sector

- Education drives empowerment, and our government is committed to uplifting of all backward, economically weaker, disadvantaged communities. Education for the tea tribe community through enhanced access to quality education and skill development has made significant progress. 118 Model High schools in Tea Garden areas have been made operational till date. Another 100 Model Secondary Schools in Tea Garden areas are proposed out of which work has been allotted for 93 schools.
- Eleven new Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas have been opened, and substantial progress has been made in modernizing Adarsha Vidyalayas.

- The PM SHRI scheme has been implemented in 379 schools, benefiting students with improved facilities.
- ***I am happy to announce that our Government is making efforts to bring a legislation before this august house to provincialize the schools sticking to the guidelines issued in the year 2006. It would help those deserve the most so that the primary education system in the State can be further strengthened.***
- Under PM Poshan, 31.75 lakh children have received nutritious meals, and a special initiative has ensured additional eggs weekly for over 4.5 lakh students in Tea Garden and Char areas. Inclusive programs have supported children with special needs through transport allowances, stipends, and teaching materials.
- The Government. is setting up 9 Women colleges and 21 Model Residential Schools in minority concentrated areas.
- 7 new Universities are in construction phase and will be completed by 2025. Allotment process for 5 out of 8 colleges that will be upgraded to the Universities is to commence soon & the remaining are in DPR preparation process.
- Infrastructure development of 126 secondary schools has been taken up in each LAC.

- Scooters have been distributed to 35,770 students for academic excellence, while fee waivers and scholarships have benefited nearly 95,000 students.
- Under the “Mukhya Mantrir Nijut Moina Aasoni” program, 1.66 lakh girl students have received monthly financial support, reflecting my Government’s commitment to inclusive education.
- Another 115 schools in different districts is taken up under Ministry of DoNER’s NESID Scheme out of which work allotted for 50 nos. of schools. The work for transformation of 20 HS Schools as centre of excellence under the PM-DevINE scheme is in progress.
- Ten Law Colleges at various places of Assam are in progress, two of these at Rangia and Tezpur are already inaugurated.
- One College of Sericulture at Titabor is also taken up and work initiated for the same. 15 Government Model Degree Colleges are taken up and 4 such Colleges are in construction phase and are targeted to be completed within March, 2026.
- Six new Engineering Colleges at Sualkuchi, Behali, Bongaigaon, Samaguri, Nalbari and Udalguri are in progress and are on the verge of completion.
- Upgradation of 34 Polytechnic and 43ITIs into ‘Centre of Excellence’ have been proposed in association with

TATA Technologies Ltd. of which up-gradation of 22 Polytechnic & 39 ITIs are in progress.

- Student welfare remains a priority, with free uniforms provided to 44.56 lakh students and bicycles to 3.23 lakh students.
- Over 26,900 students scoring above 75% in HSLC were awarded Rs. 12,500 each under the Anundoram Borooah Cash Award.
- Bilingual textbooks and multilingual teaching materials are fostering inclusivity and accessibility.
- My Government's focus remains on expanding scholarship outreach, skill training programs, and bilingual textbooks in science and mathematics to more grades. Through these efforts, Assam is building a progressive, equitable, and inclusive educational system, empowering every student with knowledge, skills, and opportunities for holistic growth.

Road & Inland water Transport and Highways

- Under the leadership of the Chief Minister, Assam's highway network has witnessed remarkable development, with over 4000 km of National Highways traversing the state. Of this, 1,858 km falls under the jurisdiction of Assam Public Works, while others are managed by NHAI, NHIDCL, and other agencies. To enhance road safety, measures like

crash barriers, road signs, and speed calming installations have been undertaken.

- Significant projects sanctioned by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways include the Majuli Bridge approach road and the Gauripur Bypass, with a total allocation of approx. Rs. 1000 crore. The annual plan for 2024-25, worth ₹8,055 crore, includes major initiatives such as two-lane construction of NH-715A and upgrades to NH-127C. Maintenance and special repairs have also been prioritized.
- The implementation of the Mukhyamantir Pakipath Nirman Achari schemes has achieved 1,694 km of completed roadwork, with over 5,800 km in progress. Urban roads under the Nagaria Pakipath Nirman Achari and rural bridges under the Assam Resilient Rural Bridge Project are advancing rapidly. The landmark Guwahati-North Guwahati bridge and Palashbari-Sualkuchi bridge over the Brahmaputra are nearing completion. Further, my Government is committed to the balanced development of road infrastructure under PMGSY, Asom Mala 2.0, and NABARD-aided initiatives, ensuring connectivity and quality of life improvements for all, including tea garden labourers.
- More than ₹1,400 crore has been allocated under PM-DevINE for transformative initiatives like the Maa Kamakhya Corridor.

- Vehicle registration at dealership points and the transparent CM-TRANS system have streamlined processes, reducing middleman interference. The Vehicle Scrappage Policy has encouraged safe dismantling of old vehicles, with over 6,700 vehicles already scrapped, and a Green Tax introduced to discourage polluting vehicles. To ensure convenience, 56 contactless online services have been launched, eliminating the need for visits to offices.
- Inland Water Transport has seen major upgrades with night navigation systems, and fleet modernization, including 20 steel catamarans. The Jibondinga scheme has equipped ferries with marine engines, improving safety and efficiency.
- The public transport system is being transformed with 200 electric buses deployed in Guwahati and surrounding areas, supported by new charging infrastructure. Automated testing stations for vehicles are being established to ensure transparency in fitness certification.

Assured Power Supply and Progress of Power Infra investment

- Assam’s power sector has seen significant growth, with all three state utilities—Assam Genco (APGCL), Assam Transco (AEGCL), and Assam Discom (APDCL)—reporting profits and a collective net worth

of around ₹20,000 crore. APDCL has maintained almost 24-hour power supply for the last three years.

- The government has invested approximately ₹30,000 crore to modernize the sector, constructing over 200 substations and 17,000 kilometres of power lines. Transmission capacity is being expanded from 4,500 MVA to 15,000 MVA, with 37 new grid substations under the Assam Intra State Transmission System Enhancement Project, enabling the state to manage 4,272 MW of load by 2026-27 and reduce transmission losses to below 3%. Progress in power generation includes the 120 MW Lower Kopili Hydro Electric Project, to be operational by June 2025, and the 25 MW Namrup Solar Power Project. The state's commitment to green energy includes plans for 6,500 MW of renewable power.

Massive Afforestation, Conservation and Environment protection:

- The Government of Assam, fulfilling its commitment to environmental sustainability, launched the Assam Brikshya Andolan, 2024, successfully planting over 3 crore seedlings of commercial tree species across the state. This transformative initiative was carried out with the active participation of local communities, farmers, self-help groups, NGOs, and various departments. Building on this success, the government has proposed to raise 6.5 crore seedlings

state-wide for the upcoming Assam Brikshya Andolan, 2025.

- To modernize and enhance the Assam State Zoo, an ambitious project with a total budget of ₹362 crore has been approved. Further, the government is establishing a Wildlife Safari cum Rescue Centre at Namdang Reserved Forest in Dibrugarh District. Spanning 150 hectares, the project, is poised to become a major wildlife conservation and tourism hub.
- The government is also developing a GIS-based Forest Management Information System (FMIS) to digitize forest-related data esp. wildlife incident tracking, plantation management for improved monitoring and decision-making. Highlights of the system include Deforestation Watch, an artificial intelligence-based alert mechanism that uses satellite imagery to identify tree felling areas.
- To tackle waste management challenges, the Board is promoting sustainable practices, including the establishment of three Common Biomedical Waste Treatment Facilities and a Hazardous Waste Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facility. A Legacy Waste Treatment Project has been implemented, and public awareness campaigns on reducing waste and promoting source segregation are ongoing.

- Efforts to rejuvenate water bodies have also yielded significant results, with 35 polluted river stretches successfully restored under action plans.

Land Revenue and Disaster Management

- My Government, inspired by the success of Mission Basundhara, launched Mission Basundhara 3.0 in October 2024, introducing new services like land settlement for juridical entities, digitalized processes for Bhoodan/Gramdan lands, urban ownership rights for occupancy tenants, and land reclassification. This initiative ensures efficient land management and greater transparency. Additionally, e-Khazana has streamlined land revenue payments, allowing citizens to pay online via multiple platforms, enhancing convenience and accountability.
- The National Generic Document Registration System (NGDRS), operational since February 2024, has modernized property registration with a user-friendly, transparent, and standardized digital platform. This initiative has greatly reduced fraud risks and simplified procedures for citizens and officials alike.
- Financial support exceeding ₹434 crore was released for flood relief, rehabilitation, and restoration of damaged infrastructure. Additional assistance was provided for crop loss, artisan support, and victims of

violence. These initiatives highlight our unwavering commitment to resilience and welfare.

- Floods and riverbank erosion have long been significant challenges for Assam. Through dedicated efforts and innovative measures, the government has made substantial progress in mitigating these issues and enhancing resilience.
- Over the years, over 16.5 lakh hectares of flood-prone land have been protected, and more than 4,500 kilometers of embankments, 1,280 anti-erosion works, and 667 sluice gates have been constructed. Recent projects between 2021 and 2024, costing about ₹3400 crore, have strengthened over 440 kilometers of existing dykes, constructed 189 kilometers of new embankments, and implemented 217 kilometers of erosion protection works.
- In 2024, rapid response to embankment breaches across eight districts, using advanced Geo-tube technology, minimized flood damage. Additionally, the procurement of vital flood-fighting materials worth ₹44 crore improved preparedness and reduced vulnerabilities. Major initiatives like the World Bank-funded Assam Integrated River Basin Management Programme (₹4000 crore) and the Climate Resilient Brahmaputra Project (₹3000 crore) target long-term solutions for flood and erosion management, focusing on critical rivers and districts. Advanced systems like

real-time flood forecasting and asset management are being developed for proactive responses.

- For 2024-25, 35 new schemes worth ₹319 crore have been proposed, including 212 kilometers of new embankments, reflecting the government's commitment to safeguarding Assam from natural calamities.
- The Chief Minister's Relief Fund provides financial assistance at the discretion of the Hon'ble Chief Minister to support individuals and institutions affected by natural calamities, medical emergencies, poverty, and other deserving cases. From May 2021 to January 2024, approximately ₹330 crore was disbursed to around 2.8 lakh beneficiaries, including ₹35 crore to about 31,500 beneficiaries in 2024-25.
- The Chief Minister's Scheme for Public Emergency, launched in 2022-23, supports victims of calamities, accidents, or conflicts and promotes cultural, academic, and sports achievements. So far, around ₹38 crore has been distributed to approximately 3,100 beneficiaries under this scheme.

Welfare of Bodoland Territorial Region (BTR), Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council (KAAC)&North Cachar Hills Autonomous Council (NCHAC)

- The Bodoland Territorial Region (BTR) has made significant strides in infrastructure development and

welfare initiatives. Under the Goodwill Mission, BTR has completed more than 700 km of all-weather roads, and 400 km of roads under the Mukhya Mantri Path Nabikaran Achari (MMPNA) scheme since 2022-23. The completion of the Dhansiri Irrigation Project, ongoing for 46 years, has benefited 75 villages and 32,000 farmer families, providing irrigation to an additional 16,000+ hectares of agricultural land. The region received more than Rs 260 crore out of Rs. 750 crore under the Special Development Package, with the remaining amount in advanced approval stages.

- As per BTR Accord, more than 6600 Ex NDFB Cadres have been provided Socio-Economic Rehabilitation through Grants, more than 274 cases have been withdrawn against cadres. Ex-Gratia granted to Martyr Families from time to time.
- For Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council, in 2024-25, Rs 600 Cr has been allocated for initiatives like four-lane road from Gandhi Park to Assam University, a cancer hospital in partnership with TATA Trust, and an interstate bus terminus. Upcoming projects include a ginger and turmeric processing plant, rural libraries, and water supply schemes for Adarsha Vidyalayas.
- For North Cachar Hills Autonomous Council (NCHAC), key road projects, such as Lanka to Umrangso and Mahur to Tamenglong, are aimed at improving connectivity. Development initiatives

include recreation centres, school buildings, and healthcare improvements. Innovative schemes like free bus services, skill development centres, and financial aid for medical cases have been introduced.

Tea Tribes, Adivasi, and Tribal Welfare

- The Tea Tribes and Adivasi communities comprising about 17% of the population of Assam are an integral part of the greater Assamese society and have contributed enormously to the social mosaic of the State. My Government has vigorously pursued welfare schemes for physical, intellectual and socio-economic development of the Tea Tribes and Adivasi community. To encourage and improve the education scenario among the Tea Tribes and Adivasi community, the State Government. has been issuing scholarships to students studying at various schools and colleges ranging from a minimum of Rs. 3,000/- to a maximum of Rs. 35,000/-, depending upon the courses being pursued. During the financial year 2024-25, a total of 67,570 nos. of applications have been received for various scholarship schemes viz. Pre/Post-Matric scholarship, Simon Sing Horo Special Post-Matric Scholarship etc. During the current financial year 2024-25, 55 (fifty five) students have been selected for undergoing various coaching programmes for various competitive examinations.

- To preserve and promote the cultural heritage of the Tea Tribes and Adivasi community, my Government has proposed the construction of the “Assam Chah Janagustiya Samannay Kalakshetra” at Kaziranga. Additionally, an ambitious scheme is underway to establish 500 “Mahaprabhu Jagannath Community Hall cum Skill Centres” across tea gardens at a total cost of Rs. 750 crores. These centres, costing Rs. 1.5 crore each, will serve as venues for cultural events, skill development, and community activities. Construction is progressing under the Public Works Department.
- Promoting sports among Tea Tribes and Adivasi youth remains a priority. Football academies for boys are being built at Rangapara (Sonitpur) and Chota Tingrai (Tinsukia), while an archery academy for girls is coming up in Sonari (Charaideo). In 2023-24, the Chief Minister’s Tea Tribes and Adivasi U-19 Football Tournament was organized to nurture young talent.
- Medical seats reserved for the community have increased from 27 to 30, and 3% job reservation within the OBC quota has been secured for Class-III and Class-IV state government posts.

Social Justice and Minority affairs

- Ensuring inclusive development and social empowerment is at the core of the government’s mission. Numerous welfare initiatives have been

undertaken to support persons with disabilities, senior citizens, the transgender community, and marginalized sections of society, while addressing critical issues such as substance abuse and economic inequality. In the financial year 2024-25, key initiatives include financial incentives for meritorious SC and OBC students, scholarships for SC students from Class I to VIII with parental incomes below ₹2.5 lakh, and support for SC and OBC students qualifying the UPSC preliminary exam with parental incomes below ₹5 lakh. To promote income generation, 168 Graphic Design Units, 1,000 Sewing Machines, and 32 Pick-up Vans have been distributed to SC unemployed youth, SC women, and youths formerly engaged in manual scavenging.

- The government has constituted 24 Development Councils to foster socio-economic, educational, cultural, and ethnic advancements for various communities. Funds earmarked for these councils are utilized effectively to achieve their objectives.
- Skill-based training is being provided to persons with disabilities, with an allocation of about ₹3 crore to improve their standard of living. Scholarships are being offered to students with disabilities pursuing medical, technical, and higher education courses. Grants-in-aid are provided to 46 homes for the mentally ill and differently-abled individuals, along with 3 government special schools and 19 voluntary

organizations running special schools for differently-abled students. The Government. Braille Press continues to supply Braille textbooks to visually impaired students across the Northeast, with more than 2 lakhs Unique Disability ID cards issued in Assam to date.

- For combating drug abuse, the government supports six de-addiction and rehabilitation centres in Kamrup Metropolitan, Barpeta, Tinsukia, Dibrugarh, Sonitpur, and Golaghat districts. Additionally, the Senior Citizen Welfare Council and the Government. Old Age Home at Sonapur work toward the welfare of senior citizens.
- For the transgender community, a shelter home and skill development center in Guwahati, accommodating 40 individuals above 18 years, provides training in tailoring, beautician courses, and more.

Culture and Faith- Indigenous & Tribal:

- As the state forges ahead in modern development, it remains deeply rooted in celebrating its rich heritage. I spoke about Chariadeo Maidoms. The prestigious recognition, awarded during the 46th session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee in New Delhi, marks the first cultural World Heritage Site in Northeast India and the 43rd in the country.
- In addition, excavations at the Gupteswar Devalaya Archaeological Site in Sonitpur have uncovered

significant pre-Ahom temple remains, further enriching Assam's historical narrative. The government is also expanding its network of museums. The Museums at Dakhinpat Sattrra, Majuli, and the Patharughat Memorial Museum in Darrang are nearing completion. Additionally, the site development for the Barpeta District Museum is advancing, and construction of the building is planned for FY 2025-26. Progress on the second campus of the Assam State Museum at Swargadeo Chaolung Siu Ka Pha Samanway Kshetra, Jorhat, is underway, with its launch expected in early 2025.

- Under the leadership of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam has witnessed remarkable strides in preserving and promoting its cultural heritage. Financial assistance of ₹1.5 lakh each was extended to 2,300 Bihu celebration committees, ₹25,000 to 2,063 Raas committees, and ₹10,000 to approx. 8000 Durga Puja committees during 2024-25. A significant MoU was signed for producing a 52-episode series on Bir Lachit Barphukan. The film *Chanchisoa* was screened at the International Film Festival in Goa, showcasing Assam's cinematic talent.
- Efforts are underway to establish 2,597 libraries across panchayats and municipal wards to enhance access to knowledge. Notable cultural events, such as Bishnu Rabha Divas and Mamoni Roisom Goswami

Jayanti, celebrated Assam's artistic and literary heritage.

- The construction of Sri Sri Madhabdev Kalakshetra at Narayanpur in Lakhimpur, the birthplace of Mahapurush Sri Sri Madhabdev as a socio-cultural venture, also as a “must-visit tourist destination” was completed and inaugurated on 10th May’2023. Development of Batadrava Than as a Cultural and tourist destination at Batadrava, Nagaon is scheduled to be completed shortly.
- The Beautification of Rang Ghar at Sivasagar and Maa Kamakhya Temple Access Corridor project has been taken up this year and will be completed by 2026. Construction of Jagannath Community and Skill Centre in 500 tea estates of Assam for tea tribe community are targeted to be completed within Dec’2025.
- The Lachit Borphukan Statue at Lahdoigarh has been completed and the remaining works of Museum, Auditorium etc. will be completed by July, 2025. One 100 feet tall “Heng-dang” at the historic Alaboi Ranakhetra at Pacharia in Kamrup is ongoing and the project will be completed within 2025.
- In a move to preserve cultural heritage, Karimganj District and Town have been renamed as Sribhumi District and Sribhumi Town, while the headquarters of

Hojai District has been renamed Srimanta Sankardev Nagar.

Sports and youth welfare Sector

- My Government's commitment to fostering sports culture and infrastructure across the state is underscored by various initiatives in sports sector. Khel Maharan is a path breaking initiative of the Government of Assam with the objective of identifying sports talent at the grassroots level that was launched in November 2023 and ended in February 2024.
- The Khel Maharan initiative in Assam promoted grassroots sports with competitions held across 2,845 Gaon Panchayats, ULBs, MACs, and VCDCs. Approximately 53 lakh people registered, with around 31 lakh participating. Over 3,000 playgrounds were developed, enabling mass participation, including from remote areas. Around 1.4 lakh players were identified, with 612 shortlisted for advanced training. These players attended a three-week residential coaching camp in Guwahati, guided by renowned coaches, leading to selections for national platforms like the Baichung Bhutia Football Academy and National School Games.
- To address infrastructure challenges, designated Youth Clubs were established in each Legislative Assembly Constituency, supported with ₹15 lakh

each, with ₹5 lakh disbursed initially to 57 clubs. The state excelled at the 2024 National Games, securing 56 medals, and provided jobs and incentives to medallists. Assam also hosted the 4th Khelo India University Games and established two High-Performance Centres. Preparations for Khel Maharan 2.0 and 3.0 are underway with budget of over ₹55 crore.

- A major project for the construction of a cricket stadium with a seating capacity of 20,000 at Amingaon, Guwahati, is progressing steadily and is slated for completion by 2026. Additionally, the construction of 11 District Stadiums at District Headquarters and 41 Mini Stadiums across various Legislative Assembly Constituencies is underway. The development of four small to medium sports facilities at Nagshankar, Chamata, Ghahigaon, and Sorbhog. In the Bodoland Territorial Area Districts (BTAD), a state-of-the-art sports stadium is being built in Kokrajhar, along with the Chilarai District Stadium in Bongaigaon and a 100-bedded Sports Hostel at Amingaon Sports Complex in Kamrup under the North Eastern Council (NEC).
- Other key initiatives include the augmentation of seating capacity from 5,000 to 15,000 at the Multi-Disciplinary Sports Complex in Khanikar, a Mini Stadium at Moulhoi in Dima Hasao District, a Hockey

Stadium at Naharkatia, a District Sports Complex at Sildubi in Silchar, a stadium at Udalguri, and various sports projects in Tinsukia.

Respect to Assam Agitation Martyrs and Implementation of Clause-6 of Assam Accord

- **Swahid Smarak Khetra at Pachim Boragaon, Guwahati**, will be completed shortly. This is being developed as a befitting tribute to the martyrs of Assam, Assam Agitation.
- The Assam Accord continues to be honoured through initiatives such as the Assam Agitation Victims Welfare Trust, which supports education, medical care, and employment for affected families.
- Our Government is committed to implement all the recommendations of Justice Biplab Sarma Committee that are falling under the domain of the State Government. State Cabinet held in Lakhimpur deliberated each recommendation and resolved to implement the recommendations in time bound manner in coordination with AASU and all stakeholders in the State.

Strengthening Judiciary and Enforcement of Law & Order

- Peace and security are fundamental to progress, and Assam has achieved significant milestones in this regard. The state's police force has intensified

operations against narcotics, recovering substantial quantities of illegal substances, registering nearly 2,900 cases under the NDPS Act, and arresting over 4,500 individuals in 2024. Efforts against child marriage and corruption have also shown impactful results, with 70 arrests made through vigilance operations.

- Under the MOITRI initiative, 103 police stations have been modernized, with 162 more projects underway. Assam Police has introduced innovative systems such as the tamper-proof blockchain-based Evidence Management System and launched mobile applications like "Drug-Free Assam" and "Assam COP" to improve policing efficiency. Conviction rates have increased significantly, while crimes against women, children, and cybercrimes have reduced. Public engagement initiatives, including the formation of over 300 Nagarik Committees, have strengthened police-community relations.
- The Fire and Emergency Services Department has responded to over 3,700 fire incidents and 1,000 special calls, saving lives and property worth over Rs. 250 crore. Mock drills and awareness campaigns have been conducted state-wide, enhancing disaster preparedness.
- Forensic capabilities have expanded with regional laboratories and mobile units. The Directorate has

received over 8,300 cases in 2024 and continues to play a crucial role in crime investigation and training.

- Speedy justice is an indispensable part of democratic set up. E-filing of petitions has already been introduced in the Hon'ble Gauhati High Court and District Courts.
- New District and Sub-Divisional Judicial court buildings have been inaugurated in the district of Sivasagar, Golaghat and Cachar last year. Besides, some other ongoing projects like court complex and residential buildings at Goalpara, Tinsukia, Gohpur, Dhubri, Goalpara and Darrang are on the verge of completion etc.
- In order to reduce pendency of cases in courts and reduce congestions of jails, this Government has approved withdrawal of petty/minor cases by invoking Section 321 of CrPC, 1973. Under this policy till March 2024, 81,000 (approx.) petty/minor cases have been withdrawn in the State of Assam.

My Government is untiringly striving to eradicate poverty, reduce regional disparities and gender differences through various pro people initiatives. It will continue to prioritize the delivery of essential services, creation of livelihood opportunities and development of key and basic infrastructure. This includes the connectivity, provision of safe drinking water, power supply, supporting agriculture

with irrigation and other facilities and taking healthcare and education to the next level.

Governance Closer to the People-Institutional Reforms

- Balanced regional growth and development in Assam has been a top priority for my government. To bring governance closer to the people, we have granted Dibrugarh the status of a second capital, with the Chief Minister's Office already functioning there, covering nine districts in Upper Assam. Building on this, steps will be taken to develop infrastructure for select sessions of the Assam Legislative Assembly in Dibrugarh. Additionally, MLA hostels, office spaces, and temporary residences for Ministers will be set up, ensuring senior officials and ministers spend more time on the ground, making Dibrugarh a key hub for Upper Assam.
- In a similar effort to strengthen governance in Barak Valley, we have recently created the Barak Valley Development Department, a significant step towards addressing the region's unique needs. This will now help revitalize the Mini-Secretariat in Silchar, ensuring it functions as an effective administrative center. With its integration into the Assam Secretariat in Dispur, the Mini-Secretariat will serve as a focal point for governance in Barak Valley, improving administrative efficiency and responsiveness.

- Through these initiatives, along with the pioneering creation of Co-Districts, we reaffirm our commitment to inclusive growth, ensuring all regions of Assam receive the attention and resources they deserve.

Our transparent ways of governance have made us responsible and responsive to the ever-changing needs of our times. People's participation and partnering in the process of growth, development and progress of the state and its people has been the hallmark of this wonderful journey.

Allow me to conclude with a quote from the "Taittiriya Upanishad" (Chapter 1, Verse 11).

"सर्वं हिताय सर्वं सुखाय। सर्वं क्षेमाय सर्वं मंगलाय।"

**"Sarvaṁ Hitāya Sarvaṁ Sukhāya. Sarvaṁ Kṣemāya
Sarvaṁ Maṅgalāya."**

Translation: *"Everything is for the welfare and happiness of all. Everything is for the well-being and auspiciousness of all."*

I would like to reiterate in unequivocal terms that my Government is firmly committed to develop all regions of the state and empower all section of the people.

I now leave it to your deliberations and wish you all success.

Jai Ai Axom! Jai Hind!

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