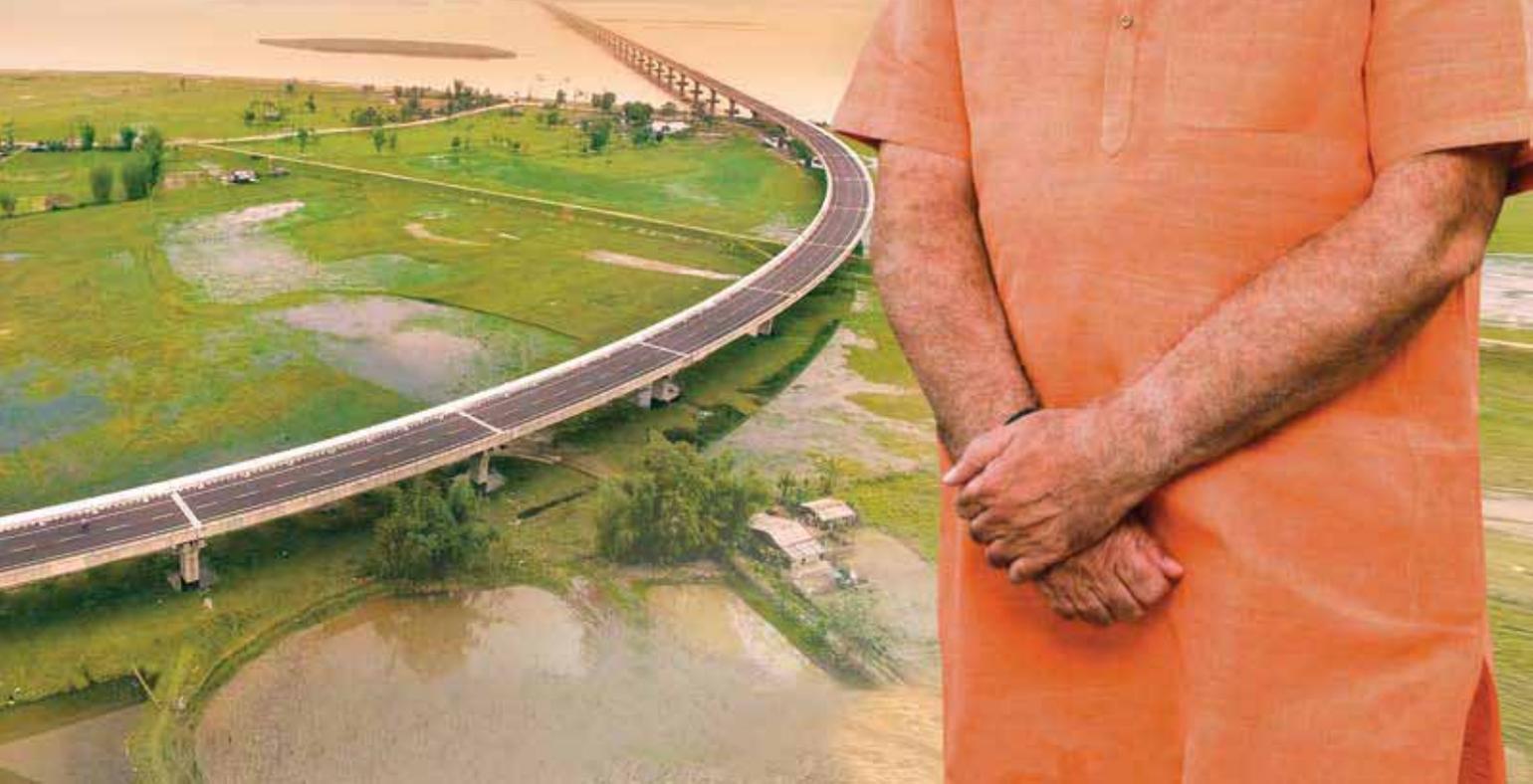




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First year in service to the people:

Dedicated for a vibrant, progressive and resurgent Assam

In a democracy, the people's mandate is supreme. A year ago when the people of Assam reposed their faith in us, we were fully conscious of the responsibility placed on us. We acknowledged that our actions must stand up to the people's expectations and our promise to steer the state to greater heights.

Since the formation of the new State Government, we have been striving to bring positive changes in the state's economy and social landscape. Now, on the completion of a year, it makes me feel satisfied that Assam is on a resurgent growth track on all fronts.

*The vision and values of the Prime Minister have always been our guiding force. We are resolute to uphold the policy of Narendra Modi's - **Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas** and we affirm to abide by it in letter and spirit.*

In this one year, we chalked out plans and executed several steps in making our state free from corruption, illegal migration, terrorism and pollution. We also promise to ensure the safety and dignity of the people irrespective of caste, creed and ethnicity. I offer my sincere gratitude to the people of Assam for supporting us and being a key partner in scripting a new episode towards a progressive journey.

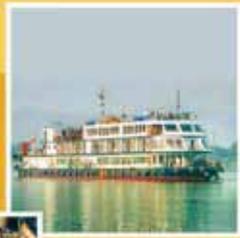
We pledge to work relentlessly to transform Assam into one of the robust and vibrant economies of the nation. I hope, in the coming days, with the support, active cooperation and blessings of the people of the state, our journey towards excellence will touch new dimensions.

Yours in service,

SARBANANDA SONOWAL
Chief Minister, Assam



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi with the new Council of Ministers of Assam after the Swearing-in-Ceremony on May 24, 2016

Our Government is guided by the Prime Minister's slogan **Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas**. The objective of the government is to make Assam free from corruption, illegal migrants, terrorism and pollution.

1. Fight against corruption

- a. In the first Cabinet meeting, it was decided –
 - to crack down on corruption at check gates. All illegal check gates were removed.
 - to do away with interviews in Grade III and IV recruitments.
- b. Strict action has been taken in cases relating to corruption in Assam Public Service Commission.
- c. Massive irregularities have been unearthed in Social Welfare Department. Around 9 lakh 'ghost children' were detected which was leading to misappropriation of around Rs. 150 crore per year.
- d. e-tender has been made compulsory for contracts over Rs. 20 lakh.

**Chief
Minister's
Office**
A Broad
Overview of
Achievements

2. Public Participation

- a. For the first time in Assam, a 3-day programme was held as part of Independence Day celebrations.
- b. A Shradhdhanjali programme was organized on 10th December, 2016 in honour of the martyrs of Assam Agitation. Rs. 5 lakh was disbursed to the kin of each of the 860 martyrs.
- c. The Government observed Lachit Divas in Guwahati and at Lachit Maidam in Jorhat, Sukapha Divas at Charaideo Maidam, Silpi Divas at Borghuli playground in Biswanath and Krishak Swahid Divas at Patharughat in Darrang District in a grand manner.
- d. Namami Brahmaputra festival was organized for five days at 27 places in 21 districts. Such a festival was organized for the first time ever in the state.

3. Law and Order

- a. Eviction was carried out in Kaziranga National Park freeing 750 acres of land.

Further evictions have been carried out in a number of Village Grazing Reserves across the state.

- b. Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal held bilateral meetings with the Chief Minister of Nagaland and Chief Minister of Meghalaya to bolster friendship between the states. The Chief Minister also graced Tawang Festival in Arunachal Pradesh and Hornbill Festival in Nagaland.
- c. The Chief Minister, MLAs and senior officers visited Indo-Bangla border to see the progress of border fencing works.

4. State Finances

- a. Assam became the first State in the country to ratify the GST Constitutional (Amendment) Bill.
- b. Initiatives were taken for increasing revenue collection by streamlining sales tax, excise, transport and other sources of revenue.
- c. Tax revenue in 2016-17 increased by 20.5%



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal with Prime Minister Narendra Modi at New Delhi



Governor of Assam Banwarilal Purohit and Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal with His Holiness the Dalai Lama at Namami Brahmaputra Festival in Guwahati

to Rs. 12,180 crore against Rs. 10,106.50 crore during 2015-16 (during previous government).

- d. Non-tax revenue in 2016-17 increased by 28% to Rs. 3,500 crore against Rs. 2741.56 crore during 2015-16 (during previous government).
- e. Overall, tax revenue and non-tax revenue receipts in 2016-17 increased by 22% to Rs. 15,680 crore against Rs. 12,848.07 crore during 2015-16 (during previous government).
- f. In a survey conducted by the Centre for Media Studies, it is found that during 2005 the rate of corruption in Assam was 34%, but it has now come down to 18% during 2017.

5. Development Initiatives

- a. The Government has increased the pace of development which can be perceived from the fact that total expenditure excluding salary and pension was Rs. 24,731 crore in 2016-17 against Rs. 12,833 crore in 2015-16 (during previous government). This is in spite of the fact that the first regular budget of the new government was passed only in August, 2016.
- b. In 2016-17, surpassing the target of 8.5 lakh IHHLs (Individual Household

Latrines), altogether 10.36 lakh toilets were constructed, i.e., target has been exceeded by 22%. In comparison, only 4.65 lakh toilets were constructed in 2015-16 (during the previous government).

- c. Under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, Rs. 1,502.47 crore was utilised during 2016-17. In comparison, only Rs. 620.90 crore was utilised in 2015-16 (during previous government).
- d. Total 1,71,858 incomplete IAY houses have been completed in the year 2016-17. In comparison, only 71,826 houses were constructed during 2015-16 (during the previous government).
- e. 1,218 villages have been electrified in Assam in 2016-17 compared to 942 villages in



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal formally launching the Atal Amrit Abhiyan at Guwahati

2015-16 (during the previous government). 590 villages are still unelectrified and are expected to be electrified by 30th June, 2017.

- f. Total 930 km of roads under PMGSY have been constructed in 2016-17 against target of 750 km. DPRs have been submitted for 1451 roads connecting 1862 habitations with a length of 4341.45 km at the project cost of Rs. 3375.84 crore.
- g. A Mega Mission ‘Chief Minister’s Samagra Gramya Unnayan Yojana’ has been launched with a budget of Rs. 30,000 crore to be spent in 25,425 villages of the state, over a period of five years, with an objective of doubling the farmers’ income.
- h. Atal Amrit Abhiyan scheme has been launched to assure Rs. 2 lakh per person per year for treatment cost for six diseases.
- i. Free education to children in Higher Secondary Schools and degree first year has been introduced.
- j. The State Government has also provided free text books to all students up to Class X.
- k. A new Skill, Employment and Entrepreneurship Development Department has been established.

6. Industrial Development

- a. “The Assam Ease of Doing Business Bill” was passed in the very first session of the Assembly. A number of steps have been taken to streamline processes and permissions.
- b. Upto 31st March 2017, investment of more than Rs. 5,000 crore has come to the state. Companies like Patanjali, Dabur, Hindustan Unilever and others have started production in new units in the state.
- c. The NEIIP was valid up to 31st March 2017. A committee under Amitabh Kant, CEO NITI AYOJ is preparing a new policy for the North East. The State Government

has urged the Union Government to allow continuation of the existing policy till a new policy is put in place.

7. Digital India

- a. In the wake of demonetization, bank accounts were opened for 7.86 lakh workers in tea gardens.
- b. Innovative manner of paying wages to workers were implemented so that there was no law and order problem.
- c. State Government announced 18 initiatives to promote digital transactions in the state.

8. Mega Mission Society - Chief Minister Samagra Gramya Unnayan Yojana



Launching Ceremony of Chief Minister Samagra Gramya Unnayan Yojana

In pursuance of the Assam Vision Document 2016-2025, the Government of Assam took various steps for overall development of the state. Doubling farm income in Assam in a period of five years is one of the main objectives which will lead to major development in the state. With an eye to achieve this objective, on 20th December, 2016 the ‘**Mega Mission Society for Chief Minister Samagra Gramya Unnayan Yojana (MMS-CMSGUY)**’ has been created and registered under Societies Registration Act. It has been planned to invest around Rs. 1.2 crore in each village of Assam with the core objective of contributing in all spheres which will directly or indirectly help in doubling farm income in Assam. The Government of Assam



Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the 65th Plenary Session of the NEC meeting

has already given Rs. 1500 crore to the Mega Mission Society and another Rs. 1000 crore is in the pipeline.

This project will mainly focus on providing

- a. Direct economic activities
- b. Logistic support including market linkages and
- c. Community support, thereby improving farm income

The Mega Mission will head, mentor and monitor the activities and implementation of various schemes/ projects undertaken by various mission societies under different departments.

The main objective of the Mega Mission is to double the farm income, in unison with the vision of Prime Minister of India. This was sought to be achieved through saturation model by covering each revenue village. These focused interventions would be aimed at nine critical areas:

- Agriculture and Commercial Plantation
- Fishery
- Dairy, Poultry, Piggery, Goat rearing, etc..
- Sericulture, Handloom and Textiles, Khadi and Cottage Industry
- Broadband connectivity and Citizen Services
- Semi-processing, processing and market linkages

- Youth Development, Yoga and Sports
- Cultural renaissance

A dedicated project team in the Society with proper monitoring systems in place will be provided so that all schemes are implemented on time, funds released timely and outcomes are monitored and evaluated from time to time in order to ensure that the farm income doubles by the end of the Mission.

The main component of investment will be the core

economy-centric activities such as fishery, dairy, etc., after duly mapping out the potentiality. This will be supported through other activities such as market linkages, Rural Knowledge Centres, mobilizing community through various Community Based Organizations (CBOs) such as Farmers Producers Organizations (FPOs), Joint Liability Groups (JLGs), Self Help Groups (SHGs), etc., by building on the existing community institutions.

Economic activity will be specific to the villages. Villages in hill areas can focus on potential sectors like rubber, bamboo and horticulture plantations. In short, the key economic activity will be decided by each village and thus it is self-customized and not top-driven.



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal at the phone-in programme at All India Radio, Guwahati



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurating the Jengraimukh Police Station at Majuli

- The Government in Home and Political Department appointed Justice (Rtd) Chitta Ranjan Sarma as Upa-Lokayukta and Naba Kamal Bora, AJS (Retd) as member, Assam State Human Rights Commission during 2016-17.
- 47 new officers were appointed to the Assam Police Service (Jr Grade) during the year 2017-18 and they are presently undergoing training.

Assam Police Headquarters:

- Formation of Nagarik Committee: Nagarik Committees have been formed in all Police Stations with representatives from cross sections of the society to make the police friendly, accountable and effective.
- Creation of Women Cell: Altogether 64 Women Cells have been formed in the Police Stations at all district and sub-division headquarters to sensitively redress the complaints of women.
- Creation of Special Juvenile Police Unit: Special Juvenile Police Units have been formed in all district headquarters for the care and protection of juveniles.
- Mission MOITRI Project : A society has been formed for planning and execution of different works under MOITRI Project - A Mission for Overall Improvement of *Thanas* with Responsive Image. An amount of Rs. 20 crore has already been released to the society by the Government of Assam.

Home & Political



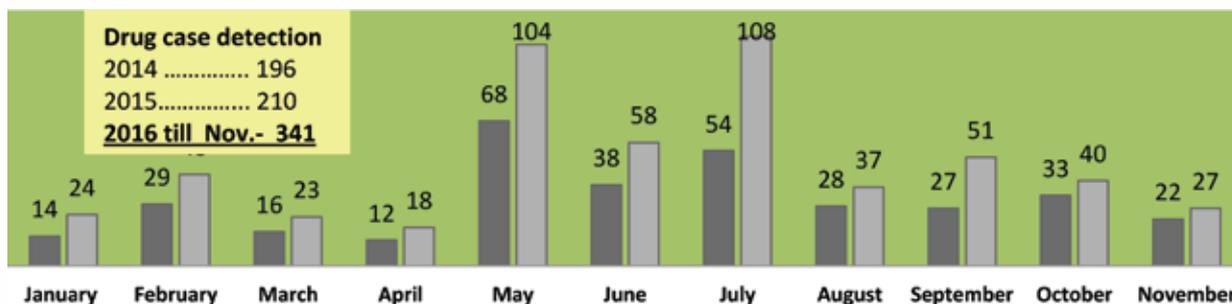
Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal at the Assam Police Day function held at 4th APBN, Kahlipara, Guwahati

- Crime and Criminal Tracking Network & System (CCTNS):** 100% sites are commissioned under CCTNS system (312 PS & 154 HO). CCTNS System has generated digitized data of 12.5 lakh General Diary and nearly 3 lakh FIR. Nearly 100% FIR registration is being done using CCTNS system since 2015 onwards (94% in 2015 & 99% in 2016). Citizens can download FIR within 24-72 hours of registration in CCTNS Police Stations having connectivity from Citizen Portal as per the Supreme Court's guidelines. Seven Citizen Services are enabled for online request on Citizen Portal: www.assampolice.assam.gov.in. Dedicated e-mail services are available for all Police Stations and higher offices to leverage the service for day-to-day communication which has generated more than 22 lakh mail transaction including messaging of APRO. It has helped APRO to send faster messages across the state with minimum manpower. 36 MIS reports are enabled for

management dashboard which can be used by senior officers to monitor the performance of district and the police stations as required. CCTNS network is available at 381 locations out of targetted 466 locations and police stations are accessing other portals such as Vahaan, Khoya-Paya, Track the Missing child, etc., at PS level for monitoring. 100% Data Digitization of 35000 historical records (SR cases only) is completed which is available online for analysis, reference and record purpose.

- Recruitment for filling up 346 posts of SI (UB) in Assam Police and 27 posts of Assistant Jailors in Prison Department, has been completed. For filling up of 2564 posts of Constables (DEF-1438, SB-66, APRO-806, F&ES-114, SDRF-120 and 10 male & 10 female for Delhi Police) and 1416 posts of AB Constables in the districts of Dhubri, Barpeta and Nagaon, the PST/PET has already been completed and the Written Test will be held shortly. Recruitment for 5013 posts (SI(UB)-17, UB Constable- 1541, AB Constable-3455) and 41 posts of Jr. Asstts. of AP Headquarters and BI(EO) is being initiated.
- Disposal of important cases by filing part Charge Sheet: (CID)**

 - Part Charge Sheet (CS) submitted against 3 Government officials and 2 contractors in Agriculture scam case.
 - Part CS submitted against 33 accused persons in Agriculture lime scam.
 - Part CS submitted against prime accused Rajesh Jalan in bonded warehouse case.
- Anti Drug Drive of Assam:**



Success Story of 2016

New currency note seizure:

CID officials on a tip-off recovered total cash of Rs. 1,54,81,000 (Rupees One crore fifty five lakh and eighty one thousand) of new Indian currency notes from the house of a private individual in Guwahati and the seizure was handed over to IT Department for further lawful action.

Achievement of STF Organization

The Special Task Force formed to tackle rhino poaching has achieved remarkable success in anti-poaching drive during the last ten months. As many as 95 poachers have been arrested and a huge cache of arms and ammunition, etc., has been recovered during this period. The figures are as under:

(i)	0.303 Rifle	=	8(eight)
(ii)	0.303 Pistol	=	1(one)
(iii)	0.22 Rifle	=	2(two)
(iv)	0.315 Rifle	=	1(one)
(v)	Khaja Gun	=	5(five)
(vi)	Sten Gun	=	1(one)
(vii)	0.22 Pistol	=	1(one)
(viii)	A.K. 56 Rifle	=	2(two)

The STF also recovered ammunition, hand grenades, rhino horns and cash money amounting to Rs. 29,69,500.



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal distributing cheques to the Village Defence Martyrs' families at the Village Defence Party Day-2017 function at Khanapara, Guwahati

Achievement of Border Organisation:

- Special drives were taken to stop cattle smuggling and as a result, remarkable success has been achieved. Cattle smuggling has drastically come down and a cell has been formed in the Headquarters of Assam Police Border Organisation to monitor the action taken against cattle smuggling and the progress of investigation of cases registered in this regard.
- Government has earmarked funds for raising 2 new Battalions to prevent and detect illegal migrants as a second line of defence and has also procured five new Steel-Hulled boats recently to keep surveillance on the riverine and Char areas.
- Total 307 ex-servicemen have been appointed recently in Border Organization under the PIF scheme of Government of India for detection and deportation of illegal migrants.
- Survey of more than 2000 riverine islands/Char areas on the Brahmaputra is in progress to detect illegal migrants as well as to prevent other unlawful and criminal activities.
- One hundred police personnel from four Assam Police Battalions have been deployed in four districts – Dhubri, South-Salmara, Karimganj and Cachar – having international boundary with Bangladesh, as the second line of defence.

Achievement of BI(EO) Organisation:

The following progress has been achieved by BI(EO) Organisation during the last ten months:

Excise Cell:

- Enquiries/ search operations were conducted by the Excise Cell of BI(EO) Assam against 22 bonded warehouses and after scrutiny Rs. 168,54,31,349 (Rupees one hundred and sixty eight crore fifty four lakh thirty one thousand three hundred forty nine) only was determined as evaded VAT and excise duty with penalty which is an all time record for BI(EO) Assam.



Besides, raids and searches were conducted against 4 illegal IMFL godowns located at Khatkhathi and Bokajan under Karbi Anglong district and subsequently four regular cases were registered in this regard and investigated. A huge amount of illegal IMFL to the tune 17410 cases was seized in connection with these cases.

Forest Cell :

- During the period, total 11 enquiries were made and Rs. 11,98,04,000 (Rupees Eleven crore ninety eight lakh and four thousand) was determined as evaded Forest royalty, VAT, etc.

Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Cell:

- Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Cell under the control of BI(EO) Assam has initiated eight enquiries during this period, out of which five enquiries were converted into regular cases. Offence report was submitted before the Court against one enquiry, while one enquiry was closed. Total *zimma* value of seized essential commodities is Rs. 1,41,00,000 (Rupees One crore forty one lakh).

Sales Tax Cell :

- 15 enquiries were initiated by the Sales Tax Cell of BI(EO) and during the enquiry the evaded Tax/VAT amount was determined at Rs. 2,54,97,460 (Rupees Two crore fifty four lakh ninety seven thousand and four hundred sixty).

Enforcement Cell :

- During the period, the Enforcement Cell realized Rs.12,23,500 (Rupees Twelve lakh twenty three thousand and five hundred) as fine from illegally plying vehicles.

Criminal Cases :

- Total 33 NBFC cases and 48 other cases (total 81 cases) are under investigation. During the period from 01-06-2016 to 31-03-2017, a total of 24 cases were registered and 20 cases were disposed off. Presently 81 cases are pending investigation.

Other Enquiries :

- 12 enquiries were also initiated against companies/ societies/ firms/ entities during the period.

Civil Defence & Home Guards:

- Re-enrolment rally for Ex-Home Guards Volunteers below the age of 55 years to make them active for another three years is going on in the District Home Guards Office.
- Exercise on Urban Flood Mock Drill (Jal Rahat) in various parts of Guwahati City carried out.
- A training programme of Rescue / First Aid and Fire Fighting held at 2nd AISF Bn, Dibrugarh.
- On 24th & 25th May, 2016 Civil Defence training was organized among the NCC Cadets of Dibrugarh regarding first aid, fire safety and emergency method of rescue at CD office premises of Dibrugarh.
- Civil Defence, Dibrugarh organized a 'Plantation Programme' on the occasion of World Environment Day on 5th June, 2016.
- Civil Defence, Dibrugarh organized Disaster Management, Rescue, First Aid and Fire Fighting at 19th Assam Police Battalion, Tengakhat on 29th and 30th June, 2016.
- Civil Defence, Jorhat organized a training programme on Search and Rescue to CISF personnel of Numaligarh.
- Civil Defence, Jorhat organized training on Disaster Management technique for the police personnel at PTC, Dergaon.

Prisons:

Educational Programme:

- There were two study centres at Central Jail, Guwahati for higher study of prison inmates under Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) and Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University (KKHSOU). During the last year alone, 10 study centres of KKHSOU have been opened in 10 Jails of Assam. This brings the total number of such study centres to 13. This is

a big achievement in such a short period.

• **Yoga Programme:**

Yoga Programme has been started in Jails of Assam and yoga workshops/ training camps of 2-3 days duration have been conducted. After conclusion of such workshops, trained convicts are encouraged to teach other convicts and lead the yoga practice in the Jail.

• **Exhibition & Sale of Products:**

Jail Department took part in IITF, 2016 from 14th to 27th November, 2016 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi and won appreciation for ‘Quality Products Displayed at Assam Pavilion’.

• **Vocational Training in Jails:**

Presently, vocational training is imparted in 17 Jails of the state, namely Central Jail of Guwahati, Tezpur, Jorhat, Dibrugarh, Nagaon, Silchar and District Jails of Nalbari, Barpeta, Kokrajhar, Dhubri, Goalpara, Golaghat, Darrang, Biswanath, North Lakhimpur, Sivasagar and Tinsukia in the following trades - tailoring, carpentry, knitting, smithy, weaving, cane and bamboo furniture and manufacture of soap and Phenyl. Further, in collaboration with Directorate of Employment and Craftsmen Training, Government of Assam, SIRD, Assam and University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya and other NGOs, new trades will be introduced in the coming year in Computer Training, Beauty Parlour, piggery and poultry farming, etc.

- Remuneration: Wages for women inmates raised to Rs. 100 per day for skilled inmates and to Rs. 80 per day for un-skilled inmates.

Vigilance & Anti-corruption

- A total of 30 Anti-Corruption Bureau cases have been registered following substantiation of Regular Enquiries initiated against corrupt government officials on the basis of complaints received from various sources. Out of these 30 cases, eight have been disposed off with, seven of them being returned in CS and one case being returned in FR. Presently, 103 A.C.B. cases are

under investigation. Seven persons have so far been arrested in connection with ACB P.S. Case no. 19/2016 relating to large scale irregularities in Social Welfare Department.

- A total of 18 Trap Cases have been taken up on ground of demanding illegal gratification by corrupt government officials of different departments, wherein, total 21 officials of different departments were caught red handed while taking bribes and were arrested.

Recovery:

- Bribe money of Rs. 5215000.00
 - Cash recovery of Rs. 3,36,92,330.00
 - Gold ornaments (valued) at Rs. 31,75,339.00
- A total of 56 Regular Enquiries have been initiated during the last 10 months. Out of these, nine Regular Enquiries have been disposed off, of which, three were substantiated and converted to ACB P.S. Case and are presently under investigation and six were returned as unsubstantiated and filed.
 - A total of 82 Preliminary Enquiries (PE) have been initiated during the period. Out of these, 55 PEs have been disposed off, with 40 PEs found substantiated and RE initiated and 15 PEs were found unsubstantiated and filed.

Fire & Emergency Services

- 42 new Fire & Emergency Services Stations were sanctioned in one go by the Government which is a great achievement in the history of Fire & Emergency Services, Assam. Comparative figures of Sanctioned F&ES Stations is shown as below:

Year 2008-09	Year 2009-10	Year 2010-11	Year 2013-14	Year 2016-17
17	18	22	14	42

- Full inspection of 124 F&ES Stations were conducted this year. The last inspection was partially conducted in 2013-14 only. After that there was no inspection of F&ES Stations.
- Training to all the drivers appointed after 1982



was imparted. Presently, there are no drivers without basic training. Earlier, the drivers used to drive the department vehicles without having any training.

- The training for Firemen as per seniority was imparted at Regional Training Centre, Sila, North Guwahati. So far, 152 out of 320 personnel have undergone the training in 2016-17. Earlier the names of the trainees were selected as per choice without maintaining seniority.
- Regular Orientation Training for Fireman and SDRF personnel has been conducted at RTC, Panikhaiti and Changsari to upgrade their skills.
- Demonstration of SDRF skills during Lachit Divas & Namami Brahmaputra Festival: For the first time in India, the State Disaster Response Force has showcased their skills on the Brahmaputra using IR Boats during Lachit Divas on 24th November, 2016 and during Namami Brahmaputra Festival from 31st March, 2017. Fire fighting and Water Rescue demonstration was also conducted for the first time in a moving vessel on 25th January, 2017.
- Awareness Campaign: During the last 10 months and extended 100 days Deliverable Programme, 8277 Fire Safety Awareness cum Demonstration Programmes have been conducted all over Assam as on 31/03/2017. Moreover, 4458 Fire Safety Inspections have been conducted during the same period. Comparative figures of Awareness Programmes is shown below:

2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
383	326	8277 Awareness Programme and 4458 Fire Safety Inspections.

- **Effect of Generating Awareness Programme:**

Attended 2946 fire calls during the Financial Year 2016-17 and saved estimated properties worth Rs 291 crore out of threatened properties worth Rs 358 crore. In spite of rapid urbanization and mushrooming growth of cities/ towns, fire calls have substantially come down in comparison to previous years. Conducting of Awareness

cum Demonstration Programme among the general public during the last 10 months is the basic reason for decrease in number of fire calls. Comparative figures of Fire Statistics is shown below:

2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
4657	3747	2946

- **Ease of Doing Business:**

During the last ten months, major steps have been undertaken to provide IT Infrastructure - Computer/ Internet facilities to all major F&ES Stations in order to facilitate the Delivery of Public Services through the Online Portal of Fire & Emergency Services under Ease of Doing Business. The system is fully operational and presently is the highest recipient of online applications among all departments in Assam. Fire and Emergency Services is the first among all departments of Assam to issue Online Approval Certificates through the single window agency portal under EODB. As on 31/03/2017, 154 online applications have been processed and 27 online approval certificates have been issued so far.

Right to Public Services Act:

- F&ES is the only organization of Home Department providing three services viz. Issuance of Fire Safety NOC, Issuance of Renewal NOC and Issuance of Fire Attendance Certificate, under Right to Public Services Act, 2012. Nominated Authority, Appellate Authority and Reviewing Authority have been notified for delivery of Public Services within the stipulated time limit.

Forensic Science :

- Recruitment process initiated for filling up 22 posts of Reporting officer including nine posts for the Directorate office and 03 posts for Regional Forensic Science Laboratory and 03 posts for Scientific Assistant for the Directorate office are also advertised.
- Procurement of Chemicals, Stationeries: Due to outstanding liabilities amounting to Rs. 42.7

lakh, the works of few divisions were hampered due to shortage of chemicals. The DNA unit of this Directorate was fully closed since July, 2015 due to lack of chemicals. As a result, the exhibits related to DNA fingerprinting had to be sent outside North East for examination, which entailed delay. The financial position of this Directorate has become better towards the end of the financial year 2016-17. Most of the outstanding liabilities have been cleared. The problem of shortage of chemicals has been overcome. DNA chemicals have been procured and examinations have already started. Payments for the Government approved Annual Maintenance Contract are already cleared.

Foreigners' Tribunal:

- Comparative statement of performance of Border Organization for the period from 1st August, 2015 to 31st May, 2016 (10 months) and 1st June, 2016 to 31st March, 2017 (10 months) as follows:

Sl. No.	Issue	Period 01/08/2015 to 31/05/2016	Period 01/06/2016 to 31/03/2017
1	No of enquires initiated (FT Cases)	2523	2920

Sl. No.	Issue	Period 01/08/2015 to 31/05/2016	Period 01/06/2016 to 31/03/2017
2	No of cases referred to Tribunals	2030	3914
3	No of cases disposed off by the Tribunals	16977	32809
4	No of persons declared as Foreigner	2665	6781
5	No of Foreigners who have registered their names with the FRROs (66-71 stream)	241	421
6	No of Foreigners deported	00	33

Language Implementation:

- Directorate of Official Language Implementation has implemented the scheme of departmental advertising by fixing Hoardings in front of the various State Government offices. The department has already printed the (1) Sachibalaya Byavastha Pustak (2) Proyog (3) Assamese Calendar. The Department has translated the Handbook of General circular and Secretariat Manual (amendment). More than 12 seminars have been organized in different districts to create awareness among the Government employees for use of official language in the day to day official works.



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal at a meeting with the learned members of Foreigners' Tribunal at Assam Administrative Staff College, Khanapara, Guwahati



Finance Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma inaugurating the GST Manthan at Guwahati

Finance

ReSTART Assam and Resurgent Assam

A two-pronged strategy as declared in the White Paper published on June 03, 2016 has started showing results in mobilising of internal revenues several fold. This has been achieved through a concerted, coordinated and comprehensive action involving a mechanism called **ReSTART Assam (Restructuring Systems and Technology for Augmentation of Resources for Transformed Assam)**.

ReSTART Assam works through two high level bodies: one under the Chief Minister and the other under the Finance Minister and has provided a single platform for all the revenue earning departments. These bodies have started working in tandem and have identified the issues and studied the best practices in the country.

It has helped the Government to take a series of legislative, regulatory and administrative measures to restructure systems and technologies for augmenting the resources and for speedy and accountable expenditure systems. Most important of them are:

- Path breaking reforms in state excise taken covering both IMFL and country liquor and the excise duty is now levied from 80 points across the state compared to 2000 points earlier. This has significantly reduced the leakages and corruption.

- As regards to country liquor, a new policy has been adopted that provides for the collection of Excise duty/revenue from 80 points compared to the existing system of 178 points besides moving to a less harmful grain-based spirit that is molasses-based and is hygienically bottled and labelled.
- The tax rates among various schedules in Assam VAT have been rationalised to plug the leakages and loopholes.
- Leakages in sand-mahals have been addressed and the system to open new mahals have been worked out.
- Hitherto, illegally traded *agar wood*, is now being brought under a new law to allow its cultivation, harvesting and the processing of *agar wood* and its by-products to make it a major source of rural income.
- The systems of enforcement in the Transport Department have been tightened and the leakages have been plugged.

Visible Remarkable Results

- The total State's own revenue collected in 2016-17 is Rs. 15,620 crore against Rs. 12,848 crore in 2015-16. This amounts to additional revenue collection of Rs. 2772 crore. This is 21.60% more than the previous year.
- Revenue from Assam VAT and other taxes increased from Rs. 8504 crore in 2015-16 to Rs. 10242 crore in 2016-17.
- Revenue from Excise increased from Rs. 799 crore to Rs. 965 crore.
- Revenue from Transport department increased from Rs. 454 crore to Rs. 546 crore
- Revenue from Forest Department increased from Rs. 61 crore to Rs. 135 crore
- As regards expenditure, we have achieved a plan expenditure of whopping 64.46% in 2016-17 against 37% of 2015-16.
- We have released Rs. 18893 crore under Plan in 2016-17 against Rs. 11215 crore in 2015-16.
- Total fund released from the State exchequer

into the system in 2016-17 was Rs. 53562 crore against Rs. 39805 crore of 2015-16. It includes salary, pension, plan and non-plan.

- Thus, this is **34.56 %** more than previous year which is a remarkable achievement.

Digital Payments of Public Expenditure

- Rs. 42340 crore i.e., 80% of total expenditure of Rs. 53562 crore was digitally released in 2016-17 from that state exchequer.
- As regards revenue collected, 65% (Rs. 8344 crore) of the total amount of Rs.12848 crore total revenue collected was received digitally.

Outlook for 2017-18:

- During the 2016-17, the total expenditure on account of salary and pension was Rs. 24809 crore.
- The Government of Assam has decided to implement the recommendations of 7th Assam Pay Commission with effect from 01.04.2016. With this the salary and pension bill for 2017-18 will increase by about Rs. 6325 crore and the total amount required would be Rs. 31500 crore.

Unprecedented Improvement in utilisation of funds in 2016-17

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Further, restoring 90:10 funding pattern in Externally Aided Projects and manifold increase in the central funds under Swacchh Bharat Mission and PMAY projects to Assam show the exemplary support of the Central Government.

a. Assam is the first state in the country to ratify the constitutional Amendment Bill for GST. GST council has agreed to the secular growth of 14% for the purpose of paying GST compensation on the revenue base of the year 2015-16 on Compounded Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) basis to the state after implementation of GST. For calculation of such GST compensation, the amount of revenue forgone due to tax incentive given earlier by the states to the industries shall also be included as a special dispensation to the NE and J&K. This would protect the interest of those states where the revenue growth rate may not have

reached such level due to various reasons and will ensure equitable GST compensation to the States.

- Under the GST regime, the dream of uniform tax structure in the entire NE region will be fulfilled and this will result in addressing trade diversion and subsequently, bring buoyancy in our tax revenues.
 - Alcohol and its products and petroleum and its products are out of GST as on today. Thus, the Assam VAT will continue on these commodities and the state will not be impacted much.
 - Urban Local Bodies cannot impose *octroi* or cess after the GST.
 - Assam is ready to implement GST from July 01, 2017.
- b. Receipt of Rs. 1450 crore as oil royalty from ONGC and OIL within 70 days of the new Government. The Government of India agreed



Finance Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma addressing the GST Manthan held at Guwahati

to release Rs. 7770 crore of arrears of oil royalty due to the State. Out of this amount, Assam has already received about Rs. 2400 crore and remaining amount will be received in 2017 and 2018.

- c. Replacement of more than 80 year old colonial Assam Treasury Rules, 1937 by a progressive and forward looking set of Assam Treasury Rules, 2017.
- d. Notifying the Assam Excise Rules, 2016.
- e. New country liquor policy by moving from archaic and opaque systems to transparent auction based and hygienic grain-based liquor.
- f. All tea garden workers brought within the financial net by linking them to banks.
- g. Effective management of the impact of demonetization.
- h. Streamlining and shortening the process of releasing the funds through online fixation of ceiling and releasing the funds directly up to DDOs, etc., and cutting down more than 60 layers.
- i. The recommendations of 7th Assam Pay Commission implemented much in advance compared to previous practice and made effective from 01.04.2016 though the Commission recommended it from 01.04.2017. Further, all arrears due to the employees are being released within the current financial year and this pay revision would benefit the State employees to the tune of Rs. 6500 crore additionally.

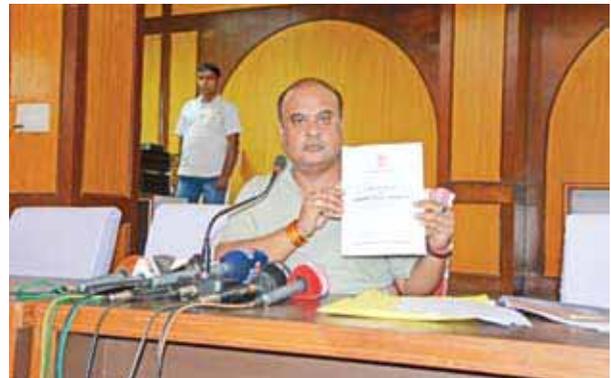
Earlier, the employees drawing their salaries under Plan Heads were 'casualized' and were not receiving their salaries regularly, causing hardship to a large number of them. Now, the new budget has brought them at par with other salaried employees and the employees working on these so called "Plan-posts" are now regularly receiving their salaries through digital mode. Secondly, annual retention of the posts had been continuing for several years and used to take several months depriving employees

of regular salaries. Now, this process has been done away with.

The Plan and Non-Plan heads were merged and brought under the Capital and Revenue Expenditure. This will build the groundwork for the State to focus more on Capital creation. The schemes and programmes taken up with the State's Own Resources are categorised as "State Own Priority Development" (SOPD) programmes. Most of the non-plan heads have been brought together under the "Establishment Expenditure".

Implementation of 7th Pay and Productivity Commission

The Government constituted a three-member Committee vide Notification No. FPC.45/2016/2 dtd. 13-12-2016 to examine the Report of the Commission and the Committee submitted its



Finance Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma releasing the White Paper on Assam State Finances

report to the Government on 27-01-2017.

Based on the recommendations of the above Commission and the Committee formed to examine the recommendations of the Commission, the Assam Services (Revision of Pay) Rules, 2017 was framed and placed before the Cabinet on 17-03-2017 and subsequently it was approved by the Government.

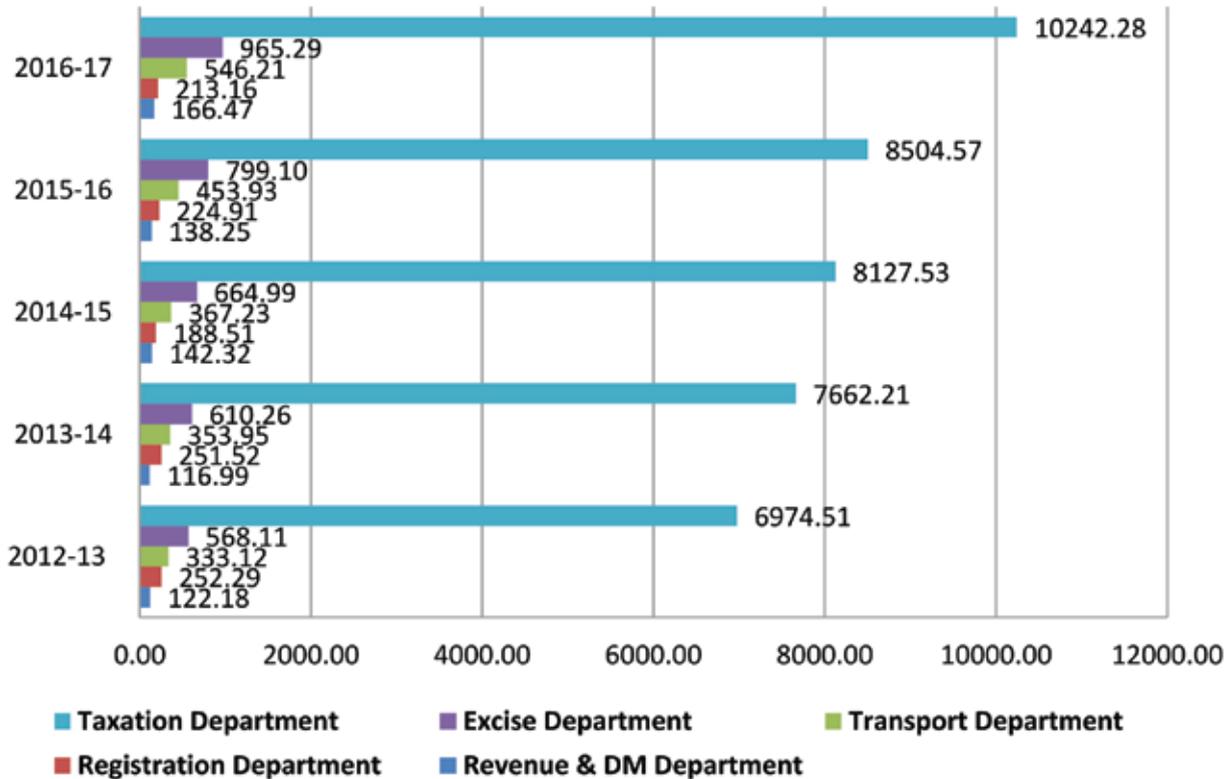
The Assam Services (Revision of Pay) Rules, 2017 has been published and also uploaded in the Finance Department's website www.finance.assam.gov.in.

Though the 7th APPPC recommended the date of effect of revision of pay structure of the State Government employees w.e.f. 01-04-2017, the State

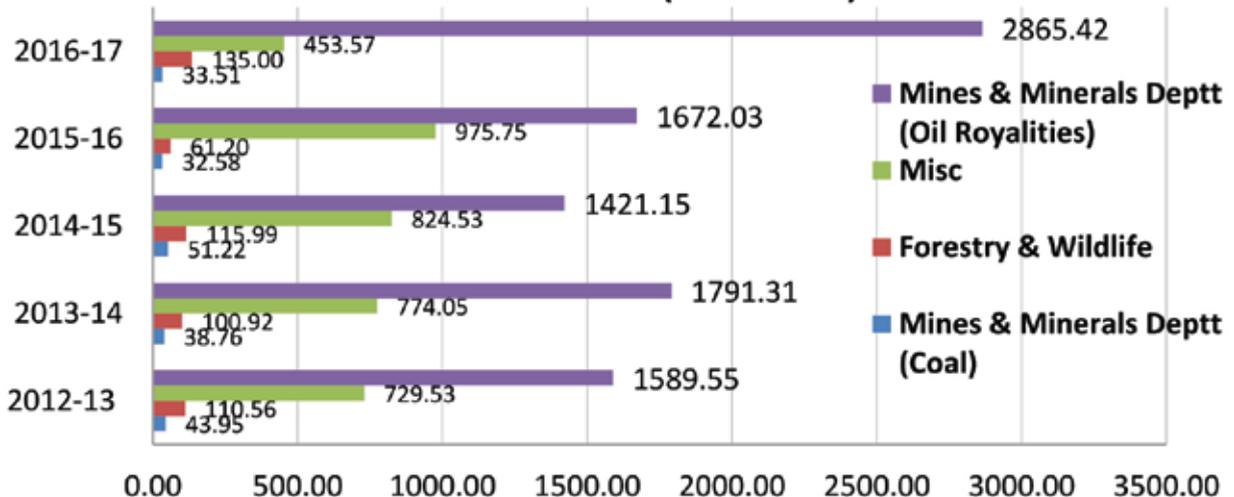
Government has decided to release arrear salary of the revision of pay w.e.f. 01-04-2016. Accordingly, the Government in Finance (PRU) Department issued a Notification No. FPC.9/2017/1 dtd. 27-03-2017 for payment of arrear for the period w.e.f. 01-04-2016 to 30-09-2016. Government in Finance

Department has already released DA to the State Government employees and pensioners @ 2% w.e.f. 01-07-2016 vide No. FEG.08/2017/8 dtd. 29-03-2017. With this the salary and pension bill for 2017-18 will increase by about Rs. 6325 crore and the total amount required would be Rs. 31500 crore.

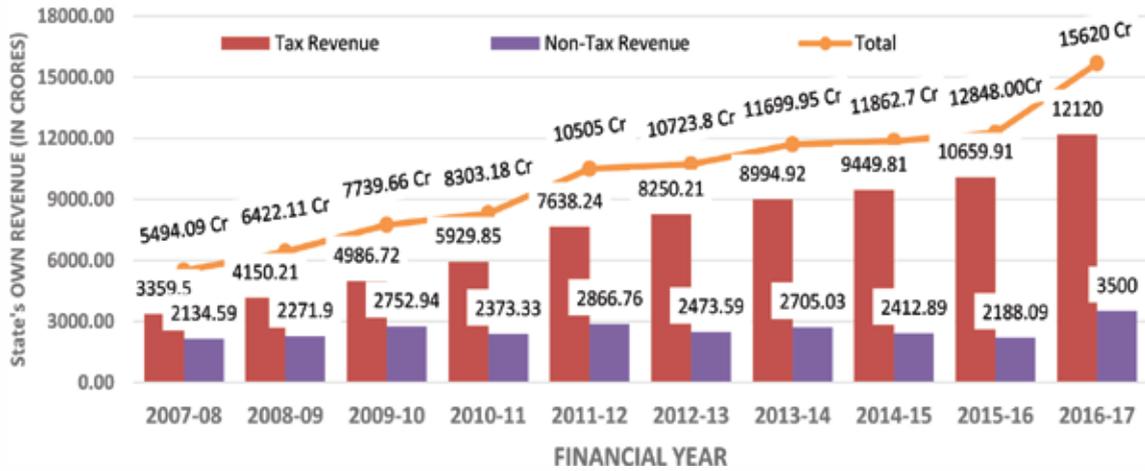
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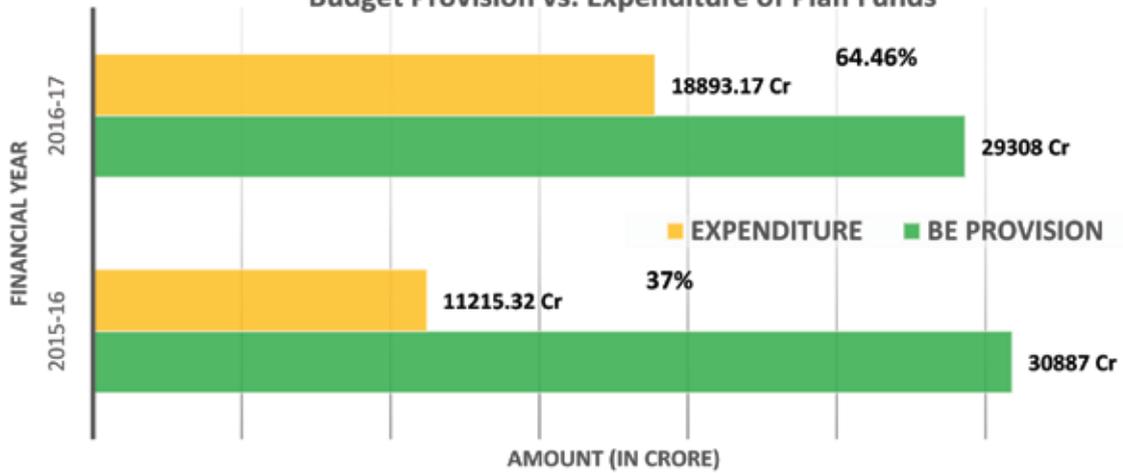
State Non Tax Revenue (Rs in Crore)



Growth Trend of State's Own Resources

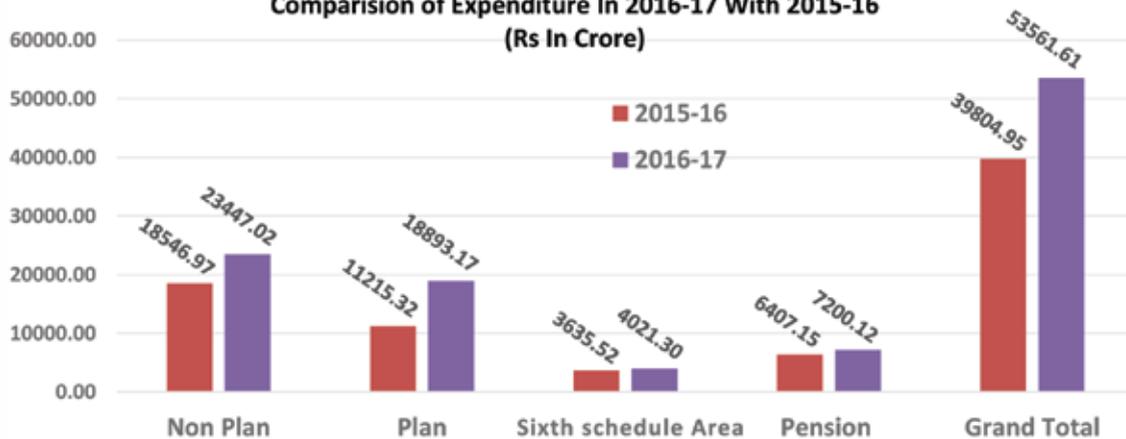


Budget Provision vs. Expenditure of Plan Funds



Comparison of Expenditure In 2016-17 With 2015-16

(Rs In Crore)





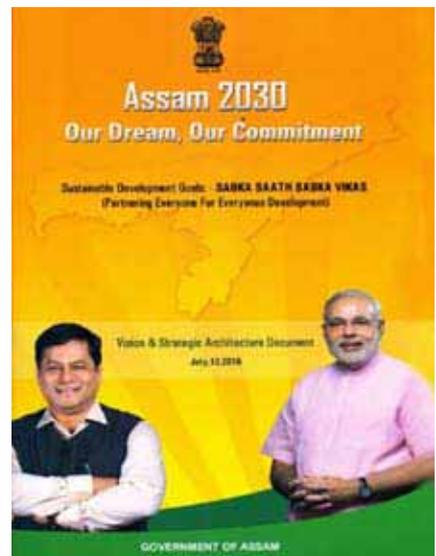
Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal releasing the document 'Assam 2030 – Our Dream, Our Commitment' at Guwahati

A. Implementation of SDGs:

Recognizing the great beneficial impacts of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) on health, prosperity and wellbeing of every citizen of Assam and also on conservation of the State's unique bio-diversity, Government of Assam has adopted the SDGs in the year 2016.

Exceptional achievements and resulting outcomes:

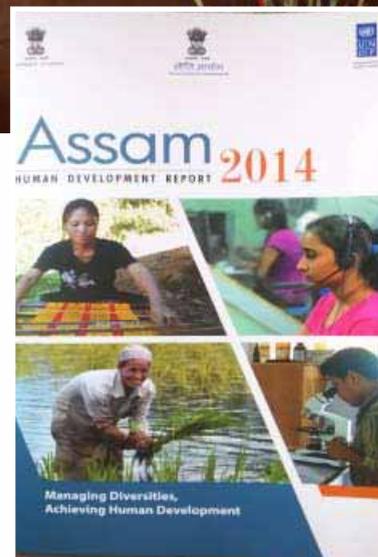
- a. A Vision and Strategic Architecture Document *Assam 2030: Our Dreams, Our Commitment* has been prepared as a follow up to the earlier document "Vision Assam 2030". This document was prepared as an operational document highlighting various processes and interventions at various stages of implementation.
- b. The State Budget 2016-17 & 2017-18 has been made SDG centric.
- c. SDG Outcome Budget of 2017-18
- d. 59 Core Monitoring



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Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal releasing the Assam Human Development Report-2014 at Guwahati



- indicators identified for monitoring of activities under SDG.
- e. A chapter on SDGs highlighting the Goal-wise monitoring indicators, has appeared in the Assam Economic Survey 2016-17 probably for the first time in the country.
- f. 7-Year Strategy Paper and 3-Year Action Plan (SPAP) for attaining SDGs by 2030 is under process.
- g. Goal-wise Conclave for finalisation of SPAP and Divisional Conclave to create awareness about SDGs at grassroot level is in progress.

It may be mentioned that the SDG team of the Government headed by KV Eapen, IAS, Addl. Chief Secretary, Transformation & Development Department was selected for the first prize of Chief Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration in the category of new initiative and innovative step of efficient and transparent execution of schemes /programmes for the year 2017.

B. Human Development Report Assam 2014:

Human Development Report 2014 for the state of Assam has been released. The Assam Human

Development Report 2014 presents a detail scenario of the overall human development in the state. The most distinguishing feature of the Report is that it goes beyond the usual way of looking at district level aggregate scenarios of human development and bringing in the myriad diversities of the state, even within the districts, into perspective while analysing varying degrees of human development outcomes.

C. State Innovation & Transformation Aayog (SITA), Assam

State Planning Board, Assam was reconstituted and renamed as State Innovation and Transformation Aayog (SITA), Assam through a Government Notification vide No.PDS.45/98/2014 dated



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal presenting the "CM's Award for Excellence in Public Administration" to Additional Chief Secretary, K.V. Eapen

28th November, 2016 with the Chief Minister as the Chairman and Dipok Kumar Barthakur as Vice-Chairman. SITA already reviewed policies and programmes of major State Government Departments in the month of February, 2017 and emphasized the need for effective and regular monitoring of the schemes and projects being implemented by various Government Departments.

D. SUHRID Scheme:

The SUHRID scheme was announced by the Government in the budget speech of the Finance Minister in the state budget 2016-17 under the MLA Area Development Fund. The objective of the scheme is to meet the citizen's demand for health and education needs. An amount of Rs. 63.00 crore @Rs. 50.00 lakh per LAC for 126 constituencies has been released for the year 2016-17 to provide financial assistance to the needy people of the Assembly Constituencies as per recommendation of the MLA concerned.

E. GIS /RS initiative for planning & monitoring:

Government of Assam has constituted a high power committee (Committee of Secretaries) under the chairmanship of Addl. Chief Secretary, Transformation & Development Department to take forward the Geographic Information System (GIS) and Remote Sensing (RS) initiatives in the state in matters of strategic planning and other relevant areas. Transformation & Development Department in collaboration with NIC, Assam State Unit has taken up a project 'Assam GIS' to implement the GIS initiative in the state. The main aim of the Project is to establish Assam GIS as a tool to represent resources (natural as well as man-made) of Assam for location specific planning, decision-making and monitoring. The project envisages establishment of Assam State Spatial Data Infrastructure for Multi-Layer GIS for planning and e-governance by taking advantage of existing and available data and ICT infrastructure resources at NIC headquarters as well as State Level, involving various stakeholders in the process.

F. Economic and Statistical Activities:

The achievements of the Directorate during the period from May 2016 to May 2017 are:

1. The Sixth Annual Employment-Unemployment Survey of Assam, 2016-17 is being conducted under the direction and guidance of the Labour Bureau, Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India.
2. In respect of Agriculture Statistics, the Estimation of Area, Production and Average Yield of Principal Crops in Assam for the year 2015-16 has been completed and sent

to the Government of India. Further, the report on Land Utilisation Statistics, 2015-16 (Provisional) has been prepared and sent to the Government of India.

- Index of Industrial Production (base year 2004-05) for the year 2015-16 has been prepared and sent to the Government of India.

The Directorate has released the following publications during this period.

- Statistical Hand Book, Assam for the year, 2015
- Statistical Hand Book, Assam for the year, 2016
- Economic Survey, Assam for the year, 2015-16
- Economic Survey, Assam for the year, 2016-17
- Statistical Appraisal of Children in Assam, 2014-15

G. Evaluation & Monitoring Activities:

- A draft Evaluation and Monitoring Policy has been prepared in collaboration with UNICEF.
- Regular coordination and follow-up action with Government departments in matters relating to the pending issues for online monitoring under CCI-PMG, SPMG and PRAGATI.

H. Welfare Schemes:

The comparative status of fund allocation and sanction under different schemes-

(Rs.in crore)

Name of the scheme	2015-16		2016-17	
	Fund Allocated	Fund Sanctioned	Fund allocated	Fund sanctioned
MLAAD	126.00	121.00	126.00	126.00
Suhrid			6300.00	6300.00
Untied Fund	50.00	50.00	145.00	145.00
Gyanjyoti	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00

Name of the scheme	2015-16		2016-17	
	Fund Allocated	Fund Sanctioned	Fund allocated	Fund sanctioned
Dharmajyoti	1.5	1.5	1.5.00	1.5.00

I. NLCPR Projects/Schemes:

The achievement status in respect of projects taken up in the state under NLCPR during 2017-18 is given below:

- Ministry of DoNER, has retained 7 projects at an estimated cost of Rs. 74.89 crore under NLCPR.
- Ministry of DoNER has approved and sanctioned 3 new projects (1 from general NLCPR and 2 from KAATC package) at an approved cost of Rs. 21.23 crore.
- Ministry of DoNER released Rs. 203.51 crore against the new and on-going projects during the year 2017-18. Utilisation certificates for Rs. 284.17 crore has been submitted to Ministry of DoNER.
- During this period, Completion Certificates for nine projects have been submitted to Ministry of DoNER.

J. NEC Projects/Schemes:

NEC has given stress on infrastructure development particularly for Agriculture & Allied Sector, Roads & Bridges, Transport, Power, Water Resources, Irrigation, Health Care System, Industry, Tourism and Information Technology, etc.

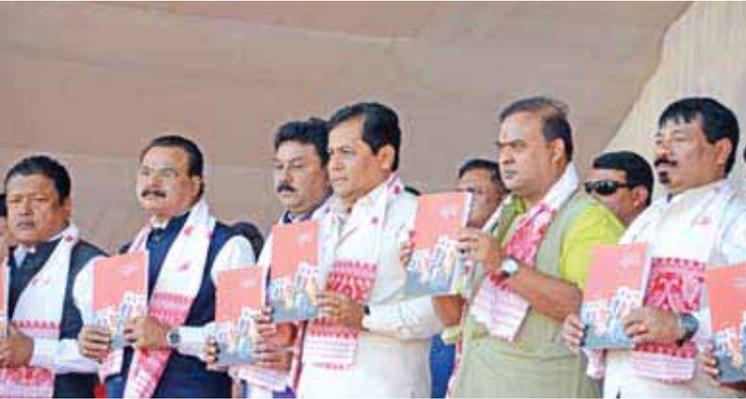
- Eight NEC funded projects completed during 2016-17.
- NEC also provides merit Scholarship to students of Assam for higher professional courses. NEC released Rs. 112.72 lakh during 2016-17.



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal paying tribute to the martyrs of Assam Movement in the Shradhanjali programme at Khanapara, Guwahati

Implementation of Assam Accord

1. The Government of Assam in a grand ceremony at Veterinary College playground, Khanapara on December 10, 2016, paid tribute to 860 martyrs of Assam Movement in a 'Shradhanjali Anusthan' and honoured the families of the martyrs with a memento and financial assistance of Rs. 5.00 lakh each as sign of solemn respect for the sacrifices of the martyrs. The function was attended by the kith and kin of the martyrs and victims of Assam movement as well as the general people of Assam.
2. It has been decided to build a monument and a park in memory of the martyrs of the Assam Movement, which will be known as the Shwahid Smarak Kshetra. A plot of land has been identified and the allotment process has been initiated. In addition the Government has taken a decision to preserve the Shwahid Bedis and Memorial Parks created in the names of the martyrs of Assam Movement in different parts of the state.
3. In an effort to strengthen the Assam Accord Implementation department and to implement the various clauses of the Assam Accord in letter and spirit an approach paper has been prepared and approved by the Chief Minister. Besides an exclusive office of IAA



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal releasing the souvenir published on the occasion of 'Shradhanjali' programme at Guwahati

is being established near Dispur replete with an information centre, conference hall and an archive cum photo gallery of the martyrs of Assam Movement.

4. To deal with the matter of NRC updation and oversee the proper implementation of the clause 6 of the Accord, a Cabinet sub committee has been constituted on 1st July, 2016 with Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma, Minister of Health, Education, Finance, etc., as Chairman and two other Ministers as members of the sub-committee. The sub-committee already reviewed the NRC updation works in two meetings.
5. The IAA in cooperation with North East Political Science Association and North East

Policy Alternative, organized a round table conference/ dialogue on Constitutional, Legislative and Administrative Safeguards for protection of the indigenous people of Assam.

6. A tripartite meeting between Central Government, State Government and AASU was organized after a long gap of 7 years on 26-04-2017 at New Delhi. Various critical issues were addressed including foreigners' matter, border sealing of Indo Bangladesh Border, NRC updation and implementation of Clause 6 and 7 of the Accord. It was agreed to reconstitute



Members of martyrs' families with mementos presented on the occasion of the 'Shradhanjali' programme at Guwahati

committees to make recommendations for effective implementation of the Clauses 6 and 7.





Newly constructed building of Cancer Hospital at Gauhati Medical College

Health & Family Welfare

1. Functioning of 200 bedded Cancer Hospital at GMCH, Guwahati.

The Cancer Hospital at Gauhati Medical College & Hospital has started functioning from 17th February, 2017. PET-CT Scan Facility, Linear Accelerator for Radio Therapy, and Cobalt Therapy Units have been made operational. OPD/IPD Services in the Cancer Hospital have started functioning. Cyclotron is in the process of being commissioned.

Cancer Hospital, GMCH has been declared as State Cancer Institute by the Government of India under the scheme National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, CVD and Stroke (NPCDCS).

2. Setting up new Medical Colleges

Administrative Approval has been issued during the year 2016-17 for construction of three new Medical Colleges at Nagaon, Dhubri and North Lakhimpur. *Bhumi Pujan* has already been done at Dhubri, North Lakhimpur and Nagaon for starting the construction works.

For establishment of Medical College at Kokrajhar, land has been earmarked and proposal for the same has been submitted to Government of India.

3. Atal Amrit Abhiyan

Government of Assam has launched a pioneering state wide Health Assurance Scheme Atal Amrit Abhiyan on 25th December, 2016 in the name of former Prime Minister of India, Atal Bihari Vajpayee. The objective of the new scheme is to improve access of below poverty line and above poverty line (up to an annual family income of Rs. 5 lakh) families to quality tertiary medical care for identified six specialties, i.e., Cardiovascular diseases,

ceremonially distributed on 25th March 2017 by Chief Minister, Assam in presence of Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Assam.

Presently, the enrolment drive for issue of health cards under the scheme is underway.

4. Chief Minister's Free Diagnostics Services

Chief Minister's Free Diagnostics Services has been launched on 11th May, 2017 by Chief Minister, Assam to ensure availability of



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal handing over financial assistance to a beneficiary under Atal Amrit Abhiyan

Cancer, Kidney diseases, Neo-natal diseases, Neurological conditions and Burns requiring hospitalization for surgeries and therapies through an empanelled network of hospitals both inside and outside the state. The Scheme provides health assurance up to Rs. 2 lakh per individual of the eligible families annually towards approved procedures and other services on a complete cashless basis.

Total 3236 beneficiaries have been provided benefit under the scheme through manual application mode. The Demand Drafts were

minimum set of diagnostic services at health institutions. Under Chief Minister's Free Diagnostic Services, CT Scan, X- Ray and Laboratory services will be provided free of cost to all irrespective of APL/BPL status.

Broadly, three categories of services are being provided free of cost to all beneficiaries under this initiative viz: (i) Lab Facility (ii) Radiology Services (X-Ray) and (iii) CT Scan.

CT Scan Services: 28 CT Scan centres will be established at 28 district hospitals. Installation



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurating the PET-CT Scan facility at Gauhati Medical College & Hospital

of 16 centers has been completed and made functional from 11th May, 2017 and another 12 centres will be made operational within two months. All patients referred by government health institutions will be provided CT Scan services free of cost.

X-Ray services: All the patients of government health institutions (PHC/CHC/DH) will be provided X-Ray services free of cost. A total of 99 health institutions have been selected which will be connected through Tele-Radiology. 72 centres have been made operational from 11th May 2017 and rest will be operational very soon.

5. Establishment of AIIMS in Assam

The land possession papers for establishment of AIIMS in Assam were formally handed over on 28th of June, 2016 to Government of India. Prime Minister of India will lay the foundation stone of AIIMS on 26th May, 2017.

6. Upgradation of Hospitals

Sub-Divisional Civil Hospitals of newly created districts are being upgraded into District Hospitals in six places, viz – Majuli, Hamren, Biswanath, Hojai, Mankachar and Sonari.

7. Special Immunization Drive

The Universal Immunization programme provides vaccination against nine life-threatening diseases (diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, polio, tuberculosis, measles, haemophilus influenza, Japanese encephalitis and Hepatitis B). A Special Immunization Drive has been launched from September 2016 as an intensified effort to vaccinate all unvaccinated and partially-vaccinated children under UIP. The drive focuses on interventions to improve full immunization coverage in Assam to achieve at least 90% of full immunization rate by end of the current financial year.

Around 95,400 drop out and left out children (0-2 years) were covered during the Special Immunization Drive. As per reported figure total 93% infants were fully immunized during 2016-17.

8. AMRIT Pharmacies in Medical Colleges.

To reduce the expenditure incurred by patients on treatment of cancer, heart and other diseases, Affordable Medicines and Reliable Implants for Treatment (AMRIT) outlets have been opened for selling drugs and implants at very affordable prices in all the medical colleges of the State. Efforts are on to open AMRIT stores in all the district hospitals of Assam.



A view of the inaugural function of PET-CT Scan Machine at Gauhati Medical College & Hospital



New horizon in the health sector of Assam

9. Steps to meet HR gap in the health sector

Many steps were taken to recruit HR personnel, from doctors and specialists to Nursing and paramedics for various hospitals and medical colleges.

Raising of Retirement Age of Government

Doctors: In order to address the issue of shortage of doctors in Government hospitals, the retirement age of Government doctors has been raised to 65 years so that services of experienced doctors can be utilised to meet the shortage of quality and experienced doctors and minimise the Human Resource gap.

10. Enhancement of Stipend Rate

To fulfil the long-standing demands of the students of Government Medical Colleges, RDC, Ayurvedic Hospitals and M.Sc. Nursing, the stipend for students of Government Medical Colleges, Regional Dental College, Ayurveda Students, Homeopathic interns and also for M.Sc. Nursing students has been enhanced during the year 2016-17.

11. Evening OPD Services

With a view to cater to the needs of the Senior Citizens, dedicated Evening OPD services have been started in the Medical Colleges of Assam.

12. AYUSH Initiatives

The 2nd International Day of Yoga was celebrated successfully on 21st June, 2016 centrally in Majuli and in all district headquarters, sub-divisions, block level, etc.

80% (approx) of construction work of the Research Centre of Indigenous Medicine at Government Ayurvedic College, Jalukbari has been completed.

Site has been identified for setting up of All India Institute of Ayurveda in Raha and land allotment proposal has been submitted.

Tender has been floated for construction work of two 50-bedded Ayurveda Hospitals in Majuli and Dudhnoi.

For establishment of Yoga Centres in 100 blocks, district-wise blocks have been identified and modalities for execution of the scheme have been approved.



Union Health Minister J. P. Nadda laying the foundation stone of the Dhubri Medical College in presence of Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal and Health Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma

13. Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues

The Transplantation of Human Organs (Amendment) Act, 2011 (No.16 of 2011) have been adopted in Assam. The Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Rules 2014 have been notified. Thus, the provisions to curb commercial trade in human organs have been strengthened while organ transplantation for needy patients have been facilitated.

A Regional Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (ROTTO) is being set up at Gauhati Medical College & Hospital.

14. Assam Arogya Nidhi

Total 2,124 patients have been provided financial assistance under Assam Arogya Nidhi in the financial year 2016-17 for treatment of certain serious diseases like cancer, heart diseases, kidney disease, orthopedic ailments, neurological diseases, etc. On 2nd October, 2016, Assam Arogya Nidhi cheques

were distributed to 1,978 beneficiaries in a ceremonial distribution chaired by Chief Minister of Assam in presence of Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Assam.

15. Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhijan (PMSMA)

Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhijan (PMSMA) programme has been implemented in the state to ensure at least one Antenatal check up of pregnant women by a Doctor/ Gynaecologist during 2nd or 3rd Trimester of pregnancy on the 9th day of every month in order to reduce Maternal Mortality. Total 1,49,798 pregnant women received free antenatal care services under the scheme from June 2016 to March 2017.

16. Comprehensive Management of Disability

In Assam, 4.80 lakh people (Census 2011) are suffering from one or the other kind

of disability. To address these issues a Comprehensive Management of Disability Plan has been chalked out to treat and rehabilitate all disabled children in Assam. From the month of September 2016, as part of Comprehensive Management of Children with Disability programme a special early identification drive was carried out in the entire state for all 0-18 years children in every school and AWC.

A total of 63,35,738 children were screened as a part of this programme during 2016-17. Out of these, 1,44,637 children were identified with some form of disability by Mobile Health Teams of RBSK. Total 75,417 children have been treated and managed during 2016-17.

17. Assam Medical Service Corporation (AMSC)

Assam Medical Service Corporation (AMSC) has been set up for centralized procurement of medicines, surgical items and other consumables for all the Health Institutions of the State.

18. Cartridge Based Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (CB NAAT)

CBNAAT machines for detection of MTB and Rifampicin resistance has been installed in 16 districts, viz. Tinsukia, Dibrugarh, Sivasagar, Jorhat, Sonitpur, Dhemaji, Cachar, Karimganj, Nalbari, Bongaigaon, Kokrajhar, Goalpara, Barpeta, Dhubri, Kamrup (Metro) and Nagaon.

19. Other Initiatives

Administrative Approval has been issued for completion of Super Speciality block for six disciplines of Cardiology, Cardio-Thoracic Surgery, Neurology and Neurosurgery.

For establishment of Cadaver Organ Transplantation Programme in GMCH, Guwahati to facilitate organ transplant,

administrative approval for an amount of Rs. 38,30,000 has been issued during the year 2016-17.

For establishment of a full-fledged Infertility Treatment Centre (ITC) in GMCH, Guwahati for the poor and needy patients, a Memorandum of Understanding has been signed for completion of the project with technical assistance of private sector.

A major initiative has been planned for extending comprehensive health care facilities to the tea garden population with the involvement of 80 dedicated Mobile Medical Units.



Health Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma inaugurating and inspecting the infrastructure of the newly constructed building of the Mother & Child Wing of Gauhati Medical College & Hospital



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurating the Agri-Horticultural Show 2017 at Khanapara, Guwahati

1. During the year 2016-17, the crop insurance scheme which was facing problem for the last 3 years due to non release of State government share of premium subsidy was streamlined by releasing the outstanding dues of Rs. 7.54 crore from 2013 to Kharif 2016 season.
2. During the year, area under Oil Palm cultivation has almost doubled from 560 Ha. to 1025 Ha. with the increase in farmers' participation from 799 to 1822.
3. A linkage has been established between registered seed growers and the authorized seed dealers whereby the registered seed growers are being facilitated to sell their seeds to the authorized seed dealers. In this process, local seed processing units have also come up to ensure supply of quality seeds.

Agriculture



Agriculture Minister Atul Bora inspecting a mustard cultivation field



Review of Agriculture & allied departments of Assam by Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Radha Mohan Singh

4. Introduced e-tender process to maintain transparency for agri-input distribution system.
5. To utilize the fallow land after harvesting Sali paddy a new scheme 'Targeting Rice Fallow Areas (TRFA) in Eastern India for Pulses and Oil seeds' has been implemented. The main objective of the scheme is the horizontal expansion of area under pulses and oil seeds in fallow areas along with vertical expansion of production through productivity enhancement and to increase additional farm income.
6. During the year 2016-17, the scheme has been implemented in Sivasagar, Golaghat and Nagaon districts with an additional area of 6100 Ha. under pulses and 9000 Ha. under oil seeds with a production of 46,177 quintal @ 757 Kg./Ha. and 62,460 quintal @ 694 Kg/Ha. respectively.
7. To accelerate the preparation and distribution process of Soil Health Cards, 214 Mini Soil Testing Laboratories have been procured. A total of 1,45,732 Soil Health Cards have been distributed to farmers as on 28/04/2017.
8. Fund has also been sanctioned under RIDF-XXII during 2016-17 to establish 26 Soil Testing, quality control and input testing laboratories.
9. The department was successful in controlling the armyworm menace which threatened to destroy the entire standing paddy crop all across the state within the shortest possible time.
10. Total of 56,768 Ha. area under winter paddy had been affected by the armyworm (Swarming caterpillar) infestation during 2016. To control the situation the department of Agriculture organized squad operation by providing 3920 sprayers and a total of 57190 litres of different pesticides.
11. 22 progressive farmers of different agricultural zones were felicitated by the Chief Minister of Assam at Krishok Swahid Divas, Patharughat on 28th January, 2017. The award winning farmers were presented a memento and Rs. 50,000 each.
12. Transparent system of direct benefit transfer to the beneficiaries' accounts through PFMS system has been introduced. To maintain transparency, farmers' camps were arranged for distribution of machineries in each district.
13. Total 3919 power tillers, 77488.50 quintal seeds of different *Rabi* season crops were distributed to farmers. One lakh Shallow Tube Wells (STW)/Low Lift Pumps (LLP) and 1000 solar irrigation pumps were sanctioned under RIDF. Process of distribution has been initiated.
14. The State Irrigation Plan along with 27 District Irrigation Plans (DIP) under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) has been prepared and uploaded on the Government of India website.
15. Due to increase in irrigation potential, area under double cropping has been increased from 8,07117 Ha. in 2015-16 to 10,28599 Ha during 2016-17.



Atul Bora, Minister for Agriculture unveiling the CROP CALENDAR at Krishi Niwas, Directorate of Agriculture, Khanapara, Guwahati

16. A boost was given to potato production by taking up 1021 Ha. of land under the potato demonstration scheme. Farmers were given potato seeds of two new varieties viz. *Kufri Pokhraj* and *Kufri Khyati*. This has resulted in yield of 23700 kg per Ha. compared to average estimated yield of 16000 Kg per Ha. as per Package of Practices of Assam Agricultural University. During 2016-17, 694002 MT potatoes were produced by bringing 103812 Ha. under potato cultivation.
17. Under the extension programme of Directorate of Horticulture & Food Processing, strawberry, a high value crop, was introduced. This has become a big success story. The farmers have gained an income of Rs. 3.5 lakh to Rs. 6.00 lakh by selling strawberries grown in one *bigha* of land.
18. During the year 2016-17, 10 Farmer Producer Companies (FPCs) and 10 clusters were organized involving 15000 farmers. The FPCs and farmers in clusters have started production of different horticulture crops.
19. A total of 8100 Ha. of land has been converted to organic production under Paramparagot Krishi Vikash Yojana (PKVY) and Mission Organic Value Chain Development in North Eastern Region (MOVCD-NER) involving 11,923 farmers in different districts.

Under PKVY, 3100 Ha. of land is being converted to organic (PGS India Organic), involving 6923 farmers.

1100 small vermi-compost units have been constructed at farmers' level and assistance remitted to the farmers' accounts by means of DBT.

A total of 2481 farmers are being assisted for preparation of traditional organic input production units and 4850 Ha. of land is covered under biological Nitrogen harvesting.

Under the Mission Organic Value Chain Development in North Eastern Region



Agriculture Minister Atul Bora along with Atul Bora, MLA, Dispur flagging off the district-wise seedling distribution at the Horticulture Farm, Byrnihat, Kamrup, as part of 100 days action programme of the new Government

(MOVCD- NER), 10 Clusters have been selected in Butikor (Dhemaji), Pokajora (Majuli), Padumpothar and Bokakhat (Golaghat), Sonapur (Kamrup), Bihaguri (Sonitpur), Lakhipur (Cachar), Balitara (Nalbari), Panbari (Chirang) and Titaguri (Kokrajhar) involving 5000 farmers for organic cultivation of Red rice, Ginger, Turmeric, Pineapple and Vegetables in 5000 Ha. of land. In addition, 1000 small vermi-compost units are constructed at farmers' level and assistance is being provided by means of DBT. In 9 clusters, farmers have already started organic cultivation. These clusters will be converted to FPC which will take care of crop production, processing, value addition and marketing of their produced commodities.



Agriculture Minister Atul Bora distributing saplings to farmers at the Horticulture Farm, Byrnihat, Kamrup



A view of 33/11 KV 2X5 MVA Plastic Park Substation at Gelapukhuri, Tinsukia District

The priority of the Government is to provide sufficient and reliable power supply to all households and to the industries as well. To achieve this objective, various new projects and schemes are being undertaken by APDCL, APGCL & AEGCL to improve the power infrastructure in the state.

Distribution Sector:

A. 12th plan, DDUGJY,

- a. 1102 on grid un-electrified (UE) villages have been electrified.
- b. Intensification works carried out in 3150 already electrified (AE) villages.
- c. 70802 BPL families have been provided free electricity connections.
- d. 58 villages electrified through Solar Power.

B. Grid connected Solar Power Projects:

- a. 5 MW Power Projects at Balipara.
- b. APDCL has commissioned 75 KWp Grid interactive roof-top/ground mounted solar photovoltaic power plant with Net-

Metering arrangement in 3 Government colleges of Jorhat District.

- c. APDCL has also commissioned one off-grid 10 KW solar power plant at Marianka Hill Top Reaper Station of Assam Police Radio Organization (APRO), Hastinapur, Guwahati.
- d. APDCL has commissioned 88 Standalone LED based Solar Street Lighting System under Smart Street Lighting Project Scheme.
- e. APDCL installed 57 wind-solar hybrid street lighting system on the Airport route, banks of the Burhi Dihing and at Umananda.
- f. Considering some villages are too remote to be electrified through grid extension, APDCL has commissioned 164 standalone Micro-Grid SPV plant in 17 villages covering Tinsukia and Goalpara district and 127 Solar Central Charging station with distribution of lanterns to villagers of Lakhimpur and Darrang district.

C. For immediate replacement of damaged transformers and installation of new transformers with associated lines and fittings, an amount of Rs. 15.00 crore has been sanctioned.

Tendering is under process for installation of smart meter in 55 tea gardens in the state of Assam.

D. R-APDRP: Advanced IT implementation has been successfully completed in 4 sub-stations along with associated 33kV & 11kV line, i.e., Kalakshetra, Veterinary campus, Rangpur and Paneri in the state of Assam.

E. SAP ERP implementation was planned to be rolled out across APDCL in 5 phases covering 19 Electrical Circles. Installation of hardware and networking in all the locations is completed and commissioning of link by BSNL is being carried out along with training for all end users across APDCL.



2x5 MVA sub-station commissioned in June, 2016 at Veterinary College campus, Khanapara, Guwahati

F. ADB funded scheme under APDCL:

- a. Out of 49 33/11 kV substations, 5 have been completed, 3 are near completion stage and in the remaining, 60% progress has been achieved.
- b. 202 KM of 33kV line completed.
- c. Out of 1037 KM of 11kV line, 178 KM completed.
- d. 100% progress in installation of 11kV ABC line and LT ABC line.
- e. For supply of mobile maintenance vehicle to 20 sub-divisions, approval of GTP and drawing is under progress.
- f. IT module for centralized uniform revenue billing system for 8500 HT consumers of APDCL is being introduced.

G. For providing power supply to Indo-Bangla Border lighting (South Salmara and Dhubri District) total 7.5 MVA, 2 33/11 kV sub-stations at Jordanga and Rustom completed. 88KM 11kV line, 29 KM 33kV line, 26KM 3ph 4 wire line and 2 100KVA 11/0.4kV sub-stations completed.

- H.** Under the deposit work scheme 33/11kV, 2X5MVA, Plastic Park sub-station at Gelapukhuri is completed. Augmentation of 33/11kV, 2x2.5MVA Garmur, Majuli S/S to (1x5+1x2.5) MVA SS is completed.
- I.** Construction of 33/11kV 2X5MVA Patgaon SS with associated 33kV, 11kV lines, 33kV bay at Serfanguri SS and construction of 33kV line from Fakiragram to Kokrajhar are taken up against the provision of Rs. 5.00 crore under Annual Plan 2016-17.
- e.** For Borapani Middle-II HEP (24 MW), DPR approved by APGCL Board and PIB Government of Assam, forest clearance is awaited.
- f.** For Borapani Middle-I HEP (22.5 MW) and Upper Borapani (60 MW), geo-technical investigation is under process.

Transmission Sector:

Generation Sector:

- a.** In Lower Kopili Hydro project (120MW), mandatory public hearing for Environment Clearance was successfully held on 10.01.2017. Draft Rehabilitation and Resettlement Plan has been prepared and submitted to Government of Assam. Draft EIA/EMP has been prepared.
- b.** APGCL has signed an MOU with Solar Energy Corporation of India Ltd (SECI) for implementation of the proposed 69MW Amguri Solar Power Plant and 30MW Chandrapur Solar Power Plant.
- c.** APGCL has initiated development of 2X800 MW Margherita Coal Based Thermal Power Project; land has been allotted by Government of Assam and water drawal permission obtained for earlier 660 MW. Coal linkage is being established.
- d.** For implementation of 1x100 MW Namrup Replacement Power Project, Land and Water drawal permission has been obtained. Additional gas linkage of 0.324 MMSCMD is awaited.
- a.** Total 212 MVA for four 132/33 kV SS at Kamalpur, Hailakandi, Matia and Kokrajhar GSS have been completed and commissioned.
- b.** 0.5 KM 132 kV double circuit and 95.2 KM 132 kV single circuit completed and commissioned.
- c.** Upgradation of Ground Wire to Optical Ground Wire completed for 132/33 kV Kamalpur sub-station.

Inspectorate of Electricity:

For the year 2016-17, a total of 1661 HV/EHV installations, 159 standby generating sets, 12 multi storied buildings and 39 Cinema Halls were inspected as per requirement of the Rules/Regulations. A total number of 1145 Supervisor's Certificate of Competency under exempted category, 832 Workmen's Permit under exempted category and 419 Electrical Contractor's Licenses were granted and issued by the Assam Electrical Licensing Board. One firm was granted licence to install lifts and one firm was granted licence to install escalators in Assam. Besides, 332 licences were granted for use of Lifts and 8 licences for use of Escalators under the Assam Lifts and Escalators Act, 2006.



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal releasing the 'State of the World's Children' (SOWC) Report-2016 at Guwahati

Elementary Education

Some major achievements from May 2016 till March 2017 pertaining to Elementary Education Department are:

1. Teacher Appointment:

A total of 12,720 Assistant Teachers have been appointed in the State during 2016-17, of which 12033 teachers were against regular vacancies and 687 were appointed on contractual basis.

2. Free Textbooks:

Free textbooks were provided to 52, 22,969 children for the academic session 2017 across the State.

3. Padhe Bharat Badhe Bharat (PBBB):

The state is implementing Reading Enhancement Programme (REP) on the lines of Padhe Bharat Badhe Bharat. Under this programme, the following progress has been made so far:

- A total of 60069 teachers on Early Grade Reading, Writing, Comprehension and Mathematics have been trained.
- The programme is presently being implemented in 2400 Assamese medium schools of 12 districts viz. Barpeta, Bongaigaon, Dhemaji, Dhubri, Dibrugarh, Goalpara, Jorhat, Morigaon, Nagaon, Nalbari, Sivasagar and Tinsukia.



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal distributing the Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar at Guwahati

- The programme has been expanded to another 8 districts viz. Cachar, Hailakandi, Karimganj, Kokrajhar, Chirang, Baksa, Udalguri and Lakhimpur and to Bodo and Bengali medium schools.
- 4. Gunotsav:** The Government of Assam is seriously committed towards ensuring quality



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal examining a paper written by a student during 'Gunotsav'

elementary education to all children and to improve the state position in the National ranking. In this connection, Government of Assam has decided to implement Gunotsav in the state of Assam as one of the best practices. Initially, eight districts have conducted Gunotsav in the first phase for Classes II to VIII from 4th to 7th April, 2017. A total of 911588 children of 12320 schools have been covered under the programme.

5. A total of 8584 in-service untrained teachers have been trained in 2 years D.El.Ed course in Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University.
6. Computer Aided Learning programme is being conducted to cover 297 upper primary schools in the State during 2016-17.
7. A total of 13,195 Aids and Appliances provided to children with special needs during 2016-17.
8. Rashtriya Aviskar Abhiyan: Around 400 schools have been selected for mentoring by nearby Technical and Higher Education Institutes in the district for popularization of Science and Mathematics in the state for children in the age group of 6-14 years under RAA.
9. Drinking Water: Government provided potable drinking water filters to 27920 elementary schools up to March 2017.
10. Yoga Camp: Yoga Olympiads at Block, District and State level and best students selected for participation at National Yoga Olympiad in New Delhi.
11. Teacher Training: Enhancement of intake capacity of D.El.Ed. (Diploma in Elementary Education) course from 1770 to 2350 and B.Ed. course in Government Colleges of Teacher Education (CTEs) from 815 to 1150. In addition to CTEs, five DIETs have also been awarded recognition for conducting B.Ed. course.



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal felicitating the toppers of HSLC, AHM, Higher Secondary (Arts, Science and Commerce) final examinations at the conference hall of CM's Office at Janata Bhawan, Dispur, Guwahati

Secondary Education

1. **Waiving of admission fees, tuition fees, and providing Free Textbooks:**
The dropout rate in Secondary Education is 17% which is very high in comparison to the National average. The dropout students are mostly from the poorer sections of the society. Therefore, the present Government, in order to provide equal access to education for all sections of the society, has undertaken the following three major steps:
 - a. The Government of Assam has waived the admission fees/ tuition fees, etc., for the students taking admission in both Higher Secondary schools and Colleges for the first time. An amount of Rs. 4976.03773 lakh has been reimbursed for waiving admission fees, tuition fees, etc., in respect of 203435 students.
 - b. The Government of Assam also waived examination fees of students of the poorer section of the society and thereby 393688 students have been benefitted. For waiving examination fees, an amount of Rs. 2068.46 lakh have been reimbursed to the Board of Secondary Education, Assam (SEBA) and Assam Higher Secondary Education Council (AHSEC).
 - c. The Government of Assam in Secondary Education Department, for the first time, decided to provide free textbooks to the

students of Class IX and X for the academic year 2017-18. During 2017-18, it has been decided to implement the scheme on an extended scale, covering the students from Class XI to XII. Total 10800000 free textbooks have been distributed amongst 766100 students of Class IX and X through the Inspectors of Schools in the districts with support from the Directorate of Secondary Education, Assam.

2. Distribution of bicycles to the girl students up to Class X: With an objective of reducing the dropout rate of girl students at Secondary level and to increase enrollment of girls, Government of Assam is providing free bicycles to schoolgoing girls up to Class-X studying in Government and provincialized High/ Higher Secondary Schools. During financial year 2016-17, total 154199 beneficiaries have been covered for distribution of free ladies bicycles with a financial implication of Rs. 5096.367 lakh. Increasing mobility and socialization are the positive outcomes that has been observed amongst the schoolgoing girls.
3. Government of Assam for the first time has introduced 'SAPTADHARA', a scheme

for imparting education especially in extracurricular activities and for providing an opportunity to every young child to explore global knowledge on skill based innovative teaching learning tactics.

Under the auspices of mission for excellence SAPTADHARA, all schools, colleges and at a later stage the Universities across Assam will have to focus on various areas of education, art and knowledge for the manifold progress of the youth. These areas of focus are known as Band/ Cluster/ Spectrum/ Continuum/ Symphony of activities (Dharas) i.e. (i) Gyan Dhara (Knowledge Band), (ii) Upasthapan Dhara (Presentment Band), (iii) Gaurav Dhara (Self Esteem Band), (iv) Geet, Sangeet, Nrutya Dhara (Music and Dance Band), (v) Rang-Kala, Natya Dhara (Fine Arts Band), (vi) Samaj Seva Dhara (Community/ Social Service Band), (vii) Udbhaban Dhara (Talent).

4. As a continuing scheme, Government of Assam is providing Laptops or Cash Awards to the meritorious students securing first division in the HSLC/AHM Examination under Anundoram Barooah cash or Laptop Award Scheme. Last year, laptops were awarded to 52234 first division holders and cash award



Education Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma inaugurating the free textbook distribution ceremony at Guwahati



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal with the recipients of Anundoram Borooah Award

was provided to 4666 students with a financial implication of Rs. 7652.10 lakh.

5. Amalgamation of schools situated in the same campus: With a view to obtain standard teacher-pupil ratio, optimum services of the employees, saving administrative cost and other logistic support of the schools, Government of Assam in Secondary Education Department has decided that the schools situated in same campus or in any nearby area will be amalgamated/ merged and all the schools will be brought into one single administrative and academic unit under Siksha Khetra - a scheme for amalgamation and merger of different schools. So far, amalgamation of 701 ME Schools, 58 MV Schools, 324 LP Schools and 2 Jr. BS with 836 Secondary Schools are approved with the concurrence of Finance Department.
6. Conversion of Gender different schools into co-educational schools: In order to reduce gender sensitivity, Government has decided to agree to the proposals received from the school authorities for conversion of any Girls' school into co-educational school. Proposal for conversions of 124 Girls' schools into co-educational schools have already been approved by Government
7. Remedial teaching for the students of Class IX

and X under RMSA: Secondary Education is the threshold of Higher Education and therefore is considered very crucial in a student's life. But it is observed that majority of the students of Government and Provincialised schools are not prepared for secondary education and exhibit learning gaps. To address this concern with utmost sincerity, Learning Enhancement Programme for the students of Class IX was implemented for identification of the low achieving students of Class IX in the subjects Mathematics and English and provide intervention to the identified students to bridge the learning gaps in English and Mathematics.

For this purpose, assessment tools were prepared and administered on 3,88,186 students studying in Class IX. Teachers were trained on how to identify the students with support of tools before introducing the intervention programme. Total 79,229 students were identified and provided intervention during the summer vacation. Post assessment was also conducted and results were properly analyzed. Considerable positive changes could be observed after the intervention.

8. Digital Education: For providing digital education Government of Assam has introduced smart class rooms in 100 secondary schools.



in Nalbari, Barpeta, Baihata Chariali in Kamrup, Belguri Pathar in Baksa, Dhekiajuli in Sonitpur, Silapathar in Dhemaji, Demow in Sivasagar, Furkating in Golaghat, East Goalpara in Goalpara, Bihpuria in Lakhimpur and Maizgram in Karimganj districts for starting academic programmes from session 2017-18.

7. Infrastructure for establishment of five Model Degree Colleges under RUSA, i.e. **Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Adarsha Mahavidyalayas** at Dalgaon (Darrang district), Amjonga (Goalpara district), Tulungia (Bongaigaon district), Eraigool (Karimganj district) and Behali (Biswanath district) has been completed for starting academic programmes from session 2017-18.
8. **New Bill/ Act:** Four new Bills namely Cotton University Bill, 2017, Krishnaguru Adhyatmik Viswavidyalaya Bill, 2017, Bodoland University (Amendment) Bill, 2017, Assam State Higher Education Council Bill, 2017 and Assam Literary Award and Pension Rule, 1974 (Amendment) have been passed.

9. **Assam Sahitya Sabha** provided with a special grant of Rs. 1.00 crore on the occasion of its 100 year celebrations.

10. **For the purpose of installation of Wi-Fi in Colleges** financial support @Rs.50,000/- each to 301 colleges provided.

11. For institution of **Endowment Lecture in the name of Dr. Mamoni Raisam Goswami**, Rs. 10.00 lakh has been released to the Department of Modern Indian Languages and Literary Studies at the University of Delhi.

12. **For infrastructure development of colleges**, Rs. 50.00 lakh each has been provided to 33 colleges.

13. For **Students' Excursion**, Rs. 274.00 lakh has been provided to 274 colleges @ Rs. 1.00 lakh each.

14. **To organize Sports Meets**, etc., Rs. 80.00 lakh has been released to Gauhati University, Dibrugarh University and Assam University.

15. **For introduction of Vocational Courses** in colleges in phased manner, Rs. 100.00 lakh

has been released to five colleges, viz., B.N. College, Saraighat College, Nalbari Commerce College, NC College, Karimganj and Majuli College @ Rs. 20.00 lakh each.

16. **For infrastructure development of colleges and universities**, fund has been provided to 61 colleges and two universities under RUSA.



Union Human Resource Development Minister Prakash Javadekar flagging off cultural procession on the occasion of Brahmaputra Literary Festival at Guwahati



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal launching the Chief Minister Samagra Gram Unnayan Yojana at Guwahati

Panchayat & Rural Development Department is one of the major departments in terms of wide reach and citizens it connects to. During the period under reference, the achievement made by the department is as follows:

1. MGNREGA :

- An amount of Rs. 1500.61 crore has been utilised during 2016-17 which is Rs. 879.71 crore more than the amount utilised during 2015-16 which was Rs.620.90 crore.
- Man-days have been sanctioned for Rs. 5.00 crore during the current year as against Rs. 4.08 crore during 2016-17.
- Similarly, 15.74 lakh households have been provided with employment during 2016-17 as against 15.02 lakh of the previous years.
- During 2016-17, 15734 assets have been created against 14659 of the previous year.
- As on date more than 164198 assets have been created under MGNREGA since beginning.
- Department has introduced geo-tagging under MGNREGA and as such 76,767 assets have been geo-tagged till date to avoid duplicity in implementation of schemes.

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- About 36.96 lakh Job Cards have been verified.
- Social Audit Unit has been formed for undertaking audit of various schemes which will ensure transparency and active participation of citizens.

2. PMAY-G (Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Gramin)/ IAY :

- Erstwhile IAY Programme has been restructured as PMAY-(G) during the period under reference. Accordingly, allocation for 219695 PMAY houses for 2016-17 has been received as against 1,23,193 IAY houses during 2015-16. For implementation of the PMAY-G, an amount of Rs. 2856.04 crore has been received from the Government of India.
- For implementation of this flagship programme processes like verification, geo-tagging, registration and sanction, etc., have already been completed across the state. This process of geo-tagging is done to avoid duplicity and the houses of the beneficiaries can be traced out using map.
- Out of more than 3.00 lakh incomplete IAY houses (since 2012-13), 187203 houses have been completed during 2016-17 as against 71868 incomplete houses completed during 2015-16.

3. NSAP (National Social Assistance Programme) :

- More than 2.00 lakh beneficiaries not covered under the normal Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme under National Social Assistance Programme would be provided pension @Rs. 250 per beneficiary for which an amount of Rs. 77.15 crore has been allocated during the current year.
- The digitization of beneficiary details under the pension schemes has helped in removing ineligible beneficiaries or in cancelling pensions against which other irregularities had been detected. This process will ensure



Dwelling house constructed under PMAY-G

that all genuine beneficiaries get the benefits of pension under various components of NSAP, namely IGNOAPS, IGNWPS, IGDPS, NFBS and Annapurna.

- The Government is also very keen to ensure that the transaction based NSAP-MIS becomes fully operational. Updated data in NSAP-MIS will facilitate ease of transfer of funds though fund transfer orders from a single nodal account at the state level. The Government also desires to establish an architecture similar to the successful transaction-based MIS in NREGASoft and AWAASoft.
- During the period under reference, Government has taken bold steps to complete digital process of the beneficiaries shortly which will make their pension payment easy and will be automatically processed through the accounts of the beneficiaries, i.e., DBT through PFMS system. The process is in full swing and will be completed within a short span of time.

4. 14th Finance Commission Grant :

- During the period under reference, an amount of Rs. 292.40 crore and Rs. 106.22 crore has been received under basic grants and performance grants respectively. This fund has been directly released to the panchayats for development of their core basic services.

5. Awards, etc.:

- Recently, at the National Panchayati Raj Day held in Lucknow, the state bagged six National Awards from the Ministry. Dhemaji Zilla Parishad, Dhemaji Anchalik Panchayat, Dimoria Anchalik Panchayat under Kamrup (Metro) district, Ajarbari Gaon Panchayat under Morigaon district and Sonapur GP under Kamrup (M) district have bagged the Pt. Deendayal Upadhaya Panchayat Sashaktikaran Award. Similarly, Ajarbari GP under Morigaon district has bagged the prestigious Nanaji Dekhmukh National Gauravgram Sabha Award.
- Under Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Rurban Abhijan five clusters of villages have been selected for collective development of villages under different blocks such as Hajo, Katigorah, Bihpuria, Silanijan and Dhakuakhana which have been approved by the Government.
- Department desires to provide transparent services to the people. Hence, one toll free number (18003453714) and two other mobile services (94012 – 71777 and 94010 – 13222) have been put in place to receive grievances accordingly.
- Under Mukhya Mantri Aranya Nirman Achari, Rs. 10.00 crore has been earmarked for planting of herbal saplings in different blocks during the period under reference.
- Financial allocation has been made for an amount of Rs. 250.00 crore during 2017-18 under **Kanaklata Mahila Sabolikaran Yojana**.

6. ASRLM :

- 21756 SHGs formed during the period from May 2016 to April 2017 taking the total number of SHGs to 87028.
- 21776 SHGs were given a Revolving Fund of Rs. 27.67 crore during the period from May 2016 to April 2017 out of the total disbursed Revolving Fund amount of Rs.84.26 crore from inception, i.e., FY 2012-13.
- 9162 SHGs were given a Community Investment Fund of Rs. 41.73 crore during the period from May 2016 to April 2017

out of the total disbursed Community Investment Fund of Rs. 104.56 crore from inception i.e. FY 2012-13.

- 13654 SHGs were given bank linkage for a loan amount of Rs. 154.09 crore during the period from May 2016 to April 2017, out of total Bank Credit Linkage of Rs. 264.35 crore.
- 7810 candidates were trained under Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) during the period from May 2016 to April 2017, 5344 candidates were offered jobs and 1537 candidates completed 3 months or more placement.

7. SIPRD (State Institute of Panchayat & Rural Development):

The SIPRD, Assam, being the Apex Centre for Training and Research in the field of rural development and Panchayati Raj has been regularly organising different courses to build the capacity for different stakeholders in the broad field of rural development and Panchayati Raj. Against the deliverables finalised by the institute, the institute organised 2123 training programmes covering 91279 persons belonging to officials, elected representatives and other stakeholders on different subjects.

Thrust has been given on preparation of a holistic Gaon Panchayat Development Plan, technical training on new permissible works under MGNREGA, Geo-MGNREGA, MAssets, software, PMAY-G, rural masons, etc. Special emphasis has been given to institutionalise the process for the preparation of Gram Panchayat Development Plan by the Gram Panchayats through building the capacity of the different stakeholders.

Besides the training programmes, massive awareness campaigns on preparation of Gaon Panchayat Development Plan have also been organised in 22000 wards of the panchayats and covered 330819 persons during the year. The institute has also been providing hand-holding support to the panchayats for preparation of the Annual Gaon Panchayat Development Plan.



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal flagging off the patrolling vehicles provided to Transport and Police departments

- Steps have been taken to introduce transparency and efficiency in revenue collection and delivery of services. Transport Department achieved a revenue growth of 21% collecting Rs. 546 crore in 2016-17, despite fall in sale of vehicles from November onwards.
- Total 18 DTO Offices and the office of the Commissioner of Transport have been connected by BSNL 10 MBPS lease line for online registration and licensing of vehicles through upgraded Sarathi 4.0 and Vahan 4.0 software.

Transport



- The online registration of vehicles at dealer points through SBI e-pay system was launched in the month of November, 2016 in Kamrup Metropolitan District. The process shall be rolled out to other districts.
- The Assam Motor Vehicles Rules, 2003 has been amended for auction of fancy or choice numbers for augmentation of revenue.
- The State Road Safety Policy has been notified.
- Inland Water Transport Department reintroduced the Dhansirighat-Gamirighat Ferry Service which will cater to the needs of people between North and South Bank of the Brahmaputra, benefitting people of several districts.
- A special medical service has been introduced in the Bogibeel –Karengbali Ferry Service.
- Frequency of Majuli-based ferry services has been increased.
- A dead body carrying vessel “Boitoroni-Sakhee” has been introduced in Majuli-based ferry services.
- ASTC has extended its city services to Bamundi, Sualkuchi, Hajo, Baihata Chariali, Chaygaon, Jagiroad and Mangaldoi. The Corporation has further introduced bus services in 18 uncovered city routes in Guwahati.
- ASTC has completed its survey of 178 uncovered rural routes in the state.
- Under social welfare scheme, ASTC has introduced 100% fare concession for freedom fighters and physically disabled persons, 50% fare concession for senior citizens, 80% fare concession for recognised and accredited journalists, 40% fare concession for girl students and 30% concession for boy students.



Ferry services between Dhansirighat and Gamirighat were resumed during the Namami Brahmaputra Festival, 2017



Tourists enjoying elephant safari at Kaziranga National Park

1. The Tourism Department has for the first time adopted an aggressive and focused approach towards Assam tourism by engaging expert consultancy services and coming up with an ambitious campaign programme. A new logo of Assam Tourism was unveiled with a new tagline “Awesome Assam” for effective promotion and publicity of Assam Tourism. Bollywood actor of international fame, Priyanka Chopra was appointed as Brand Ambassador of Assam Tourism. She made her first appearance in Assam on 24th December, 2016. An attractive and widespread publicity campaign through the Brand Ambassador has been planned for launching soon.

Tourism



Minister for Tourism Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma unveiling the new logo of Assam Tourism



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal in conversation with the Brand Ambassador of Assam Tourism, Priyanka Chopra

2. A new draft Tourism Policy of Assam 2016 has been prepared and is in the final stage for approval. It visualises that Assam will become a nationally and internationally acclaimed all-seasons tourist destination for its unique wildlife, bio-diversity and experience of an unexploited wonderland. Tourism is to be one of the main sources of income generation for the people. It will also be a vibrant and significant contributor to the sustainable development of the State of Assam.
3. In order to make Kamakhya temple one of the best pilgrimage destinations of India, the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India has accorded sanction of Rs. 3397.60 lakh under the Scheme of PRASAD in the year 2015-16. Execution of works of different components like (a) Development of footpath tracks (b) Ambubachi Mela ground (c) Bhairavi Pond (d) Multilevel car parking with Huts (e) View Points have already been started and progressing satisfactorily.
4. Signages have been installed in different tourist destinations like Kamakhya, Tezpur, Hajo and Kaziranga National Park, etc.
5. In order to have professional tourist guides, Assam Tourism has organised training programme at different locations like Guwahati, Pobitora, Manas, Kaziranga, Majuli and Sivasagar. A total of 150 youth have been trained as tourist guides.
6. A state-of-the-art Tea Museum is being set up at Dibrugarh at an estimated cost of Rs. 314.41 lakh sanctioned by NEC. Construction works related to the project like site development, boundary wall are in progress.
7. Department has introduced the scheme “AMAR ALOHI”, a home stay facility in the state to meet the requirements of the growing tourists, both national and international.
8. In order to develop a unique wildlife circuit covering the National Parks and other Sanctuaries, the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India has accorded sanction of Rs. 9567.23 lakh in 2015-16 covering Manas, Pobitora, Nameri, Kaziranga, Pani Dihing and Dibru-Saikhowa. Execution of works under the circuit have already started and is progressing satisfactorily.



Mahabahu cruising along the mighty Brahmaputra, adding a new dimension to the state's tourism sector

9. Implementation of a project for the wildlife circuit Manas-Pobitora-Nameri-Kaziranga-Dibru-Saikhowa: The works under the scheme of SWADESH DARSHAN have started with the following projects : (i) Project at Manas (ii) Project at Pobitora (iii) Project at Nameri (iv) Project at Kaziranga (v) Project at Pani Dihing Bird Sanctuary and (vi) Project at Dibru-Saikhowa.
 10. Tourism Department, Government of Assam has participated in a big way and aggressively marketed the State both nationally and internationally in WTM London, ITB Berlin and in Imphal, Delhi, Bengaluru, etc.
 11. Tourism Department, Government of Assam has bagged the Gold award in the Heritage sector in the India Today Tourism Awards 2017, at New Delhi.
- Tourist footfall in the past year has increased considerably due to the initiatives taken by the department to give a new dimension to the tourism sector for its development and promotion.





Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal flagging off vehicles under PWD

- **Roadworks completed : 1800 Km**
- **Bridge work completed : 231**
- **Repair of roads : 700 Km**
- **Development of online computerized business process**

Public Works Roads Department can prepare and submit DPR/ estimates through online computerized process and also the DPRs can be approved through e-process maintaining complete transparency. The projects can also be monitored through online system.

PWD Roads



Monitoring the Road Assets Management system developed in GIS based platform

- **Asset Management:**
 - a. Road Assets management has also been developed in GIS based platform.



Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways & Shipping, Nitin Gadkari in presence of Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, dedicating the New Brahmaputra Bridge to the nation at Saraighat, Guwahati

- b. All Major District Road and State Highway data are available in the system.
- c. Now, with the system in place, priority can be laid on maintenance and reconstruction of the roads.
- **Road Safety measures:**
 - a. Road Safety Action Plan has been prepared.
 - b. One Road Safety demonstration corridor has been developed.
 - c. Six and four Road Safety Traffic Interceptor vehicles have been provided to Police Department and Transport Department respectively.
 - d. Breath Analysers have been provided to Police Department and Transport Department.
 - e. 300 Safety Jackets have been provided to Police Department.
 - f. 13 Patrolling Vehicles have been provided to Police Department and 7 to Transport Department.



Jorhat-Titabor Road under ASRP



Minister for PWD Parimal Suklabaidya laying the foundation stone of State Highway at Morigaon with MLA Batadrava Angoorlata Deka



New chapter added to road connectivity: Dhola-Sadiya Bridge, the longest road bridge in India, linking Upper Assam to Eastern Arunachal Pradesh

Under the NH wing:

Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has given top priority for improvement of highway infrastructure in the State.

- 847 km of road stretches have already been approved “in principle” as new National Highways. During last one year another 1253 km of state roads have been identified for upgradation to NH.
- Further, as per the direction of the Union Minister for RTH&S process of identification of another 1000 km of state roads for upgradation to NH is underway.

• **The new 3-lane bridge over river Brahmaputra**

The new 3-lane bridge over river Brahmaputra at Guwahati adjacent to the existing double decker rail-cum-road bridge was inaugurated by Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways Nitin Gadkari on 28-01-2017. The construction of the bridge started in 2007. The length of the bridge is 1493.58 metres and the project cost was Rs. 475 crore. The opening of the bridge has ended the long traffic jams at Jalukbari and greatly benefitted the people of Assam in general and this area in particular.

**PWD –
National
Highways
&
Building**



National Highway works under implementation

NH(O)/SARDP-NE

- **Estimates sanctioned** (17 nos.) amounting to Rs. 732.55 crore

Works under implementation

- NH (original) works =454.128 km amounting to Rs. 1688.00 Cr.
- SARDP NE works =429.96 km amounting Rs. 1750.00 Cr.

PR/IRQP

- 14 estimates under PR/IRQP works sanctioned in 2016-17 for 159.00 km length amounting to Rs. 87.09 crore. All works for 2016-17 have been allotted and work is in progress.

Feasibility Study and Detailed Project Report:

Consultants have been engaged for the following Feasibility Study and preparation of Detailed Project Report for upgradation of newly declared NHS/ in principle approved NHs and by-passes :

- Upgradation of the newly declared NH-127B (Assam Portion)
- Upgradation of the newly declared NH-127C
- Upgradation of the newly declared NH-315A (Assam Portion)
- Gauripur bypass and Mangaldoi bypass
- Up-gradation of the road Desangmukh-

Tekeliphuta-Dhakuakhana-NorthLakhimpur-Kamalabarighat-Neamatighat-Jorhat including bridges over river Brahmaputra at Dechangmukh and Neamatighat (in-principle NH)

- DPR of Wildlife Friendly Measures at Kaziranga National Park (KNP) for a stretch of 38km of NH-37 as per international standards.
- Land acquisition process of newly declared NH 627 (Nellie-Harangajao-Silchar section) started. Draft 3A notification submitted to Ministry for publication.

Strengthening/ Widening Works:

All the 12 schemes for strengthening works sanctioned in various stretches on the NHs- **31, 37, 38, 39, 44, 52, 53 & 151** have been awarded and works are under implementation.

Works of 10 Major Bypass/ realignment Works and five R.O.B.s are going on.

Major Bridge Works under Implementation

a. Bridges over River Brahmaputra under construction:

- 9.15 km long Dhola-Sadiya Bridge constructed under MoRT&H is completed.
- Work in progress on additional 2-lane bridge near existing Bridge at Koliabhomora started by NHIDCL.
- Construction of Bogibeel Rail cum Road Bridge is in progress under Railways. Target date for completion is December, 2017.

b. Over River Barak:

- Bridge on Silchar by-pass under construction.

c. Proposed New Bridges over River Brahmaputra

- Dhubri-Phulbari Bridge Feasibility study under MoRT&H



Bird's eye view of the New Brahmaputra Bridge and Saraighat Bridge

- 4-Lane Bridge connecting Gohpur and Numaligarh in progress (NHIDCL)
- Desangmukh–Tekeliphuta bridge and Kamalabari - Neamatighat Bridge
- 6-Lane bridge between Narengi and Kuruwa

Major Infrastructure Development Projects being implemented by NHIDCL:

- **Dibrugarh By pass** on NH-37 (total length=15.447 km, projected cost= Rs. 120.05 crore) (work is in progress).
- **Digboi, Margherita and Ledo By pass** on NH-37 (total length=29.36 km, projected cost = Rs. 326.57 crore) under SARDP-NE.
- Construction of 4-lane connectivity to **Itanagar (Assam portion from the end of Nagaon by-pass to Holongi at Arunachal border)**. (Total Length= 166.405 km., estimated cost Rs. 4615.89 crore)
- 4-laning of NH-37 from **Numaligarh to Dibrugarh** (Total Length=179.00 km.)
- **FS & DPR** of 4-lane connectivity between **Gohpur to Numaligarh** including construction of 4-lane bridge over river Brahmaputra (Total Length= 41.35 km.)

New Scheme/Programmes

- Construction of 6-lane bridge (along **with provision of 2 metro rail track**) over river Brahmaputra connecting Narengi near Guwahati with Kuruwa on the North bank with road link up to Dumunichowki on NH-52. Draft feasibility report submitted by consultant is under process of Proof Checking at IIT Guwahati.
- **Changsari-Kuruwa Road:** NHIDCL has been entrusted with the preparation of FS&DPR for this project.
- **Indo Bhutan Border Road:** Ministry of Home Affairs has approved construction of 313 Km of border roads along Indo-Bhutan

border. Consultants have been engaged for the FS&DPR work.

- **Construction of new Fly-overs & RoB :** MoRT&H has consented for construction of **9 new Flyovers** at locations Basistha Chariali (NH-37), Pathsala (NH-31), Simlaguri (NH31), Lohra (NH37), Demou & Kathiatoli (NH-37), Bongaigaon, Raha (NH-37), Borghat Chariali (NH-37) & Amolapatty (Dibrugarh) in Assam and **2 new RoBs** at Jagiroad NH-37 (under Setu Bharatam) & NH-715A.

Under the Building wing :

1. Constructions of 3 New Medical Colleges have been started in Nagaon, Dhubri and North-Lakhimpur.
2. 200-bedded Cancer Hospital at Gauhati Medical College has been completed and work of Cancer Hospital at Silchar is in progress.
3. Construction of Barak Valley Engineering College at Karimganj and Bineswar Brahma Engineering College at Kokrajhar has been completed.
4. First phase of National Law School and Assam Judicial Academy at Amingaon has been completed and made functional.
5. Judicial Court Building at Silchar, Hailakandi and Mushalpur will be completed soon. Besides, construction of Judicial Court Building at Barpeta, Sivasagar, Golaghat, Bokakhat and Dibrugarh has been taken up.
6. For popularization of science, construction of six Sub-Regional Science Centres with Planetarium at Majuli, Kaliabor, Silchar, Diphu, Bongaigaon and North Guwahati (Dadora) has been started in addition to three ongoing works at Nalbari, Kokrajhar and North- Lakhimpur.
7. For improvement of infrastructure of the river island Majuli, arrangement has been made for construction of “Integrated District Complex” at a tentative cost of Rs. 274.21 crore.



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal addressing the gathering on the occasion of Purabi Milk Day at Guwahati

Animal Husbandry & Veterinary

1. Animal Origin Protein Food Production:

Because of the continuous efforts of the Department, there has been a considerable increase in the production of milk, meat and egg in the State. The production of milk, meat and egg in the State during 2015-16 was 888 million litres, 45 thousand tons and 474 million respectively during 2015-16 and the same during 2016-17 was 908 million litres, 49 thousand tons and 508 million respectively. This indicates that there has been a considerable increase in the production of animal origin protein food.

2. Breed Upgradation:

Artificial Insemination (AI) on cattle is the major thrust area for Breed Upgradation of Cattle. For this purpose the department has been able to produce 6,50,185 doses of Frozen Semen of HF and Jersey breed in the Frozen Semen Bull Station, Barapetta till March 2017. In the past year, 1,18,474 cases of Artificial Insemination (AI) have been performed and 52,099 calves were born.

Six HF Breed and eight Jersey Breeding Bulls were procured for collection and production of Frozen Semen Straws at the FSBS, Barapetta at a cost of Rs. 12.306 lakh. 50 Gopal Mitras (Private AI Workers) have been trained to conduct AI activities.

3. Piggery Development:

There is considerable demand of pork in the state. In order to increase meat production in the State and to popularize pig rearing, the following activities have been taken up:

- The Base Pig Breeding Farm at Khanapara in Kamrup (M) and Kathiatoli in Nagaon District has been re-constructed and renovated at the cost of Rs. 75.525 lakh.
- A new Pig Farm at Sonapur in Kamrup has been constructed at a project cost of Rs. 191.28 lakh.

4. Health Coverage:

Prevention and Control of Animal Diseases which, in turn, relates to the Animal Health is the prime objective in this Department. A total of 5,15,280

doses of Vaccines have been distributed for immunization of the livestock population.

A total of 45,00,000 doses of FMD Vaccine are being procured under RKVY at the project cost of Rs. 531.11 lakh and proposed to be utilized as post monsoon vaccination.

5. Infrastructure Development:

In order to create a smooth and efficient service delivery network, the department has taken up reconstruction of offices and other institutions out of which 37 Veterinary Hospitals and 16 Veterinary Sub-Centres are already completed, 55 Veterinary Hospitals and 18 Veterinary Sub-Centres are nearing completion and 44 Veterinary Hospitals, 48 Veterinary Sub-Centres, 11 D.V.O. offices and 6 S.D.V.O. offices are under process. Construction works of the Information Hall at the Directorate at Chenikuthi is completed.



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal distributing financial assistance to a beneficiary on Purabi Milk Day



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal launching the Knowledge Management Portal for disaster management

Revenue & Disaster Management

1. Integrated Land Record Management System (ILRMS):

Revenue and D.M. Department has undertaken the project - **The Integrated Land Record Management System (ILRMS)** for computerization and integration of land records and maps.

- It has four components : i) online system of issuing NOC for the transfer of immovable property, ii) Dharitree online system for updation of land records, iii) e-Panjiyan online system for registration of property and iv) online system for land revenue collection.
- It has been rolled out on 21st February in 17 districts, covering 177 Revenue offices across the State, with inter-connectivity among the Deputy Commissioner offices, Revenue Circle offices, Sub-Registrar offices and office of the Director of Land Records & Surveys by BSNL and NIC.
- Work is going on for inter-connectivity of remaining 71 Revenue offices through BSNL and the process of connectivity to all the Revenue offices will be completed by 30th May, 2017.
- Remaining 16 districts are expected to be covered under ILRMS by 30th June, 2017.

- G2C component of ILRMS to be operational from 1st July, 2017
- More than 26,000 maps digitized and integrated RoR with Bhū-naksha.

2. MIS Portal of DoLR :

MIS portal has been developed to simplify and standardize various processes to align them with the changed expectations and requirement of e-governance projects. The MIS in its present form contains 25 entry modules for the Circle Officers, 18 entry modules for Deputy Commissioners, 9 entry modules for Sub-Divisional Officers (C) and 9 entry modules for Sub-Registrar offices. The most important feature is the provision for online certification by DCs, SDO(C)s, COs and SROs.

and steps are taken to set up another 73 Modern Record Rooms in the various Circle offices in the next financial year 2017-18 under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme - Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme (DILRMP)

5. Creation of NLRMP Cell:

NLRMP Cell has been set up at Assam Survey & Settlement Training Centre (ASSTC), Dakhingaon, Guwahati and various requirements for the NLRMP Cell like stationeries, consumables, library books, training materials/ manuals, furniture have been procured. Various modern survey instruments like Electronic Total Station (ETS), DGPS, GIS Software, Image-Processing Software, Server, Monitor, etc.,



Minister of State (Ind.) Revenue & Disaster Management, Pallab Lochan Das reviewing disaster management preparedness with senior officials of ASDMA

3. Creation of Sub-divisional Data Centre

Sub-divisional Data Centre has been set up in 30 Civil sub-divisions and 2 Sadar Sub-divisions across the State under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme - Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme (DILRMP)

4. Construction of Modern Record Room:

56 Modern Record Rooms in the selected Circle Offices of the state have been set up across the state

have been purchased for field survey and training purposes.

6. Constitution of PMU:

As per Government of India's guidelines, a Project Management Unit in the name of Assam Land Management and Information Society (ALMIS) has been constituted under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860 on 29-09-2015 for smooth implementation of DILRMP and it has been operating from the office of the Director of Land Records & Surveys etc., Assam, Rupnagar,



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal distributing ex-gratia and rehabilitation grant to a beneficiary at Silchar

Guwahati-32. A savings account has been opened in its name in the State Bank of India, Dispur Branch and the Account will be jointly operated by Chairman and Member Secretary of ALMIS.

Future fund for DILRMP will be directly transferred into the Savings Account of ALMIS by Government of India.

7. Inter-connectivity among Revenue offices :

143 Revenue offices (94 Circle offices, 47 Sub-Registrar offices and 2 Central Data Centres at the office of Director of Land Records & Surveys), covering 17 districts have been inter-connected across the State in the first phase of connectivity through BSNL under centrally sponsored scheme - Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme (DILRMP) and further 71 Revenue offices (55 Circle offices and 16 Sub-Registrar Offices), covering 16 districts will be inter-connected in the financial year 2017-18 by BSNL. This ensures that with the fund sanctioned for inter-connectivity among 206 offices, we are able to connect 214 offices. With this, all the Deputy Commissioner, Circle and Sub-Registrar offices in 33 districts of State will have dedicated lease line connectivity by June 2017.

- **Launch of Knowledge Management Portal, GIS Portal and Inventory Management Portal for Disaster Management.**

- **Preparation of Village Land Use Plans and Village Master Plan for Disaster Management.**
- **Intensive Training of Revenue Department functionaries.**
- **Utilization of SDRF.**

Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA)

1. Design & Development of a Utility Geo-portal of ASDMA:

An online database comprising of around 18000 points on 18 different critical utilities and infrastructures, i.e., Hospitals, Police Stations, important Government Buildings and Educational Institutions, etc., was designed and developed.

This database has been now developed in the web based GIS environment. This will help the administration in planning and prompt and effective decision making in case of an emergency.

2. Mapping of Open Spaces within Guwahati City:

ASDMA has mapped out the open spaces in all the 31 wards under Guwahati Municipal Corporation (GMC). The purpose of this mapping exercise is to assess the availability of open ground for setting up shelters in the event of any catastrophe like earthquake, flood, etc., as the city is densely populated.

3. Upgradation of the Flood Hazard Atlas of Assam

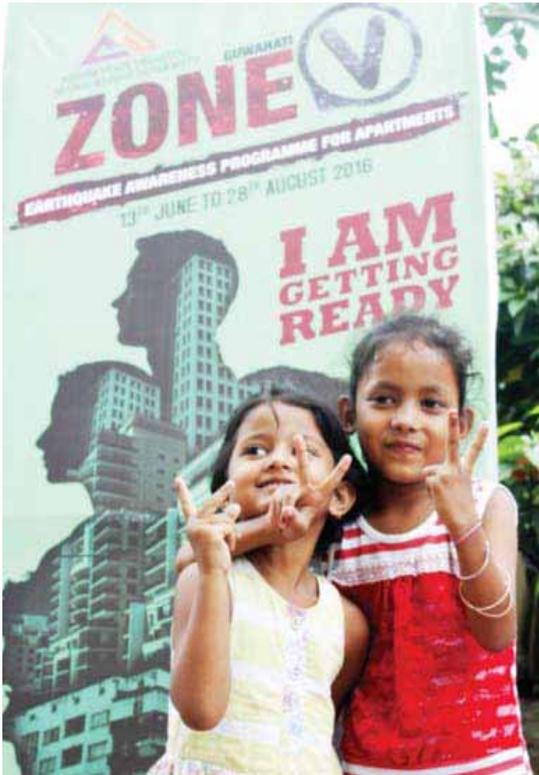
ASDMA in collaboration with National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC), Hyderabad has updated the Flood Hazard Atlas of Assam with 18 years of data set.

4. Management Information System (MIS) on equipment and inventories:

An online Management Information System (MIS) on Search and Rescue Equipments to help in

carrying out disaster preparedness planning and effective response.

5. Apartment Society Sensitization Programme in 200 Apartments of Guwahati City:



Awareness on Apartment Society Sensitisation programme

Assam State Disaster Management Authority has carried out earthquake and fire safety sensitization programmes in 200 apartments of Guwahati within 72 days with the help of a team of officers from ASDMA, Fire & Emergency Services, Assam and Civil Defence Volunteers.

6. Disaster Preparedness sensitization programme & Mock Drills in GMC wards:

31 Sensitization Meetings were conducted in the 31 Wards of GMC on Disaster related issues by DDMA, Kamrup Metro in association with Guwahati Municipal Corporation (GMC). A Ward Disaster Management Committee has been formed in each Ward. Mock Drills were also conducted in three zones of GMC viz. Central Zone, Eastern Zone and Western Zone.

7. Mock Drills for disaster preparedness:

- 90 Flood Mock Drills conducted in 28 districts as flood preparedness measure.
- 5294 School Mock Drills conducted during September –October 2016 as a special drive for school safety.
- Fire and Earthquake Mock drills conducted in 267 colleges and junior colleges in all the districts of Assam in 2016-17.



A rescue demonstration during a mock-drill at Guwahati

8. Message Broadcast of Disaster Management:

Information on earthquake safety and preparedness measures disseminated through Telecom Service Providers of Assam Circle BSNL, Vodafone, Airtel, Aircel, etc.

9. Community Engagement for Disaster Preparedness:

16500 Village Land Management & Conservation Committee (VLMCCs) constituted in 2016-17. 104 Master trainers, 924 District trainers and over 80,000 VLMCC members were trained.

10. Institutional Strengthening for Disaster Management:

In a major boost to reach out to the grass root level for disaster preparedness, 154 Field Officers were recruited in order to carry out the activities like operationalization of VLMCCs, Circle Disaster Management Committees, training of VLMCC committees and members and preparation of Village Master Plan, Village Land Use Plan, etc.



11. Training and Capacity Building activities for Disaster Management:

A massive Training and capacity building exercise in different domains were carried out in the year 2016-17 in Assam.

Participants:

- 1088 officials in Public Health in emergencies
- 1068 officials in Community Based Disaster preparedness
- 1242 Teachers in School Safety
- 741 Doctors in Mass Casualty Management
- 1146 Paramedics in Mass Casualty Management
- 376 Masons on Safe Construction Practices
- 218 Engineers on retrofitting and earthquake resistant techniques.

12. Knowledge Management Portal:

Chief Minister of Assam Sarbananda Sonowal launched ASDMA's Knowledge Management Portal for Disaster Management on 6th May 2017. The Portal will be an online interactive inventory of information regarding events, experiences and innovations in the field of Disaster Management within the national or international boundaries and also at the local

level. The knowledge management portal is a knowledge hub for sharing the best practices, case studies or any important content prepared related to Disaster Management through a network of State Government Departments and also knowledge based institutions across the State.



Fire mock-drill at a Guwahati-based school

Rescue operations during natural disaster



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurating the new Assam House complex at Shillong

1. The New Assam House at Shillong was inaugurated by Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, which was completed at a total project cost of Rs. 10.34 crore. Assam Bhawans at Chennai and Vellore are almost ready for inauguration.
2. Fund of Rs. 541.75 lakh has been released for purchase of land on perpetual lease basis for construction of Guest House at Dwarka at New Delhi.
3. Implementation of Management Information System (MIS).
4. Implementation of institutional mechanism for regular inspection of DC offices.
5. Development of Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for management of Assam Bhawans and Circuit Houses.
6. 3-Day celebration of Independence Day across the State.
7. Inter-governmental letters at the level of Chief Secretary has been sent for setting up Assam Bhawans at new locations such as Pune, Chandigarh, Kochi, Thiruvananthapuram, Bhopal, Jaipur, Ahmedabad, Bhubaneswar and Cooch-Behar.

General Administration



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal attending the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas, 2017 at Bengaluru

Industries & Commerce

A. Investment destination “Assam”:

Industries & Commerce Department has taken several initiatives to project “Assam” as the preferred investment destination. Some of the initiatives taken during the period from May, 2016 to May, 2017 are indicated below :

1. Investment projects that started production from May, 2016 to May, 2017 :

As a result of sustained efforts of the department, investment projects as indicated below have been established in the state during the period from May, 2016 to March, 2017:

Category	No. of Units	Investment (Rs. in crore)	Employment Generated (Direct & Indirect)
Medium & Large Units	124	5,881.60	19,963
Micro Small	2193	618.15	19,572
Total	2317	6,499.75	39,535

2. Land Bank :

Considering the importance of ready to use industrial infrastructure for industrial development in the state, the department has taken

initiatives for creation of a Land Bank in the State. “Assam’s Industrial Infrastructure: The Land Bank” incorporating details of Government Industrial Infrastructure available for allotment to prospective entrepreneurs was published during the first 100 days of the present Government. Approximately 700 Acres of Developed Land is available in the Land Bank for allotment to the Investors. The Department is making efforts to add new plots of land to the Land Bank. Conversion of land of closed PSUs into Industrial Infrastructure is one of such initiatives.

3. India International Trade Fair (IITF), 2016 at New Delhi :

As in previous years, Industries & Commerce Department organized Assam Pavilion in the India International Trade Fair (IITF), 2016 held from 14th to 27th November, 2017 at New Delhi. Total 13 Government Departments/ Agencies, 44 MSME units & 4 Handmade Organic Tea Producers participated in Assam Pavilion. Assam Pavilion was awarded the Silver Medal for Second best Pavilion as well as Special Appreciation Certificate in IITF, 2016. It may be mentioned that Assam Pavilion was awarded Gold Medal for Best State Pavilion consecutively in IITF 2012 & IITF 2013 and Gold Medal for Best State Pavilion (NE) in IITF, 2015.

4. Implementation of Ease of Doing Business :

The Assam Ease of Doing Business Act, 2016 was enacted in the first Session of the 14th Assam Legislative Assembly. A Single Window Agency was created under the Act. Web portal www.easeofdoingbusinessinassam.in has been launched and 268 services of 27 Departments are already available online.

5. Participation in Pravashi Bharatiya Divas at Bengaluru :

Industries & Commerce Department participated in the Pravashi Bharatiya Divas held at Bengaluru from 7th to 9th January, 2017 in order to reach out to the Pravashi Bharatiyas and project Assam as an Investment Destination. The team was led by the Chief Minister.



6. Participation in Vibrant Gujarat Summit at Gandhinagar :

Industries & Commerce Department participated in the 8th Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit, 2017 at Gandhinagar from 10th to 13th January, 2017 and organized State Seminar on investment potential in the state. The team was led by the Minister for Industries & Commerce.

7. Participation in Namami Brahmaputra Festival :

Industries & Commerce Department participated in the Namami Brahmaputra Festival held from March 31 to April 04, 2017. Besides display of products ‘Made in Assam’ in departmental stalls in different venues, a seminar on Plastic & Jute based industries was organized on April 03, 2017 in Guwahati.

8. Participation in Global Exhibition on Services at Noida

Industries & Commerce Department participated in the 3rd Global Exhibition on Services held at India Expo Centre & Mart, Greater Noida from 17th to 20th April, 2017. 70 Countries and 20 Indian States participated



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal attending the Green Gold Bamboo Summit at Assam Administrative Staff College, Khanapara

in the event. The team was led by the Minister for Industries & Commerce.

9. First Green Gold Bamboo Summit, 2017 at Guwahati :

Industries & Commerce Department organized the first Green Gold Bamboo Summit, 2017 at Assam Administrative Staff College, Guwahati on 28th April, 2017. The event organized to harness the potential of Bamboo was inaugurated by the Chief Minister. Large number of stakeholders of bamboo industries from both within and outside the country participated in the event. Few notable participants are Mutha Industries, Agartala; IKEA; INBAR; IORA ecological Solutions; Chin Fu Industrial Corporation, Taiwan; National Pingtung University and Technology, Taiwan, etc.

10. Plastic Park, Tinsukia :

For promoting downstream industries based on Brahmaputra Crackers & Polymers Ltd. (BCPL), the department is developing a Plastic Park at Tinsukia and first phase of the Project has already been completed.

11. Sarothi : CM's Start Up Fund :

For implementation of Sarothi : CM's Start Up fund to support young entrepreneurs, an MoU has been signed between the Commissioner of Industries & Commerce, Assam and Assam Gramin Vikash Bank (AGVB) in April 2017.

12. Mini Tool Room at Tinsukia: Necessary sanction of Rs. 580 crore (For plant and machineries only) has been obtained from Government of India for setting up of Mini Tool Room at Tinsukia for providing technical support to the Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises.

13. Assam Investment Roadshow :

Assam Investment Roadshow on Food Processing, Plastic & Bamboo was held at Hotel Grand, Kolkata on 5th December, 2016 to attract investments in these sectors to the state and also to promote the North East Mega Food Park, Plastic Park and Bamboo Park.

Around 130 interested investors/ personnel attended the three sessions held concurrently on each of the sectors. Several responses which are likely to be converted into concrete proposals have been received after the event.



Governor of Assam Banwarilal Purohit and Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal honouring eminent journalist Radhika Mohan Bhagawati with the first Republic Day Journalism Award, Assam on 26th January, 2017

The Department of Information and Public Relations has been implementing a few important schemes along with some welfare schemes specially meant for the journalist fraternity.

1. Journalists' Medical Welfare Scheme:

The department has been implementing a welfare scheme for media persons viz. Journalists' Medical Welfare Scheme to provide one time financial assistance to Accredited and Recognized journalists of Assam along with their dependent family members. Till date 76 journalists (including dependent family members) have received one time financial assistance amounting to Rs. 42.33 lakh from the Corpus Fund.

2. Republic Day Journalism Award:

The department has introduced the Republic Day Journalism Award which will be given to one media person each year in recognition of his / her excellence in the field of journalism. This year the award was conferred on Radhika Mohan Bhagawati, eminent journalist of the state.

3. Journalists' Family Benefit Fund:

The Government has introduced a supportive scheme called the Journalists' Family Benefit Fund for providing financial assistance to

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Media Adviser to the Chief Minister Hrishikesh Goswami seen with the officials of the I&PR department and senior journalists of the state felicitated on National Press Day, 2016 at Guwahati

families of deceased journalists who died while in service. Accordingly, the department has opened a savings bank account at State Bank of India, Dispur Branch. The Government has already framed rules for this scheme.

4. Pension Scheme for Journalist:

This is a novel scheme being introduced for the welfare of senior journalists on their retirement at the age of 60 years. An amount of Rs. 8000 per month will be provided as pension to the retired journalists who served in Assam for atleast 20 years. This pension would be a token of recognition of their contribution to journalism during their service.

5. Observance of National Press Day:

The Department observed National Press Day on November 16, 2017 at Sankardev Kalakshetra, Guwahati and felicitated six prominent journalists hailing from different districts.

6. Press Tour:

Press Tour is conducted every year with a motive to strengthen the relationship between the government and the media. It creates better impression among the media persons about the Government and its initiatives. The department successfully organized a press tour to Gujarat, from 4th to 16th March 2017. The team consisted of 18 rural journalists from different districts of the state. The Press Tour



Media Adviser to the Chief Minister, Hrishikesh Goswami, interacting with the rural media persons of Assam prior to their departure on a Conducted Press Tour to Gujarat, at Guwahati



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal releasing the fortnightly magazine 'Rajjor Batori' at Janata Bhawan, Guwahati

was flagged off by the Media Advisor to the Chief Minister, Hrishikesh Goswami.

7. Advertisement:

In the Budget speech 2016-17, the Finance Minister had announced that all the pending advertisement bills would be cleared.

Accordingly, the Government has been releasing Rs. 140.00 lakh as obligatory ceiling per month. As such, the Department has taken the initiative for timely payment of advertisement bills to the print and electronic media and has already cleared outstanding bills amounting to Rs. 10,94,82,237.00 up to March 2017.

8. Publication:

The Department has started publishing "Rajjor Batori" in a revamped format as a fortnightly magazine with a view to disseminate the developmental plans and programmes of the Government amongst the people. A special editor has been appointed for the purpose.



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal releasing the book 'Scheduled Tribes of Assam' written by Tabu Taid, at Janata Bhawan, Guwahati



Group photo of the rural media persons from Assam taken on a Conducted Press Tour, in front of the Gujarat Vidhan Sabha at Gandhinagar



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal distributing aids and appliances to the persons with disabilities under 'Project Reach-out and Respond'

Social Welfare

1. Welfare of Person with Disability:

- Scholarships to Differently-abled Students and Unemployment Allowances were given to 7638 beneficiaries through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).
- **Project Reach Out and Respond - সঁহাৰি**, a joint initiative of Assam State Legal Service Authority in partnership with Social Welfare Department and Health & Family Welfare Department, Government of Assam was organized from 4th to 12th March, 2017 whereby various types of aids and appliances were distributed to persons with disabilities from six districts viz. Nagaon, Morigaon, Darrang, Goalpara, Kamrup (M) and Kamrup with the support of Bhagawan Mahabeer Vikalanga Sahayata Samiti (BMVSS) and Artificial Limb Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO). Details of beneficiaries of the camp:
 1. Prosthetic Limb : 126
 2. Calipers for Polio patients : 218
 3. Crutches: 76
 4. Hand: 44
 5. Tricycle: 150 (57 small and 93 adult)



Minister of State for Social Welfare (Ind.) Naba Kumar Doley distributing scholarship to a differently-abled student

6. Wheel chairs: 163 (61 small and 102 adult)
7. Hearing Aids: 536
8. Stick for blind: 49
9. Walking Stick: 67
10. Auxiliary Crutch : 37 pairs

- Initiative has been taken to create a robust district wise database to enumerate every person with disability along with the details of their area of disability. All the districts have been intimated to expedite the process of data collection.

2. Child Welfare & Protection: Integrated Child Development Services Scheme:

- In convergence with the Department of Panchayat and Rural Development, construction of 3000 AWCs @ Rs.7 Lakh has been taken up under MGNREGA.
- Replication of the MIS- ICDS and ICPS, Madhya Pradesh Model has been initiated to strengthen monitoring and mechanism throughout the state. This online application system made ICDS monitoring system digitized enabling Real Time Monitoring.
- Developed 2300 Model AWCs with community support in the state.

- Accreditation of all the Anganwadi Centers by using AWCs facility survey tool, has been taken up. The facility survey has been conducted in all AWCs of 230 ICDS Projects, the result of which will give a clear picture of the present status of AWCs all over the state.

- The training of Infant and Young Child Feeding Guideline formulated and training imparted to functionaries of ICDS in 3 High Burden districts (Nagaon, Golaghat and Karimganj) along with Kokrajhar.

- Rapid Reporting System in ICDS, introduced by Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India has been rolled out in the state since January, 2017. AWCs have uploaded their Monthly Progress Report through this system regularly.

- IMR reduced from 54 (SRS 2014-15) to 48 (NFHS 2015-16). Various initiatives like awareness camps with Matri Sahayok Gut at AWCs and Community, related to 1000 days Window of opportunity, Infant Young Child Feeding, etc., have been taken up jointly with Health department. With the support of UNICEF, Assam field level functionaries of ICDS and Health also jointly organized some activities to reduce IMR & MMR in Tea Garden and Minority dominated areas.

- Initiative has been taken to provide LPG connections to all functional AWCs in order to convert and transform them into clean and green environment and create a smokeless ambience for holistic development of the children.

3. Under Early Childhood Care & Education:

- The present Government has given more emphasis on *Early Childhood Care &*

Education (ECCE) and accordingly 17 ICDS Officials have been trained as State Level Master Trainers in Lucknow for effective implementation of Early Childhood Care and Education in the AWCs. Fund has been released for organizing district wise training of ICDS field level functionaries on ECCE.

4. Integrated Child Protection Scheme:

- Completed the first of its kind study in India namely “Pendency of Cases before Juvenile Justice Board of Assam”.
- Successfully organized and hosted the 3rd Round of Regional North Eastern Juvenile Justice Conclave in collaboration with Supreme Court of India.
- Notification of establishment of District Child Protection Committee in the newly created districts of Assam, so that ICPS can be rolled out in those six districts.
- Organized District Level Awareness programme on Child Trafficking under 100 days Programme initiative.
- Re-Notification of Block Level Child Protection Committee under ICPS
- Organized **Police Training on Child related Laws** for Western Range of Assam Police.
- Recognition of **14 new Special Adoption Agencies** covering all districts of Assam.

5. Welfare and Empowerment of Women and Adolescent Girls:

- Land for construction of One Stop Centre at Beltola handed over to National Building Construction Corporation.
- One Stop Centre made functional in five districts viz. Jorhat, Kokrajhar, Cachar,

Nagaon and Kamrup (M) with Women Helpline Number in Kamrup (M) district.

- Village Convergence and Facilitation Services have been made operational in the district of Kamrup (M) under the scheme Beti Bachao Beti Padhao.
- Under IGMSY, 27,875 beneficiaries will be benefitted through DBT.

6. Welfare of Senior Citizens:

- A proposal of a budget requirement of Rs. 11 crore only under Grants-in-Aid has been moved to the Central Government for implementation of various schemes under Welfare of Senior Citizens.
- 6 Mobile Medicare Units run by NGOs provided medical aid to the needy, sick and older persons. Several additional proposals sent to the Government of India.
- The Senior Citizen Committee has been constituted and a new Chairman and Vice-Chairman have been appointed by the Government of Assam.

7. Other Welfare Schemes and Programmes:

- 31 Shelter Homes run by 20 NGOs in 19 districts are in operation.
- Initiative has been taken to expedite the



Minister of State for Social Welfare (Ind.) Naba Kumar Doley addressing the gathering at the International Day of Disabled Persons on 3rd December 2016 at Guwahati

process of converting all transactions of the Directorate of Social Welfare into Public Fund Management System (PFMS).

- Proposal has been initiated to set up five Missions namely
 - a. ICDS Mission
 - b. Nutrition Mission
 - c. Women Welfare Mission
 - d. Elderly Mission
 - e. Differently Abled Mission



Minister of State for Social Welfare (Ind.) Naba Kumar Doley distributing scholarship to a differently-abled student

8. Action Taken on PARIVARTAN-Reforms under Social Welfare Department

- To bring Assam among the top five states of India by reducing IMR, MMR through growth monitoring and checking Trafficking and Child Marriage cases in the next five years
- Major flaws in the functioning detected and rectified
- Approximately 35 lakhs actual children beneficiaries identified (0-6 years)
- IT based monitoring of ICDS specially SNP / Homes, etc.

- Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) of all pension/ scholarship/ stipends along with SMS alerts; prepare guidelines for DBT
- Gas connection to all AWCs
- Decentralization of procurement for Hot Cooked Meals (HCM) through Anganwadi Centre Management Committee (AWCMC).
- Empowering the DCs and DSWOs.
- Appointment of new AWWs and AWHs.
 - ICDS Mission to be registered as a society (MP Model) – DCs to undertake all the activities under ICDS in a targeted Mission Mode
 - Bifurcation of Directorate of Social Welfare
 - a. Department of Social Welfare would remain. Similar to Government of India and other states, two Directorates will be established:
 - i. Directorate of Women and Child Development (Women and Children)
 - ii. Directorate of Social Justice and Empowerment (Elderly and differently-abled)
 - Training – MP Model, NHM Mode
- Rationalization of Supervisors – huge discrepancy in numbers; attachment system to be stopped; transfer only on the basis of vacancy
- Convergence with Health, P&RD, MSDP for construction/ maintenance of new AWCs.
- Co-location of AWCs, SC and Primary Schools
- Construction of AWCs to be decentralized to District Level under DCs and implemented through PWD at District Level.



Fisheries

1. Fish and Fish seed Production

- Total fish production increased to 3.05 lakh MT (Prov.) during 2016-17 against 2.94 lakh MT during 2015-16
- Total Fish Seed Production increased to 6380 million fry during 2016-17 against 5678 million during 2015-16

2. New pond construction under Matsya Jagaran

- Construction of 222 ha of new pond for fish culture with slogan of *Ghare Ghare Pukhuri, Ghare Ghare Maach* in a campaign mode with average size of 1 *bigha* (0.14 Ha.) each under State Plan and Blue Revolution covering more than 1900 beneficiaries

3. Blue Revolution (Central Sector)

- In addition to new pond construction (under *Matsya Jagaran*), process for construction of (a) 17 ha of community tank (b) 10 fish seed hatcheries and (c) 12 fish feed mill under Blue Revolution completed

4. Fish seed distribution

- 20 lakh fish seed distributed to fish farmers



A snapshot of fish rearing process

- About 6 lakh fish fingerlings released in *beels* under Assam Fisheries development Corporation for production enhancement

5. Chief Minister's Samagra Gramya Unnayan Yojana (MSGUY)

- Already initiated the process of registration of Fishery Mission Society. Memorandum

of Association (MoA) and Rules of Business (RoB) has been finalized.

- An orientation cum sensitization programme among all the technical officers of the department was held on March 13, 2017.

6. Demonstration and Awareness programme

- 220 awareness programmes on scientific fish culture, resource conservation and hygienic fish handling and marketing conducted
- Demonstration programme conducted in 63 development blocks on methods of scientific fish culture conducted covering 1500 farmers.

7. Others

- More than 1 lakh fishermen were insured against death or permanent/ partial disability.
- Registration of 177 fish seed hatcheries.
- Appointment and placement of 52 Fishery Extension Officers.



Minister for Fisheries Parimal Suklabaidya flagging off the fishery cold storage equipments for Majuli



Minister for Fisheries Parimal Suklabaidya distributing appointment letters to Fishery Extension Officers



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal taking stock of the border fencing in South Salmara District along the Indo-Bangladesh border

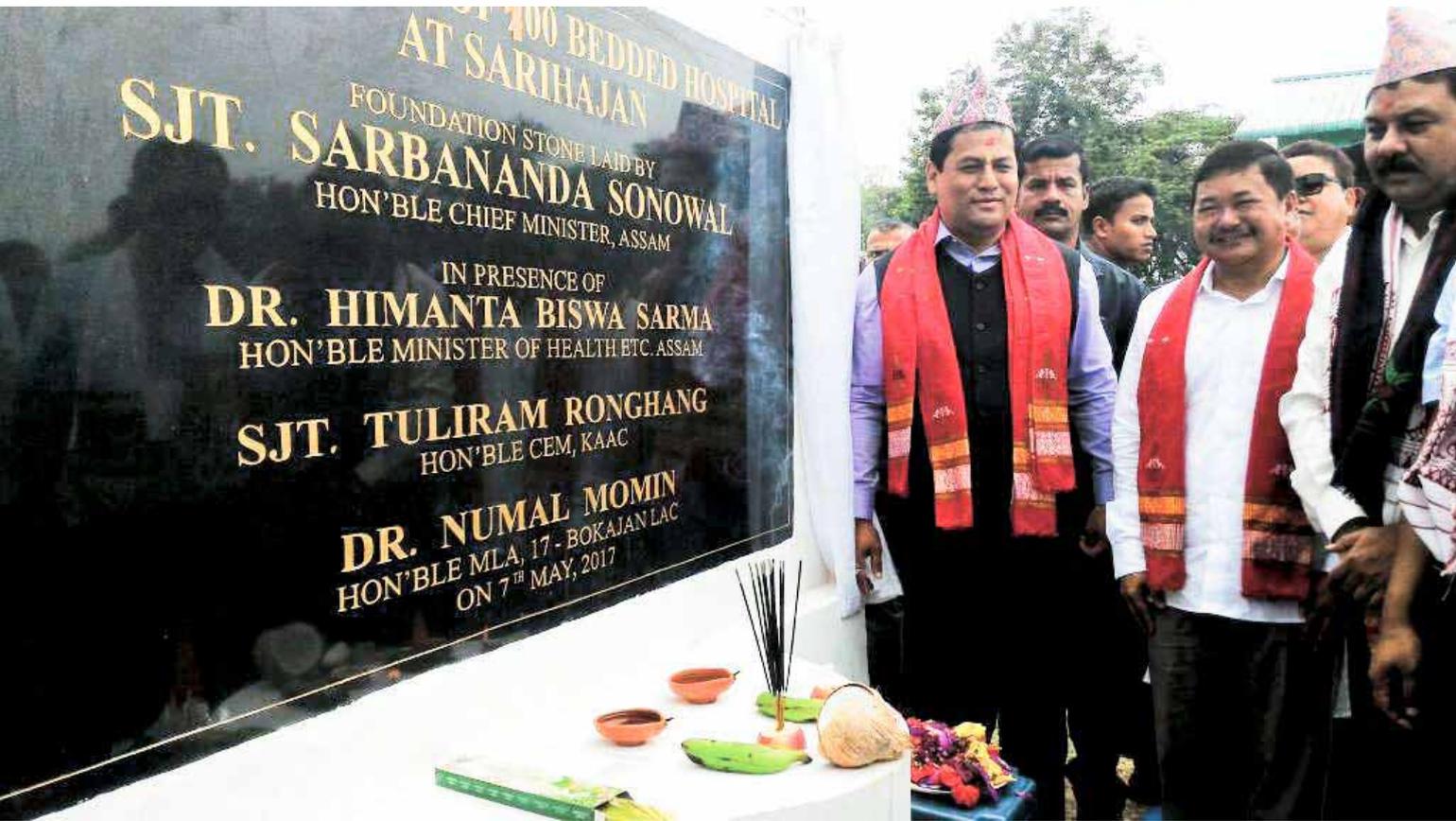
Border Areas

1. A high level meeting between the Chief Minister of Assam and Nagaland along with senior ministers and officials of both the states was held on October 17, 2016 at the Convention Centre, Kohora, Kaziranga National Park under Border Outreach Programme. The last meeting was held in 2014. Both the chief ministers resolved to continue to work towards development of friendly ties between the people of the two states. The Chief Minister of Assam had also attended the Hornbill Festival held at Nagaland in December, 2016 on the invitation of the Chief Minister of Nagaland.
2. A high level meeting between the Chief Minister of Assam and Meghalaya along with senior ministers and officials of both the states was held on April 1, 2017 after a gap of seven years at Brahmaputra State Guest House, Guwahati to resolve various issues relating to border matters.
3. A high level team led by Chief Minister of Assam visited the Indo-Bangla Border Areas of Karimganj and Cachar districts to take stock of the progress of the sealing of the Indo-Bangladesh Border. This was followed by a visit of a team of nine members of the Assam Legislative Assembly with seniormost civil and police officials, covering all sectors of the Indo-Bangladesh Border (IBB)

4. A new initiative called Model/ Smart Village where economic activities and employment opportunities will be available to its residents as well as the residents of the surrounding villages, regardless of their level of education, skills or income levels has been taken up as one of the activities under the BADP in the Annual Action Plan of 2017-18. For this purpose 20% of fund has been earmarked from the Government of India's allocation of fund for 2017-18.
5. The Border Areas Department has initiated the "Simanta Gyan Aahoron Asoni" which is a programme planned under BADP for exchange of knowledge/ skills for the students of urban areas by promoting tours to border villages with the help of Education Department under the scheme.
6. Along the Indo-Bhutan international border, a border road of around 300 km from Jamduar near Assam-West Bengal border in Kokrajhar district to Shikaridanga in Udalguri district is being constructed which will be important from a strategic security point of view. Ministry of Home Affairs has already released Rs. 9.88 crore to PWD (Building & National Highways) for preparation of the DPR and tentative alignment has been approved and survey work has been initiated.
7. The fencing works in the Lathitilla-Dumabari Sector, which was till recently under land dispute with Bangladesh, has been resolved and boundary pillars constructed along the 3 km stretch of Lathitilla-Dumabari. Fencing works has also started. Possession of the land has been handed over to BSF and construction site has been handed over to CPWD. CPWD has now started its works.
8. The Government of Assam had filed Original Suits 2/88 against the Union of India, Government of Nagaland and the Election Commission of India and 1/89 against the Union of India, Government of Arunachal Pradesh and the Election Commission of India before the Supreme Court of India for solving the boundary dispute with Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh respectively, by means of demarcation and delineation of the Constitutional boundary between the states. The Suits are now in the hearing stage and evidence of the plaintiff witness is nearing conclusion.
9. To promote peaceful co-existence amongst the people of the bordering states Outreach Programmes were organized. Cultural activities, sporting activities, exhibitions and fairs were held in the bordering districts of Lakhimpur (Assam-Arunachal Pradesh), Sivasagar (Assam-Nagaland) and West Karbi Anglong (Assam-Meghalaya).
10. Border Areas Department has been providing funds for construction, repairing and maintenance works of the Border Out Posts. During this year Administrative Approval was accorded to ten BOPs in Dima Hasao, Golaghat, Jorhat, Hailakandi and Lakhimpur districts in addition to seven BOPs approved earlier.



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal in a meeting on border issues with his Nagaland counterpart at the Convention Centre of Kaziranga National Park



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal laying the foundation stone of 100 bedded Hospital at Sarihajan in KAAC

Hill Areas

The Hill Areas Department is the nodal department to administer the functions of both Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council (KAAC) and N.C. Hills Autonomous Council (NCHAC). The Government has already transferred more autonomy to both the Autonomous Councils. Memorandum of Settlements (MoS) have been signed between Union Government, Government of Assam and different militant groups to restore permanent peace and harmony in the Hill Areas of Assam. Besides, the present Government is committed for overall socio-economic growth and sustainable development of the region. Various progressive as well as developmental works are being implemented by both KAAC and NCHAC.

Major achievement under Hill Areas of Assam as on 31-03-2017:

1. Construction of 40 RCC Rural Market Sheds at different locations of Karbi Anglong district to facilitate farmers for marketing of their produce in their own locations under State Plan 2016-17.
2. RCC Dam at Upper Dighalpani Biswanath Pathar village has been constructed.



GNM School and Hostel Complex at Haflong Civil Hospital

3. Construction of Karbi Traditional Cultural Hall under Rongkhang Development Block at Ranghang Rangbong.
4. Completion of Bagori Tourist Lodge at Kaziranga Entry Point.
5. Completion of the construction of Community Health Centre 30-Bedded Model Hospital including residential quarters of Medical Officers and other staff at Kheroni SHC Campus.
6. Completion of Rongkhelon PWSS.
7. 16,201 Individual Household Latrines and 2 Community Household Latrines have been constructed.
8. Completion of the construction of CEM Bungalow at Diphu.
9. The Secretariat Building of KAAC is nearing completion.
10. The 100 Bedded Girls' Hostel at Bhoksong under RMSA has been completed.
11. The GNM Training School and Hostel in Haflong Civil Hospital campus has been completed.
12. Major thrust given on promoting tourism in the Dima Hasao district. The Falcon Festival at Umrangso held on October 27 and 28, 2016 received wide response from the tourists.



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal paying rich floral tributes to Swahid Kushal Konwar on his death anniversary at a function held at Guwahati

1. Inauguration of Chandra Nath Sarma Memorial Auditorium Hall at Pithakhowa, Sonitpur on 29th May, 2016. Inauguration of Auditorium at Goalpara dedicated in the name of Natasurjya Phani Sarma on 31st July, 2016 and inauguration of Sarat Chandra Singha Memorial Auditorium Hall at Chapor, Dhubri on 17th December, 2016.

Cultural Affairs



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal honouring eminent Sarod maestro Ustad Amjad Ali Khan

2. Inauguration of a multipurpose A.C. Shooting Floor and a Music Archive at Jyoti Chitran Film Studio.
3. Release of Four Illustrated Manuscripts by Srimanta Sankardeva Kalakshetra.
4. Institution of Sonit Konwar Gajen Barua Award, 2016. The award was presented to Nrityacharjya Jatin Goswami on 29th January, 2017.
5. Increase in the number of Silpi pension holders from 20 to 70 per year and the amount from Rs. 4,000 to Rs. 8,000 per month. One time special assistance provided to 15 families of deceased Artists at an enhanced rate of Rs. 50,000 each for the year 2016-17. Special Ex-Gratia Grant Provided to 50 Artists at an enhanced rate of Rs. 50,000 each for the year 2016-17.
6. Construction of Sub-Divisional Library at Dhakuakhana.



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurating the Srimanta Sankardeva Research Centre and Auditorium at Guwahati

7. Completion of District Museum at Nagaon.
8. Sanction for financial assistance of Rs. 21 crore for development of 37 Sattras another Rs. 25 crore for assistance to 140 Sattras.
9. Archaeological excavation of Megalithic Site at Khobak, Dima Hasao district.



Strengthening the cultural fabric of the state





Batting to score new heights

Sports & Youth Welfare

1. Guwahati has been selected as one of the venues for **FIFA World Cup U-17, 2017** during October.
2. *Khelo India*, a Flagship Programme of Government of India involving District Level, State Level and National Level Competitions in various disciplines has been successfully organized.
3. As a first time initiative, International Youth Day was celebrated in a befitting manner on 12th August, 2016 at Guwahati, with the participation of above 600 youths from various places of Assam.
4. The 2nd BRICS Youth Summit, 2016 at Guwahati was successfully organised from 1st to 3rd July, 2016.
5. The Department of Sports & Youth Welfare, Assam, organized demonstration of various indigenous games, gymnastics, dragon boat race, yoga, etc., during the Namami Brahmaputra Festival, 2017 at Guwahati.
6. Sports & Youth Welfare Department has already initiated the process of appointing seven new District Sports Officers selected by Assam Public Service Commission.
7. State School Games Competition, 2016-17 has been successfully conducted from 22nd to 26th March, 2017 in the disciplines of Athletics, Badminton, Boxing, Archery, Taekwondo and Volleyball.



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal and Union DoNER Minister Dr. Jitendra Pratap Singh at the 2nd BRICS Youth Summit at Guwahati

8. As a first time initiative, a Front Ranking Coaching Camp for Players in the age group of 14-17 years has been successfully conducted w.e.f. 4th to 24th January, 2017 at Guwahati. Ten disciplines, i.e., Athletics, Archery, Badminton, Boxing, Cycling, Football, Hockey, Taekwondo, Weightlifting and Wushu had been shortlisted.
9. The 1st Elite (Senior) Men National Boxing Championship was held at Sarusajai Indoor Stadium w.e.f. 8th to 13th December, 2016 organized by Assam Boxing Association in association with Department of Sports & Youth Welfare, Assam.
10. Guwahati will also host the World Women's Boxing Championship in the last part of the calendar year.
11. Number of regular sports pensioners has been increased from 20 to 40. Also the amount of pension has been enhanced from Rs. 4000 to Rs. 8000. Amount of One Time Financial Assistance has also been enhanced from Rs. 40,000 to Rs. 50,000.
12. Process for construction of three new State-of-the-Art stadiums at Dibrugarh, Lakhimpur and Kamrup has been initiated. The stadium in Dibrugarh district has been retained by NLCPR for an amount of Rs. 137.00 crore. The stadium at Lakhimpur for an amount of Rs. 46.12 crore and at Sualkuchi, Kamrup for an amount of Rs. 28.12 crore has been retained by NEC.



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal extending financial grant of Rs. 10 lakh to renowned kho-kho player Supriya Gogoi



A state level conference on sanitation, ASCOSAN, organised in Guwahati in the month of February, 2017

Public Health Engineering

Water Sector:

- 104 (83% of target) piped water supply schemes are completed.
- 149 (100% of target) Arsenic-affected habitations are mitigated through long term measures, i.e., by completing 48 piped water supply schemes.
- 54 (41% of target) Fluoride-affected habitations are mitigated through short term measures, i.e., by completing 54 RCC ring well fitted with Singur Hand Pumps.

Neer Nirmal Pariyojana (NNP)

- For projects under Batch-I namely Kamrup, Jorhat and Hailakandi Multi Village Scheme, construction progress achieved is 45%, 24% & 23% respectively. Community contribution has been achieved @45% during the last one year. Base line survey is 100% completed.
- For the projects under Batch-II namely Morigaon, Bongaigaon and Sivasagar Multi Village Scheme, preparation of DPR is under progress. Base line survey is 78% completed.
- District Project Management Units (DPMU) have been set up in the Batch-II districts in Morigaon, Bongaigaon and Sivasagar headed

by the District Project Manager who is also the Executive Engineer of the Division.

- Comprehensive IEC campaign has been carried out in Both Batch–I and Batch–II districts.
- At the district level, Multi Village Water Supply and Sanitation Committee (MVWSC) and at the Gaon Panchayat Level, Gaon Panchayat Water Supply and Sanitation Committee (GPWSC) have been set up to hand over the projects in the O&M (Operation and Maintenance) Phase.



10 No. Line PWSS (Solar Power based) in Sivasagar District



One of many Piped water supply schemes

WSSO Sector

Various activities are being taken up by Water and Sanitation Support Organisation (WSSO), PHED, Assam during the year 2016-17.

- Various IEC activities were taken up using Mass Media, New media, Mid media, Reminder media and print media to generate awareness on water and sanitation issues among the rural people.
- IEC campaigns were organized in schools where activities like demonstration of hand washing, water testing with Field Testing Kits (FTK), quiz competitions, drawing competitions, etc., were organized.
- To generate awareness on Japanese Encephalitis (JE) and Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES), a Massive Awareness week on JE/AES was carried out throughout the state from 26th to 31st July, 2016.
- Various IEC messages were displayed during launch programme of “Swachta Abhijan at Kamakhya temple” on 20th September, 2016.
- Important days like World Environment Day, World Hand Washing Day, World Toilet Day, World Water Day, etc., were celebrated by PHED in every district of Assam.
- Regarding HRD activities, various training programmes are organized for the functionaries of PHED and other line departments as well as for PRI members for proper planning, monitoring, execution and O & M of schemes under Water and Sanitation sector.
- Different state level training programmes are organized centrally at WSSO, Assam. Other institutions like State Institute of Rural Development (SIRD), Institute of Rural Management (IRM), etc., of Assam are also involved for conducting training on water and sanitation at district level.
- More than 4000 school children, ASHA and Anganwadi workers were trained on water, sanitation and hygiene issues.
- A Grievance Redressal System for PHED is established at WSSO premises at Betkuchi. Grievance Redress Cell is functioning vide Toll Free Number 18001234574. People can call the toll free number for any grievance related to drinking water and sanitation.
- PHED has a wide network of water testing laboratories spread all over Assam. During the last financial year 2016-17, 152695 drinking water samples were analyzed in the

laboratories and 11431 drinking water samples were analysed using Field Testing Kits (FTK) throughout Assam.

- To ensure technical competence of water testing, NABL accreditation is done for



Water testing in PHED laboratory

State Referral Laboratory (SRL), Betkuchi, Guwahati.

- Moreover, Mobile Water Testing Laboratories are mobilized to test water samples in remote and sensitive locations.
- To ensure proper disaster management and ensuring safe drinking water, mobile water treatment plants are also acquired and commissioned at various strategic locations even during disasters, exhibitions and melas.

Swachh Bharat Mission (G)

Key Achievements:

- Households provided with sanitary toilets: Since 25th May, 2016 till 30th April, 2017, 10.38 lakh families in the rural areas of the state have been provided with low cost sanitary facilities.
- Open Defecation Free Villages: 532 villages have been declared as Open Defecation Free in the state.
- Community Sanitary Toilets: 64 Community Sanitary toilets have been constructed in different parts of the state.

- State Level Conference on Sanitation: A mega event titled 'Assam Conference on Sanitation' (ASCOSAN) was organised in Guwahati in the month of February, 2017. This event was first of its kind in the State. It was a conglomeration



Water testing through FTK (Field Testing Kit)

of international and national experts, participants from other states, districts of Assam as well as national and local media. More than 6000 people assembled in the event.

- District Swachh Mela: District Swachh Melas have been organised in the districts to sensitize communities, where exhibitions and panel discussions were held.
- Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS): On Community Led Total Sanitation, 110 state level master trainers and 150 district level trainers were trained for adoption of CLTS approach.
- Harnessing Youth Power for Sanitation movement: An innovative step was taken to form College Health & Sanitation Club (CHSC) with the objective to involve youth power in sanitation movement under Dibrugarh University. CHSCs were formed in 120 colleges under Dibrugarh University.
- Women Power in Sanitation: A delegation of 120 GP level women leaders participated in Swachh Shakti Award 2017, organised at Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat on 8th March 2017.



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurating the ASCOSAN organised at Guwahati

- **Media for Sanitation:** A workshop was organised on Open Defecation Elimination Plan (ODEP) for rolling out ODF strategy in the state. All senior officials of PHED, district level officers of Information & Public Relations Department, senior journalists of the state participated in the workshop.
- **Swachh Kamakhya:** Kamakhya temple has been selected as a Swachh tourist destination. Chief Minister inaugurated the Swachh Kamakhya Abhiyan on 18th November, 2016.



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal along with Union Minister of State for Drinking Water & Sanitation, Ramesh Chandappa Jigajinagi visiting an exhibition during ASCOSAN 2017 at Guwahati



Distribution of Anamoy Sangbadikota Puraskar at ASCOSAN-2017



Multi-level car parking near Shradhanjali Kanan, Guwahati

Guwahati Development

1. **Two Bridges over River Brahmaputra connecting Panbazar-North Guwahati & Palasbari-Sualkuchi in Guwahati:**

By laying emphasis for expansion of the city to the north bank with improved connectivity, a new project proposal is conceived for two bridges across river Brahmaputra at Panbazar to North Guwahati and at Palasbari to Sualkuchi. Through bidding process M/S SMEC India Pvt. Ltd., an enterprise of Government of Singapore, has been awarded for the consultancy work for the preparation of Feasibility and Detailed Project Report (DPR) for both the bridges on March 2017. The DPR will be completed in 12 months time.

Besides, construction activities for the Guwahati Ropeway Project connecting Guwahati with North Guwahati over the Brahmaputra have resumed. The new Government allocated Rs. 28.36 crore as additional cost to complete the project in all respect during the financial year 2016-17. The total project cost is Rs. 56.08 crore. The work activities like well foundation and on all other fronts have started since January 2017. So far, 85 % progress has been made in its construction. It is expected for trial run by the early part of 2018.

2. **Rail based Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS) in Guwahati:**

To improve urban mobility and to make it safer, faster and reliable, Rail-based Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS) shall be introduced in Guwahati City. The Detailed Project Report (Phase-I) prepared by RITES is reviewed and the State Cabinet meeting

held on January 18, 2017 has approved the incorporation of changes and recast of DPR (Phase-I) for Rail based MRTS in Guwahati. The Corridor-I: Dharapur-Narengi will be extended upto Lokapriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport. In the first phase, the Metro connection for North Guwahati to AIIMS and all major points such as Airport, Kamakhya Railway Station, Guwahati Railway Station, Kamakhya Temple, Gauhati University and Pandu Ghat, etc., shall be taken up. The Special Purpose Vehicle namely Guwahati Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (GMRC) shall be incorporated for implementation of MRTS.

3. Conversion of old DC bungalow to Guwahati Heritage & Handloom Museum:

An amount of Rs. 746.80855 lakh has been sanctioned under AOP 2012-13.

Main objectives of the Project are:

- Restore the heritage bungalow and convert it into a heritage museum with special focus on handloom of Assam and North East to promote the cultural values of North East.
- Convert the entire site to a recreational and educational hub for the city.
- To develop the project as a Pilot project for conservation of Assam's rich heritage.

Status of the project:

- At present physical progress is 75%.
(Fund released by Government till 31st March, 2017 is Rs. 5,74,60,612)
- Targeted date of completion is August, 2017.

4. Drainage Project for Noonmati Basin under Trade Development Fund:

To reduce the flood impact at Jonali point of Bharalu River by diverting the storm water of Jyotinagar hills to Brahmaputra river through Bondajan channel, the drainage project for

Noonmati Basin has been taken up by GMDA in two phases. Phase-I has already been completed and the Phase-II work is under progress. The entire flood water of greater Zoo Road area, Anil Nagar, Chandmari, Jyotinagar and Noonmati area can be diverted to Brahmaputra river. To mitigate the floods in Guwahati city, cleaning and desiltation of all the drains of Guwahati city has been taken up by GMC which is a continuous process.

5. Construction of Multilevel Automated Car Parking Places one adjacent to MMC Hospital Campus, Panbazar and one in front of Shraddhanjali Kanan at Zoo Road:

With a view to ease traffic congestion in the city, GMDA has taken up construction of two Multilevel Car Parking Places, one in front of Shraddhanjali Kanan at Zoo Road funded by SPA and other one at Panbazar, adjacent to MMC Hospital campus funded by NLCPR at project costs of Rs. 1433.83 lakh and Rs. 1100.00 lakh respectively having car parking capacities for 300 and 250 vehicles at a time respectively on full capacity. The construction of MLCP in front of Shraddhanjali Kanan is completed and ready for commissioning. The project will be inaugurated and opened for the public very shortly. The MLCP at Panbazar, adjacent to MMC Hospital campus is targeted for completion by June, 2017 and 78% physical progress has been achieved till date. The works are being carried out under direct supervision of GMDA.

6. AC Bus Stop at Khanapara:

The junction of GS Road and NH-37 Bypass at Khanapara is a major stoppage for buses moving to Upper Assam area from Guwahati. Every day hundreds of passengers embark and disembark at this point. But in that point there was no facility for passenger to wait by the roadside; besides no toilet was



available in that location. In order to address these issues, an AC Bus Shelter at Khanapara has been constructed. Apart from waiting rooms, five urinals for both ladies and gents and for differently abled persons have been constructed. It was inaugurated on March 24, 2017 by Mrigen Sarania, Mayor, Guwahati Municipal Corporation. This AC Bus Shelter has been constructed under PPP mode at a cost of Rs. 17 lakh which will be recovered through display of advertisement in the premises. This type of facility has been created for the first time in Guwahati during current year.

7. JICA Assisted Guwahati Water Supply Project:

- The JICA Assisted Guwahati Water Supply Project is intended to supply 37 MLD to a population of 1,47,800 in North Guwahati and 191 MLD to a population of 10,04,600 in South Central Guwahati up to the year 2025. The total cost of the water supply project is Rs. 1427 crore. The overall physical progress of all the Construction Contract Packages is 55.64% and the financial progress comes to 43.55% till date.
- Financial Progress from May, 2016 to 28th April, 2017 is Rs. 7725.2 lakh compared to utilization of Rs. 6059.2 lakh in the financial year 2015-16.



GMDA's ongoing water supply project at Guwahati

Cumulative pipe laying of individual contract packages under JICA assisted GWSP:

- C#05: Out of a total of 241.06 Km, 165.00 Km of pipe laying has been completed.
- C#06: Out of a total of 252.18 Km, 175.00 Km of pipe laying has been completed.
- C#07: Out of a total of 407 Km, 296.65 Km of pipe laying has been completed.
- C#02: Out of a total of 111.405 Km, 69.04 Km of pipe laying has been completed.
 - Ramsa Hill Main Reservoir is 85% completed. Cell 1 of Ramsa Hill Main Reservoir with a capacity of 23800 cu m is completed till date. Construction of 680 metres out of 1.2 Km of Approach road to Ramsa Hill under Contract package C#04 is complete.
- Ramsa Hill 2 Reservoir is 85% completed
- Geetanagar 2 Reservoir is 85% completed
- Lichubagan Reservoir is 85% completed
- Amiyanagar Reservoir is 45% completed. 85% of Distribution Main pipeline from Amiyanagar to Chandmari under Contract package C#05 is completed.
- Narakasur Reservoir is 45% completed. Retaining wall is 70% complete.
- Sonaighuli Reservoir is 6% completed
- Grid line: 6.1 Km out of 9.3 Km of pipe laying completed from Maligaon Chariali to near Water Treatment Plant, Kharghuli.
- Plumber Training: A total of 265 persons have been trained for engagement as plumber for House Service Connection to serve the purpose of Partial Commissioning.
- Appointment of PMC for Guwahati Sewerage Project (Zone-I):
The bid document for engagement of PMC for the Project is being prepared. And necessary steps for putting the PMC in place for Guwahati Sewerage Project (Zone-I) is in process.

8. Achievement of South-East Guwahati Water Supply Project under AUIP:

PACKAGE WISE REPORT ON ACHIEVEMENT OF AUIP TILL APRIL 2017

Sl.	Particulars	Contract Value (in Rs. Crore)	Period of Completion	Physical Progress till May 2016	Physical Progress till April 2017	Financial Progress	Status / Achievements
TRANCHE I							
1	South-East Guwahati Water Supply Project						
1a.	Construction of 3 Water Storage Reservoirs at (Gopal Nagar, North Jyoti Nagar & Kenduguri). (AUIP/PR-1/GUW/WS/02A)	37.11	900 days	1%	8.21%	12%	<p>* Gopalnagar - Work in progress for Retaining Wall and Storage Reservoir at Gopalnagar.</p> <p>* North Jyoti Nagar - Site clearance done at North Jyoti Nagar. Work on construction of approach road is under progress.</p> <p>* Kenduguri - Site clearance done at Kenduguri. Utility shifting within the approach road and construction of the same is under progress.</p>
1b.	Construction of 3 Water Storage Reservoir at (NabaJyoti Nagar, Hengrabari & Basistha). (AUIP/PR-1/GUW/WS/02B)	30.8	900 days	0%	0%	8.00%	<p>* Nabajyoti Nagar – Site clearance done. Utility shifting under progress. Approach road construction is under process.</p> <p>* Hengrabari - Approach road alignment finalized for Hengrabari. Utility shifting within the approach completed. Approach road construction is under process.</p> <p>* Basistha – Basistha reservoir land handed over to AUIP on 19 April 2017 by Dispur RO circle.</p>
1c.	Construction of Water supply Transmission Main pipelines & Allied works in Guwahati (AUIP/PR-1/GUW/WS/01)	78.99	730 days	0%	12.84%	23%	<p>* Laying of Pipeline work of 1200 & 1300 Dia is in progress since 31st January, 2017.</p> <p>* Till today 2.6 km of pipe laying has been completed.</p>
2	Construction of DTP drain at Dibrugarh						



Sl.	Particulars	Contract Value (in Rs. Crore)	Period of Completion	Physical Progress till May 2016	Physical Progress till April 2017	Financial Progress	Status / Achievements
2a	Construction of DTP Drain Box Culvert & Allied Works in Dibrugarh from Ch.0.00 Km to 9.50 Km (AUHIP/PR-1/DIB/DR/01)	169.89	1095 days	5.09%	13.39%	21.00%	* Completed 3641 of pre-cast manufactured and laying out 401 numbers completed. * De-Siltation / Excavation is completed. * Construction work of DTP Drain has also been started.
3 Solid Waste Management Dibrugarh							
3a.	Construction of Compound wall, river protection wall, access road, security guard room and allied works etc at landfill site in Dibrugarh (AUHIP/PR-1/DIB/SWM/01A)	12.03	730 days				The contract is yet to awarded. Technical Bid Evaluation Report completed and forwarded to ADB for their concurrence. Tender Evaluation Committee meeting held on 02.03.2017 for approval of Technical Bid Evaluation Report. Evaluation report has been forwarded to ADB on 06/03/2017 for necessary concurrence. Price Bid opened on 10th April'2017.
3b	Construction of 100 MT Solid Waste Compost Plant & 60 MT Sanitary Land Fill Site (AUHIP/PR-1/DIB / SWM /01B)	28.37	750 days				LOA issued on 19 April 2017. Package under process of awarding.
3c	Procurement of Equipment/ Transportation for Primary & Secondary Collection System at Dibrugarh. (AUHIP/PR-1/DIB/SWM/02)	16.88	365 days				The contract is yet to be awarded. Technical Evaluation Committee and ADB recommended for re-bidding. Bid document preparation for rebidding is under process.

Financial Report on Achievement of AUIP for the period May 2016 to May 2017

• Disbursement out of ADB Fund:

During the period from May 2015 to May 2016 ADB fund disbursed for Rs. 9.24 crore whereas during the period May 2016 up to 26th April, 2017 disbursement amount comes to Rs. 39.40 crore.

• Fund Received from Government of Assam (as GoA Share):

Fund of Rs. 2.52 crore was received from Government of Assam for the period May 2015 to May 2016. Whereas Rs. 79.54 crore was received for the period May 2016 to up to 26th April, 2017.

• Utilisation Status against Fund received from GoA share:

During the period May 2015 to May 2016, Rs. 2.46 crore was expended from the state's fund and on the contrary, for the period May 2016 to up to 26th April, 2017 an amount of Rs. 18.46 crore was disbursed from the state's fund.

9. Achievement report of Smart Cities Mission, Guwahati Institutional Arrangement:

- The Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) to implement the Guwahati Smart City initiative named **Guwahati Smart City Limited (GSCL)** has been formed.
- The Board of Directors has officials from State Government and nominees from the Government of India. Manvendra Pratap Singh, IAS, is Managing Director of the SPV duly appointed by the Government.
- CFO has been appointed and other key managerial positions and support staff recruitment process is going on and will be completed shortly.
- **TATA Consulting Engineers Ltd (TCE)** is selected as Project Management Consultants (PMC) and their team of experts are working on the preparation of

DPRs and RFPs of all projects.

- Office of GSCL is temporarily housed within the office premises of Guwahati Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA) at Bhangagarh.
- GSCL has received first installment of Rs 189 crore as Central Government's share. A matching state share of Rs 189 crore has also been received from the Government of Assam.

Project Progress:

The pipeline of projects which are currently being undertaken for implementation are :

1. Installation of 20 Any Time Water (ATW) machines across city.
2. Development, conservation and beautification of Borsola Beel.
3. Intelligent Smart Poles and City Optical Fiber Network.
4. Command and Control Centre Building.
5. Roof top Solar PV systems on Government Buildings.
6. System Integrator for City Command and Control Centre.

1. Any Time Water (ATW)

ATW project on PPP model is based on mobile service concept being available at specified locations across the city. This project will allow potable water to be supplied to the consumer in his/ her container or eco-friendly biodegradable paper glass of 250 ml capacity. The RFP will include designing, constructing/ installing, operating and maintaining of Water ATMs for a period of five years.

Project Progress: The RFP for implementation of water ATM is complete and the same was inaugurated by the Chief Minister.

2. Borsola Beel

The project is being designed to mitigate flood, improve access and manage recreational, cultural and ecological assets and reconnect the city to its riverine ecosystem. Following compatible/



possible activities and/ or facilities are proposed for improvement of Borsola Beel:

- Welcome Plaza, Development of Park/ Open Gym/ Sculpture Park.
- Open Air Amphitheatre and Performing Arts Centre.
- Jogging track/ walkways and viewing deck & provision of solar panel along it.
- Food Plazas, Small outlets/ Kiosks and other retail shops.
- Street Lights along the water bank/ Smart Poles with Solar Panel, Wi-Fi, USB Charging and Emergency calling System.
- Interconnecting Arches/ pedestrian bridges connecting two edges of the water body.
- Overall landscaping of the proposed area include floating plants/ floating garden.
- Laser Show and musical fountains and boating for recreation.
- Sewerage Treatment Plant, enhancement of water quality and watershed management.

Project Progress: The PMC has submitted the feasibility report and the Geo-technical survey is presently being undertaken by the surveyors and DPR will be completed by mid-June 2017 and tender will be awarded by July 2017

3. Intelligent Smart Poles & City Optical Fiber Network

The “Smart poles” will combine the capabilities of telecom connectivity and LED lighting in a ‘lighting-as-a-service’ model for cities. Advertisements, Billboards, Mobile Application Stations, EV charging, Wi-Fi hotspots, surveillance cameras are some other features that will be attached to the Intelligent Poles.

Project Progress: An Expression of Interest for implementation of Intelligent Street Pole in Guwahati on PPP mode was floated in the second week of March 2017. After a presentation by the prospective bidders, a Demo/ Proof of Concept (POC) installation is currently going on by the bidders in various locations across the city.

Feasibility study of the project is complete and post completion of PoC, RFP for award of contract will be floated in June 2017 and contract will be awarded by July 2017.

4. System Integrator & City Command and Control Centre Building

System Integrator will transform the city by improving infrastructure, creating more efficient and cost effective municipal services, enhancing public transportation, reducing traffic congestion, and keeping citizens safe and more engaged in the community.

Following solutions will be bundled and implemented through the System Integrator to achieve quality of life:

1. City Surveillance
2. ICT Enabled Solid Waste Management
3. Smart Lighting
4. Smart Traffic
5. Smart Parking
6. Environmental Sensors
7. Flood Monitoring System
8. Smart Governance and Citizen Service

A City Control Centre Building will be developed to house the System Integrator for CCC smart solutions.

Project Progress: The preparation of Request For Proposal (RFP) for selection of System Integrator for City Command and Control Centre is complete and will be awarded by 2nd week of July 2017. Feasibility study for the CCC building locations is complete and the tendering process for construction of the building will be done by June 2017.

5. Roof-Top Solar PV Systems

As part of the Solar Mission of the Ministry of Non-Renewable energy (MNRE), Guwahati Smart City Limited is installing Solar Rooftop PV Systems on all Government Buildings in the city.

Project Progress : A Request For Selection (RFS) of Grid Connected Solar Rooftop PV system on Government Building on REESCO model for 25 years has been prepared.



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal delivering the inaugural address at the State Level Workshop 'UTTARAN - I'

Urban Development

1. Directorate of Town & Country Planning

- Project for Storm Water Drainage at Barpeta Road has been completed.
- Project for Storm Water Drainage at Simaluguri has been completed.
- Project for Commercial Complex at North Lakhimpur has been completed.
- Project for Truck terminus at Tinsukia has been completed.
- Project for Storm Water Drainage at Lakhimpur (C) has been completed.

2. Directorate of Municipal Administration

- Rules have been framed for the proposed Municipal Service viz (i) Municipal Administrative Service (ii) Municipal Technical Service (iii) Municipal Accounts Service for all of the 97 Urban Local Bodies of Assam.
- Utilization Certificate collected for Rs. 309,18,26,000.00 from the Urban Local Bodies for different Grants-in-aids, Schemes, etc.

- Data regarding employees of the ULB collected and compiled for the proposed staffing pattern.
- Devolution fund of Rs. 72,65,000,00.00 (Seventy two crore sixty five lakhs) disbursed to 77 ULBs of the General Areas of Assam for Salary and Non-Salary Component of the ULBs under 5th Assam State Finance Commission.
- Fund of Rs. 118.22 lakh (One crore eighteen lakh twenty two thousand) has been released to ULBs as delay interest of General Basic Grant for the year 2015-16 under 14th FC for the core services of the ULBs.
- Administrative approval for Rs. 5.00 crore has been accorded for construction of link road belonging to SC dominated areas under Municipal areas under SCSP for the year 2016-17.
- Administrative approval issued for Rs. 60.00 lakh for the year 2016-17 to Sarthebari TC and Majuli TC under development of Small Towns.
- Administrative approval issued for Rs. 12.00 lakh to Patacharkuchi TC, Dhakuakhana TC, Nalbari MB, Titabar TC and Bokakhat TC for development/renovation of municipal roads.
- A training was imparted to the officials of the ULBs for preparation of Service Level Benchmark by the team of faculty of CEPT University, Ahmedabad from 29th August, 2016 to 10th September, 2016 for claiming Performance Grant under 14th Finance Commission.
- It is proposed to provide 15000 Energy Efficient LED Street lights in all 97 ULBs for Rs. 10.00 crore for the year 2017-18.
- It is also proposed to provide fund for Rs. 77.44 lakh to newly created Town Committees of Sonai TC & Golakganj TC

for the year 2017-18.

3. Assam State Housing Board

- a. Janata Housing Scheme for EWS (General, SCSP and TSP) :

SI No.	Name of The Scheme	Sanctioned amount (Rs.30,000/- Subsidy and Rs.20,000/- loan per beneficiary)	Achievement
1	Janata Housing Scheme for EWS (General)	47 beneficiaries	46 Nos.
2	Janata Housing Scheme for EWS (S.T.)	39 beneficiaries	28 nos.
3	Janata Housing Scheme for EWS (SC)	326 beneficiaries	222 Nos.

- b. Foundation stone laid and work started for construction of 2 Buildings (32 Housing units) under RHS (to be converted to ownership scheme) at Tinsukia.
- c. Construction of 2 Buildings (32 Housing units) under RHS (to be converted to ownership scheme) at Mangaldai to be completed within May 2017.
- d. Construction of 2 Buildings (32 Housing Units) under RHS (to be converted to ownership scheme) at Bokakhat has been started.
- e. Foundation stone of Joint Venture Resi-commercial Project at Ghoramara will be laid within May 2017.
- f. Process for conversion of Rental Housing Schemes under ASHB to Ownership Scheme started.
- g. Process for implementation of e-Governance in Assam State Housing Board has been initiated.
- h. Rent recovery under Rental Housing Scheme has increased by 14 % .

4. Assam Urban Water Supply & Sewerage Board.

Achievement for implementation of the schemes in respect of submitted One Year Agenda (May 25, 2016 to May 24, 2017) of Assam Urban Water Supply and Sewerage Board to the Government is shown below:

Sl. No.	Name of the scheme	Specific Indicator/ parameter	Achievement
1	Makun Water Supply Scheme.	To be Commissioned for supply treated water to the inhabitants of the town.	All the civil works including mechanical works of treatment plant and elevated service reservoir completed and trial run of the plant is in going on for commissioning within the targeted agenda to supply treated water through the completed part of distribution network. Moreover, interlinking of the laid pipelines are also in progress.
2	Chabua Water Supply Scheme.	To be Commissioned for supply treated water to the inhabitants of the town.	All the civil works including mechanical works of treatment plant completed and trial run of the plant is in going on for commissioning of the scheme within the targeted agenda to supply treated water through direct boosting to the completed part of distribution network. Moreover, interlinking of the laid pipelines are also in progress.
3	Mangaldai Water Supply Scheme.	To be Commissioned for supply treated water to the inhabitants of the town.	All the civil works including mechanical works of treatment plant and one elevated service reservoir completed and trial run of the plant is in going on for commissioning of the scheme within the targeted agenda to supply treated water through the completed part of distribution network.
4	Palasbari (Extension part at Mirza) Water Supply Scheme.	To be Commissioned for supply treated water to the inhabitants of the town.	All the civil works including mechanical works of treatment plant completed and trial run will start at the earliest of the plant and it is expected to commission of the scheme within the targeted date of one year agenda to supply treated water to the inhabitants of the Mirza town.

The following schemes have been commissioned by the Assam Urban Water Supply and Sewerage

Board during the period 2016-2017:

Sl. No.	Name of Schemes	Programme	Achievement
1	Macharhat WSS under Jorhat WSS (Ph-II)	ACA	Commissioned on 2 nd September, 2016 and supplying treated water to the inhabitants.
2	Gauripur WSS	ACA	Commissioned in the month of April, 2016 and house connection started.
3	Dhubri WSS	NLCPR	Commissioned in the month of April, 2016 and treated water is being supplied to the inhabitants.
4	Howly WSS	AUWSP	Commissioned in the month of 14 th October, 2016 and house connection started.

5. National Urban Livelihoods Mission (NULM)

Progress of Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM)

- 2323 Self Help Groups (SHG) formed and 2500 SHGs have been revived, out of which 1668 SHGs have been supported with Revolving Fund for a total amount of Rs. 166.80 lakh. A total 198 Area Level Federations (ALF) have been formed, registration of which is in progress as per Assam Cooperative Act, 2007. One City Livelihood Centre (CLC) has been established at Dhemaji.
- Uniform Books of Records is developed for SHGs in English, Assamese, Bengali and Bodo languages. Ceremonial distribution of Books of Records is done by public representative viz. Union and State Ministers, MPs, MLAs and Senior Government officials in 21 Urban Local Bodies (ULBs).
- 25 ULB level (including Guwahati) 'Skill Development Awareness Programme' named as 'UTKARSHA' (Urban Transformation through Knowledge And Right Skill With Holistic Approach) have been conducted from July-August, 2016 with participation of job aspiring youths, SHG members, Skill Training Providers in presence of Ministers, MLAs and senior officials of various Government Departments.
- State Level Workshop named as 'UTTARAN - I' (Urban Transformation through



Administrative Reforms And New Approach) was conducted among the Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of Urban Local Bodies of Assam at Guwahati on 24th August, 2016. It was inaugurated by the Chief Minister and attended by Urban Development Minister and senior officials of Government of Assam. The Workshop is mainly aimed to create awareness among the elected members of the ULBs about the ongoing schemes, programmes and missions. Subsequently, UTTARAN-II was conducted in Jorhat for Upper Assam Zone during September, 2016.

- 21 Skill Training Providers (STPs) have been empanelled, 5584 youths completed skill training. Certification process completed for 5121 youth, Fresh Training allotment for 14145 trainees in 62 various courses made to 19 STPs in 2311 ULBs.
- Town Vending Committees (TVCs) formed and notified in 22 ULBs. Survey of Street Vendor completed in 22 ULBs and total 17477 street vendors identified. Issue of Identity Card and Vending Certificate along with development 'City Street Vending Plan' to follow.
- 26 Detail Project Reports (DPRs) prepared for Shelter for Urban Homeless (SUH). Signing of MoU with Hindustan Prefab Ltd. is under process for use of Prefab technology for construction of shelters.

6. Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban), Assam

The **Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban)** is being implemented by the Ministry of Urban Development (MoUD) and covers all statutory cities and towns to achieve the objective of providing sanitation and household toilet facilities across India, and drive to make households 100% Open Defecation Free by 2nd October, 2017.

Mission Components:

- Individual Household Latrines (IHHL), including conversion of insanitary latrine into pour-flush latrines.

- Community toilets
- Public toilets
- Solid Waste Management
- IEC & Public awareness
- Capacity Building and Administrative Office Expenses (A & OE)

Journey Towards Swachh Assam, First 100 Days' Progress

a. Status of ODF

21,000 Individual Household Toilets and 200 Community Toilet Seats are under construction. **Rs. 7.7 crore** have been allotted for public toilet under Mukhya Mantrir Anamay Asoni untied fund for the construction of Community and Public Toilets.

Massive campaigning and awareness programmes have been carried out to capacitate the target population to enhance demand creation for construction of Individual Household toilets and Community/ Public Toilets. Open Defecation Free (ODF) protocol has been circulated to all the ULBs. Assam will be declared ODF free by 2nd October, 2017.

b. Solid Waste Management

Door to door waste collection is still not prominent in the towns although it is clearly mentioned in the Municipal Solid Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2000. So, all the ULBs were proposed to form a Swachhata Sammittee in their respective towns. Model bylaws of Swachhata Sammittee have been drafted and circulated amongst the Town Committees/ MBs as well to constitute the society. It envisages Primary Garbage Collection pertaining to door-to-door garbage collection. This is a self-financing project through user charge collection and it came into existence to mitigate indiscriminate dumping of wastes in open and littering, jeopardising the environment. ULBs have started registering the Swachhata Sammittee under 'Assam Society Registration Act'.

Deputy Commissioners are organizing Swachh

Bharat Melas in all the district headquarters of Assam with an objective of ODF declaration, SWM, behavioural changes.

The ULBs are asked to submit DPRs on Municipal Solid Waste Management, duly vetted by the empanelled institutions and most of the major ULBs are preparing the DPRs.

Five ULBs have submitted vetted DPRs. Other ULBs are preparing their DPRs. A compiled DPR for all the ULBs has been prepared by the Mission Directorate. All the departments have been intimated that the establishments under their departments should comply with the MSWM rules stating, all Government establishments should abide by Clause no. 4(7) of Municipal Solid Waste Management and Handling Rule 2016, it is mandatory to do segregation at source and onsite waste treatment for bulk solid waste generators.

c. IEC

Bidding for hiring of Auto-Tippers have been completed and 78 Auto-Tippers will be provided to do door-to-door garbage collection.

ULBs have been conducting various IEC activities on educating people on making a “litter free” state, using and popularizing Swachhta App, capacitating stakeholders towards making Assam Open Defecation Free.

d. State Level IEC Activity

- Swachhta Song has already been prepared which will be sung by renowned singer Zubeen Garg.



Towards attaining Swachhata

- A proposal from MD, ASTC has been received, offering posters on SBM (U), Assam on the backside of A.S.T.C busses.
- Already the designing of posters has been completed and printing of the posters is in process.

e. Capacity building and A & OE

Field visits across all the ULBs were carried out under the component of Capacity Building. Training Workshops were conducted for the ULBs where C. Srinivasan was engaged as resource person for Solid And Liquid Resource Management (SLRM). He has conducted training programmes in lower Assam districts. A programme table is also prepared for organizing workshops in other districts for capacity building training program on SWM.

Regional Workshops on Swachh Survekshan was conducted at Guwahati. The AMRUT cities, Guwahati, Nagaon, Silchar and Dibrugarh actively participated in the Swachh Survekshan.

A one-day workshop has been conducted in Guwahati on Solid Waste Management with mass participation of the ULBs' chairpersons, vice-chairpersons, executive officers, sanitary inspector, engineers with the deliberation of resource person Dr. Pradip Baishya, Assistant Professor, Assam Engineering College.

7. Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (HFA) (U)

- All 97 Urban Local Bodies (ULB) of Assam have been included in the PMAY-U Mission, therefore, all cities/ towns of Assam are not eligible to get benefit under the Mission.
- The Demand Survey have been completed in 9 cities namely, Tinsukia, Dibrugarh, Jorhat, Nagaon, Tezpur, Silchar, Guwahati, Kokrajhar and Dhubri.
- The Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation, Government of India approved 9 Detailed Project Reports (DPR) under Beneficiary Led Construction (BLC) vertical.
- Till date 26,729 dwelling units (DU) have been approved by Government of India.



Handloom, Textile & Sericulture

A. Handloom Sector

1. Apparel & Garment Making Centre at Pachim Boragaon, Guwahati

With a view to generate productive employment in Apparel and Garmenting sector, an Apparel and e-Garment Making Centre has been set up at Pachim Boragaon, Guwahati with a total investment of Rs. 1818.00 lakh under North Eastern Region Textile Promotion Scheme, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India. Under this initiative, three units of modern Apparel and Garment Making Centres have been set up having 100 machines in each unit on a “Plug and play” mode for provision of quality skilling in one unit and production on commercial scale in two other units in Apparel and Garment making. The skilling unit is run by M/S Modellama Skills Pvt. Ltd, Gurgaon, Haryana and two production units are run by M/S Fabric Plus Pvt. Ltd, Guwahati.

2. Setting up of Yarn Bank at different District Headquarters

To mitigate the cost disadvantage of handloom sector the Government has decided to provide quality yarn at reasonable price



Handloom & Textile Minister Ranjit Dutta interacting with a weaver

to the handloom weavers. With a view to this end, 10 Yarn Banks have been set up in the districts of Barpeta, Goalpara, Nagaon, Jorhat, Sivasagar, Dibrugarh, Tinsukia, Lakhimpur, Dhemaji and Cachar with a total cost of Rs. 469.00 lakh during 2016-17. Each Yarn Bank costs Rs. 45.00 lakh of which Rs. 25.00 lakh is revolving fund. The Yarn Banks will supply Yarn to the weavers at a subsidy of 20% of the cost. 10 more Yarn Banks will be set up during 2017-18 with a total cost of Rs. 400.00 lakh. Till date 9980.00 kgs of Yarn amounting to Rs. 62.20 lakh has been provided to the handloom weavers through these Yarn Banks.

3. Production of Gamocha and holding of Gamocha Mela

With a view to boost the production of handloom Gamocha in the state and to prevent import of powerloom made Gamocha from outside the state, the department had,

during 2016-17, produced 1,84,288 handloom Gamochas by engaging handloom weavers of the State. Out of these 1,55,225 Gamochas with a value of Rs.1,43,25,540.00 have been sold. To boost selling of handloom Gamocha in different districts a number of Gamocha Melas had been organized during the Bohag Bihu festival.

4. Block Level Clusters

An amount of Rs. 4293.84 lakh has been sanctioned for implementation of 30 Block Level Clusters in the State under Central Sector scheme of NHDP covering 26,894 weavers. An amount of Rs. 1584.30 lakh was released as first installment under the scheme. 6340 weavers have been trained in Weaving, Dyeing and Designing. Under the programme, technologically upgraded weaving equipments will be provided to 3000 weavers.



production rose to 2859.24 MT from the earlier production of 2713.80 MT of raw Silk.

2. Achievement in production:

The department planted 25,20,361 Seri food trees of all varieties for increased production of Raw Silk. Besides, all the existing farms of the Department have been revamped. The department harvested a bumper crop of “Jarua Muga” during the last part of February 2017.

3. Boosting of Silk Industries in Sualkuchi:

To boost the famous Silk Industry of Sualkuchi the department has contributed Rs. 15.00 lakh to the Yarn Banks of Sualkuchi to facilitate supply of Silk yarns to the weavers at subsidized rate. The weavers will be supplied yarn at a subsidized rate of 20% by the bank. Moreover, a Cocoon Bank and Community Reeling Unit with 10 Muga Reeling cum Twisting Machine and 10 Eri Spinning Machine has been set up.

5. Under **Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana** 63,790 weavers have been provided life insurance coverage through Life Insurance Corporation of India Ltd against a target of 58,500 weavers. An amount of Rs. 456,00 lakh has been paid to the nominees of the insured deceased weavers so far directly by the LIC Ltd against 760 death claims submitted.

4. The Plan Budget:

The Plan Budget of the Directorate of Sericulture has been increased more than 4 times in the budget of 2017-18 to Rs. 138.45 crore from Rs. 32.32 crore of 2016-17 to boost the sericulture industry, particularly for production of Muga Raw Silk.

6. Under **Weavers MUDRA** scheme 607 weavers have been provided with bank credit amounting to Rs. 133.65 lakh through different banks.

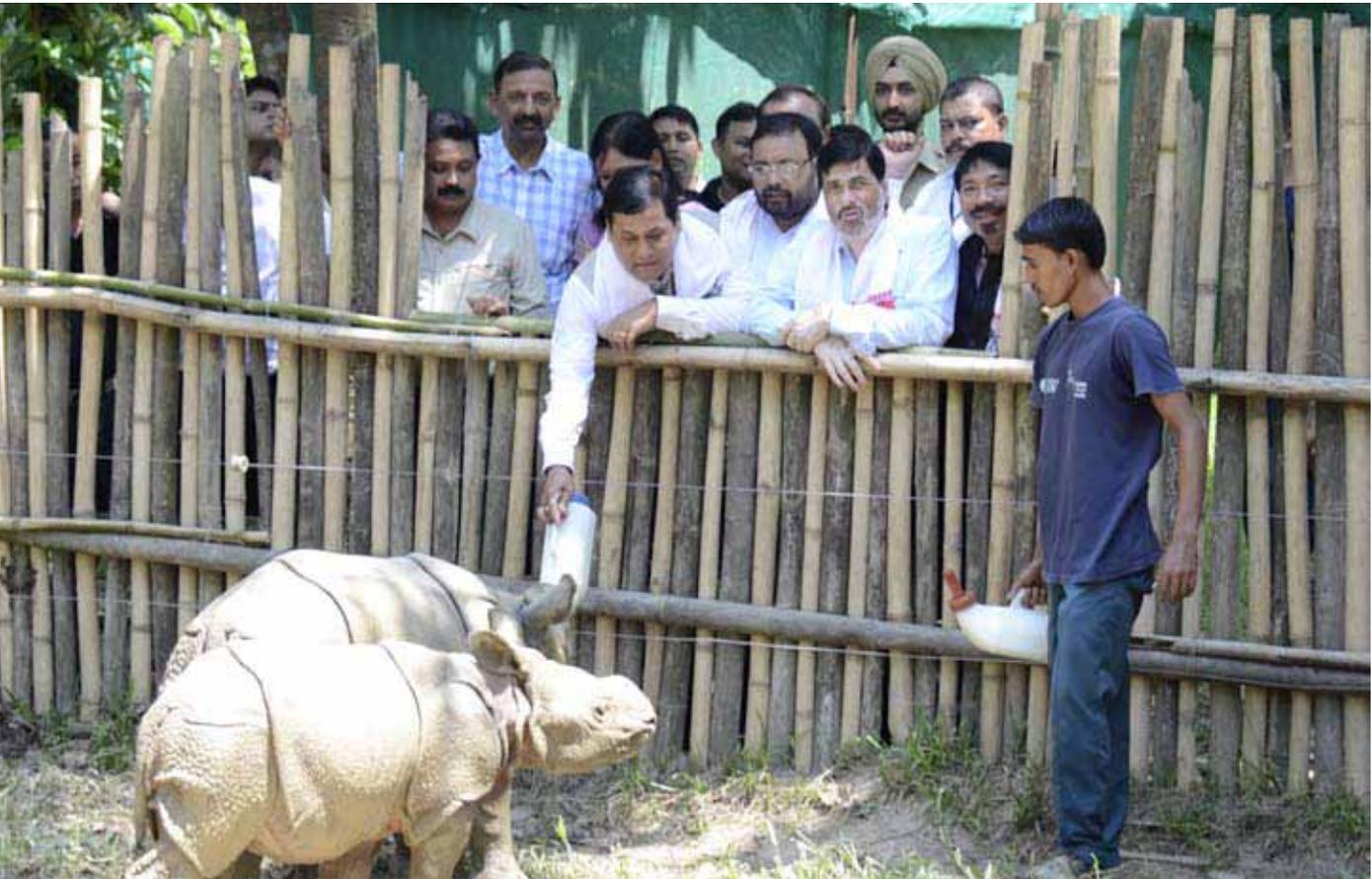
B. Sericulture Sector

1. Achievement in production:

During the period of 2016-17, the production of Raw Silk (Eri, Muga, Mulberry) has registered an increase of over 5.36%. Total



Union Minister for Handloom and Textile Smriti Zubin Irani speaking at the inauguration programme of Apparel and Garment Making Centre at Pachim Boragaon, Guwahati



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal feeding rhino calves during his visit to the Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre at Panbari in Kaziranga

Environment & Forest

1. Due to special efforts made for prompt issue of permits to the various Government departments, opening up of new mining concession areas and settlement of mining concession areas, enhancement of levy on carrying forest produce and minor minerals, etc., from neighbouring states to the state, enhancing surveillance and checking pilferage of revenue, disposal of all old timber lots, has resulted in increase of 142% revenue, i.e., from Rs. 56.94 crore of 2015-16 to Rs. 138 crore during 2016-17.
2. To increase surveillance in the 6th Addition of Kaziranga National Park covering wide areas of river Brahmaputra with numerous *char* and *chaporis*, to contain poaching of rhinos and tigers, a new electronic eye was set up at Biswanath Ghat. In terms of capacity building and confidence boosting, 60 selected forest staff have been trained in using sophisticated and modern arms and ammunition and sophisticated weapons like SLR, INSAS Rifles, 12 Bore Rifles, Ghaatak Rifles, 9 mm pistols. To strengthen the surveillance system, 14 new anti-poaching camps in different strategic locations of Kaziranga National Park and one Forest Force camp in the Northern Range have been constructed and 7 mechanised boats and 90 country boats have been purchased. During the period, 195 poachers have been arrested. Pending court



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal along with Minister, Forests and Environment, Pramila Rani Brahma, plant a sapling on the occasion of World Environment Day at Guwahati

cases, related to forest and wildlife crime, have been pursued in newly setup 10 different fast track courts which resulted in conviction of 9 poachers. For shelter of animals during flood, construction of 33 highlands in different locations of Kaziranga National Park have been started to ensure availability of additional 22.4 ha. highland in the park.

3. During the period, more than 1,42,00,000 seedlings have been planted under various schemes in different locations. The department is maintaining 90

nurseries to ensure availability of seedlings for plantation. Agyathuri Nagar Van Udyan, covering 27 ha., has been set up at Agyathuri under Nagar Van Udyan Yojana of State CAMPA with a project cost of Rs. 54 lakh.

4. Zero tolerance policy on new encroachment in forest land has been adopted. Critical analysis on human settlement in forest land is initiated. 2436 ha. forest land of national parks, wildlife sanctuaries and reserve forests have been made encroachment-free by removing illegal settlers.
5. People's participation in forest management has been ensured by involving 95 JFMCs and 45 EDCs in various activities in the fringe areas of Reserve Forests and Protected Areas. 3000 forest fringe villagers have been trained on various livelihood support activities such as bee keeping, weaving, embroidery, water hyacinth products making, poultry, piggery, pickle, jam preparation, etc., under skill development programme. Arrangement has been made to sell the products of such committees under the trade name Banaja. Under National Adaptation Fund on Climate Change (NAFCC) a new scheme to the tune of Rs. 24.57 crore has been started in Kaziranga, out of which Rs. 12.42 crore has already been released. The scheme covers different activities such as fishery, organic



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal distributing saplings among school children



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal addressing the World Environment Day function at Guwahati

agricultural practice, watershed management, etc., in the fringe areas of Kaziranga National Park for the benefit of the villagers.

6. Special emphasis has been given to address and mitigate the issues related to man-elephant conflicts in different parts of the state for which district level coordination committees have been formed involving all stakeholders. Ex-gratia amount has been raised from Rs. 1 lakh to Rs. 4 lakh in case of death due to wild animal attack, up to Rs. 2 lakh in case of permanent disability, etc. During the last one year an amount of Rs. 445.68 lakh have been paid against 168 deaths, 119 injury cases, 5995 house and crop damage cases, 154 livestock death cases.
7. Majuli has been declared as a Biodiversity Heritage Site under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 and initiatives have been launched for making Majuli as the first carbon neutral district of the state.
8. Total six cases of diversion proposal under Forest Conservation Act, 1980 have been cleared for construction of Maynaguri to Joghopa Railway Line and Tetelia-Byrnihat Railway Line and for construction of National Highway portion at Gohpur to Holongi and Balacherra to Horanjaon enabling the authority concerned to execute the works. An amount of Rs. 193 crore have been realised from the user agencies for NPV, compensatory afforestation and overhead cost.
9. Steps have been initiated to simplify and streamline the agar plantation, harvesting and setting up of agar industry for employment generation and also to boost up the economy of rural areas. Process for formulating guidelines and rules to this effect has been initiated in consultation with all stakeholders. A study has been awarded to 'Green Initiatives Certification and Inspection Agency', under CAMPA to make scientific assessment on availability of agar trees and bamboos outside the Reserve Forests.
10. As a part of population management of Swamp Deer, 17 Swamp Deer have been successfully translocated from Kaziranga National Park to Manas National Park. During the year, 200 distressed wild animals have been rescued and rehabilitated.



Erosion protection of Korhanadi river at Dighalgarah village under Dhemaji-Jonai Division, Silapathar



Gully control structure under Dhemaji-Jonai Soil Conservation Division, Silapathar



River Training Project at Kulshi Catchment under South Bank S.C. Division, Guwahati



NRM Works at Goalpara under South Bank S.C. Division, Guwahati

Soil Conservation

1. Under IWMP

- 832 Rainwater Harvesting Structures created/ renovated compared to 602 in 2015-16.
- 12470 ha. area brought under irrigation compared to 10129.44 ha in 2015-16.
- 7898 ha. covered under plantation including afforestation and horticulture compared to 6950 ha in 2015-16.
- 1200 Self Help Groups formed against 966 formed in 2015-16.

2. Under RIDF, nine different projects such as Water Harvesting and distribution, Land Reclamation, Drainage Channel cum Land Development, Anti Erosion cum Water Conservation etc implemented covering an area of 4096 Ha compared to 3657.55 Ha in 2015-16.
3. In the implementation of project Bio- Diversity Conservation of Basistha Bahini Watershed under NEC, 144 nos. of avenue plantation, 625.80 M² of farm forestation, 400 RM of Guard wall and 457.10 RM of boulder revetment works completed.
4. Under state plan, out of allotted fund, earth work 5991.84 M³, 20056 RCC porcupine and 5457.79 M³ boulder protection works completed.
5. 78995 plants covering varieties like Teak, Gomari, Neem, Koroi, Khoir, etc., have been planted.



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal releasing the Digi-Dhan Mela information journal

Information Technology

Information Technology

- 1. Digital Literacy Program:** Under this programme one person from each household is sought to be made digitally literate, to enable them to understand and use digital technologies for meaningful actions within life situations. The project was launched in August, 2016, in line with the NDLM and DISHA project of the Government of India. Till date 1.95 lakh beneficiaries have been registered, 1.67 lakh beneficiaries have been trained, and 1670 training centres have been registered under this programme.
- 2. Digital Payment Awareness and Financial Literacy Program:** Post demonetization, with an aim to promote digital payment, Digi Dhan Melas were organised all across Assam in three stages. NITI Ayog selected Guwahati and Dibrugarh as part of 100 cities where the program was inaugurated. The programme Digi Dhan Mela was organised at Guwahati on 11th and 12th January, 2017 and on 2nd February, 2017 at Dibrugarh. The programmes were organised in all the 33 districts and 2217 Gram Panchayats, 414 VCDC and 88 locations in Hill and Autonomous Council areas. The programmes saw a footfall of more than 1.75 lakh citizens, thereby generating awareness about cashless transactions amongst the citizens. 1.80 lakh beneficiaries and more than 30,000 merchants have been



Minister for Information Technology Keshab Mahanta releasing the 'e-Prastuti Guidebook' at Guwahati

trained under the Digital Financial Literacy Programme imparted through CSCs. The Digi Dhan Mela received the e-Governance award on the Civil Services Day, 2017.

3. **MyGov:** Assam.MyGov.in and IVRS is an iconic citizen engagement platform initiated by the Government of India under the leadership of the Prime Minister. It was launched in Assam on 10th April, 2017. Under this programme, the citizens can interact with the Chief Minister and his office.
4. **HDFC Bank BPO & Training Centre:** One acre of land has been earmarked for allotment to HDFC Bank for setting up of a BPO and Training Centre in IT Park, near LGBI Airport, Guwahati. The acceptance from HDFC Bank is awaited.
5. **IT Park at Silchar and Dibrugarh :** About 130 *bighas* of land in Silchar and 100 *bighas* in Dibrugarh have been identified by the District Administration for setting up of IT Park/ EMC Cluster under IT Department.
6. **Digital GP:** Khetri GP was selected as a model village in which 13 villages of the GP was provided internet connectivity through 19 access points, as a result of which internet connectivity was made available through mobile devices.
7. **Village Knowledge Centre:** Under the umbrella of Chief Minister's Samagra Gramya Unnayan Yojana (MSGUY), the Broadband

and Citizen Service Mission is sought to be implemented through the IT Department. A separate Society would be formed for the purpose. The Memorandum of Association and Rules and Regulations of the Society has been placed for approval of the Cabinet. The Society aims to set up Knowledge Centres in Gaon Panchayats and take broadband to every village and household. The RFP for appointment of consultant for preparation of DPR for the Fibrenet Project and Village Knowledge Centre has already been floated. A workshop on Village Knowledge Centre and Broadband and Citizen Service Mission was organized on the 28th April, 2017. This event saw participation from various Government and non-Government organisations.

8. **Standardised Website Framework (e-Prastuti) :** Under this project, it is sought to create integrated web experience for end users across all Government websites. 38 websites of six departments have been made live under this project. This project was awarded on the Civil Services Day, 2017. The process of development of standardized websites for all other Government departments is in progress. More than 250 Master Trainers have been trained under the project.
9. **IT Directorate:** The State Cabinet approved formation of Directorate of Information Technology, Electronics & Communication (DITEC) on the 17th of March, 2017.



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal releasing a souvenir on the occasion of National Science Day, 2017 at Guwahati

Science & Technology

1. The Government of Assam has given high priority to the sustainable development of science and technology. The Science and Technology Department has undertaken numerous projects and conducted many events for popularisation of science and technology and for creating scientific temper among the people. Keeping this initiative in view the Science and Technology Department have initiated the construction of Science City, Guwahati Biotech Park and Incubation Centre. New planetariums and District Science Centres are also proposed in the current budget.
2. State Meet of Aryabhata Science Centre was organized successfully during 3rd -4th November, 2016 at the premises of Regional Science Centre, Khanapara, Guwahati. Total 434 participants took part in the meet, which included 210 block coordinators, 27 District Coordinators, 204 students and 33 Guide Teachers.
3. The State Science & Technology Conclave was successfully held at Guwahati from 6th to 7th September, 2016 with participation of 25 state S&T Councils of the country and the conclave had meeting of expert group on State S&T to review the progress of state S&T Council activities. Compendium on State Specific S&T Interventions by state S&T councils, 2016, compiled and edited by S&T Division of ASTEC was released. An exhibition "Ideas to Action - Let us grow

with innovation” was also held in honour of all delegates coming from different states of the country.

4. An innovative programme has been initiated to spread awareness amongst the common people and students regarding the importance of biodiversity and climate change through active collaboration of colleges in all the 27 districts of Assam. The programme will lay emphasis on the issues and status of biodiversity in Assam, its correlation with weather and climate and importance of Eco-Restoration, conservation of ecologically important plant species within the college campus and preparation of herbariums. The cost of project is Rs. 35 lakh and targeted to be completed within 12 months.
5. Assam Science Festival was organized by ASTEC and AMTRON on behalf of Department of Science & Technology and Information Technology during 27th & 28th February, 2017 at Srimanta Sankardev Kalakshetra, Guwahati. The festival consisted of observation of National Science Day, exhibition and interaction program with scientists and State Science Award distribution ceremony. The interaction program with scientists was very lively and effective. State Science Award was awarded to one young scientist Dr. Debasish Bora of IIT Guwahati, Lifetime achievement award was given to Prof. D.N Borthakur (posthumously),
- former Vice-Chancellor of Assam Agriculture University and Agri Scientist of the country and the institutional award was given to ARANYAK, Guwahati.
6. With the initiative of the present Government, works related to six new planetariums at Amingaon, Bongaigaon, Diphu, Majuli, Kaliabor and Silchar have been initiated. Land has already been taken over in Diphu, Amingaon, Bongaigaon and Majuli. Land in Silchar and Kaliabor to be taken over very soon. DPRs of all the six planetariums are completed and Administrative Approval for all the planetariums was accorded by the State Government.
7. ASTEC has funded invention of a Driving Kit for specially abled persons, for manually hand operated remote-controlled system for operating the foot pedals of an automobile having automatic or automated transmission. It provides a solution for the people who are unable to use their foot/ legs to operate the foot pedals for driving an automobile. It can also be used by all people during highway driving to rest their feet.
8. Solar Technician Training Supported by National Institute of Solar Energy: Conducted three training programmes on Solar Technician Training called “Suryamitra” Skill Development Programme supported by National Institute



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal releasing a scientific magazine – ‘The North East Bioline’ on the occasion of Assam Biotech Conclave, 2017 at Guwahati



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal addressing the Assam Biotech Conclave, 2017 at Guwahati

of Solar Energy, Government of India to train ITI passed candidates on installation and maintenance of solar power plants. It is a fully residential programme of three months duration.

9. Assam State Meet was held on 3rd December, 2016 at Guwahati by ARSAC/ ASTEC in association with NESAC and ISRO. The meet was inaugurated by Minister for Science & Technology, Assam and the concluding session was chaired by the Chief Minister. During the final State Meet 22 line departments participated and presented their activities and highlighted the potential area of applications using space inputs in their field of activities. The outcome of the State Meet was that around 50 major projects were proposed to be taken up by different line departments (amongst these 22 in collaboration with ASTEC, NESAC, NRSC / ISRO).



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal admiring the projects exhibited by budding science talents of the state

10. ARSAC / ASTEC was identified as nodal agency to execute the task SIS-DP. High Resolution Indian Remote Sensing Satellite data were used to derive thematic layers as well as to map infrastructure such as road and railway on 1:10K. The database are generated in GIS environment and further integrated with other legacy data. Digitisation of Cadastral maps was one of the major components under this project and accordingly available cadastral map sheets were digitised and geo-referenced using ortho-rectified satellite data used under SIS-DP and integrated with other thematic layers in GIS environment. The databases are being uploaded in BHUVAN geo portal developed by NRSC, ISRO.
11. The Master Plan for Construction of the Technology Incubation Centre has already been finalised and Administrative Approval was accorded in this regard. Guwahati Biotech park has launched the second issue of the scientific magazine "The North East Bioline" on 5th January, 2017 and "GBP Today", the monthly e-newsletter focussing on the monthly activities of GBP has also been released. The Assam Biotech Conclave 2017 was successfully held on 5th and 6th January, 2017. A proposal has been submitted to NITI Ayog for setting up of the Business Enterprise Zone in Guwahati Biotech Park and the same has been shortlisted for Viability Assessment.





Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurating the upgraded Dibrugarh Town Protection (DTP) Dyke

Water Resource

1. Upgradation of Dibrugarh Town Protection (DTP) Dyke:

DTP Dyke has been upgraded by converting it as road cum embankment by providing black-topping for a length of 8.53 km under funding of ADB. Further, beautification was also done along the aforesaid length. Eco-friendly solar lights are installed all along the embankment in this reach. The work was inaugurated by the Chief Minister on January 24, 2017.

2. Workshop on 30th & 31st July, 2016:

A two-day workshop was organized by the WRD to discuss the thrust areas related to 100 days agenda of the newly formed Government. The workshop was held on 30th and 31st July, 2016. The workshop was inaugurated by the Chief Minister on 30th July, 2016.

3. Constitution of 3 Expert Committees :

On the basis of recommendation of the workshop held on 30th and 31st July, 2016, the Water Resources Department has constituted three expert committees:

- i) Committee for study of fluvial morphology of river Brahmaputra sediment management with the possibility of dredging.
- ii) Committee for rejuvenation of river Kolong
- iii) Committee for flood and erosion protection of Majuli Island



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal at the Workshop on Thrust Areas of 100 Days Agenda for Water Resource Department

4. Sanction of SDRF schemes by SEC:

The Water Resource Department received recommendation against 168 schemes costing Rs. 345.558 crore during the year 2016-17 under SDRF, which is all time highest of its kind.

5. World Bank Project:

A project has been proposed by the WRD for developing an integrated approach for solution to the flood and erosion problem in the state under the nomenclature "Assam Flood Erosion and River Management Modernization Project" amounting to Rs. 1500 crore. The Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Government of India has already placed the proposal before the World Bank. The WB Mission has already visited the state.

6. National Hydrology Project :

Under the aegis of World Bank-aided National Hydrology Project of Government of India, an amount of Rs 47.00 crore has been sanctioned to the state. The project will boost real time telemetry and satellite-based hydro metrological data acquisition system in Assam.

7. WR Complex in Majuli:

The department has taken up the work for establishing a large Water Resources office complex

at Majuli to tackle flood-related problems of the river island. Accordingly, the work has been started on the state plan head in the year 2016-17.

8. Plan and Non-Plan budget expenditure :

- i) Expenditure incurred under Plan head was Rs. 473.16 crore against Budget provision of Rs. 1996.93 crore during the financial year 2016-17.
- ii) Expenditure incurred under 17-Maintenance was Rs. 63.49 crore against Budget provision of Rs. 84.25 crore for 2016-17.

9. Completion of works:

The department had completed 33 flood and erosion management schemes with benefited area of about 1,12,000 Ha. during the year 2016-17.

10. Brahmaputra Express Highway Survey:

The government has proposed to construct two Express Highways along both the banks of the river Brahmaputra from Sadiya to Dhubri. The survey of the Express Highway has already been flagged off by the Chief Minister, Assam on January 24, 2017.



Field channel of an irrigation scheme at Sonapur

Irrigation

1. Under CADWM Programme, 10 projects have been taken up since its inception in Assam till date. Five CADWM programmes viz. Jamuna I/P, Kaliabor L.I.S., Sukla I/P, Kaldiya I/P and Dekadong I/P are completed and four viz. CAD to Bardikarai I/P, Pahumara CAD Project, Maloibari L.I.S. CAD Project, Dhansiri CAD Project, are ongoing. From the completed and ongoing CADWM programme, 1,38,882 Ha. have been covered up to March 2016. During 2016-17, CADWM programme to Maloibari ELIS has been implemented and 750 Ha. has been covered under CADWM.

2. Major/ Medium Irrigation Sector:

The department has implemented 20 Major/ Medium projects in the state and till now 15 have been completed with funding from State Plan and AIBP. As a result 2,72,613 ha. irrigation potential has been created up to March 2016.

3. Minor Irrigation Scheme

- 778 Minor Irrigation schemes have been taken up since 2001-02 with estimated amount of Rs. 307858.03 lakh with a targeted potential of 3,68,049 ha. and 514 completed up to March 2016 under AIBP funding, creating a potential of 2,14,724 ha. During



Irrigation Minister Ranjit Dutta inspecting an irrigation project, Kamalpur



Irrigation Minister Ranjit Dutta inspecting Bakaliaghat irrigation project

2016-17, 13 schemes have been completed achieving potential of 4611 ha.

- Since 2005-06, work of 255 Minor Irrigation schemes have been taken up under SCSP funding with estimated cost of Rs. 15514.15 lakh and targeted potential of 29,388 Ha. Till date 188 schemes have been completed and 19,873 ha. potential has been achieved. Out of 170 schemes completed up to March 2016, potential achieved was 18422 ha. and 18 schemes have been completed during the year 2016-17 achieving potential of 1451 ha.
- Under TSP funding, work of 106 Minor Irrigation schemes have been taken up since 2005-06 with estimated cost of Rs. 5977.55 lakh to achieve potential of 14359 ha. Till date, 84 schemes have been completed creating potential of 11,491 ha., out of which 80 schemes completed up to March 2016 with a potential of 10831 ha. and four are completed during 2016-17 achieving potential of 660 ha.
- Under NABARD assistance, 125 schemes have been taken up under RIDF-XVI, XVIII & XIX for an amount of Rs. 20110.46 lakh to achieve targeted potential of 16559 ha., out of which 41 schemes were completed upto March 2016 achieving 4695 ha. potential and 48 schemes have been completed

during the year 2016-17 achieving potential of 5139 ha.

- Under Assam Bikash Yojana, out of 27 schemes, 19 were completed since 2008-09 reviving lost potential of 1367 ha.
- With NLCPR funding, out of seven schemes, three have been completed up to March, 2016 achieving potential of 2510 ha.
- With NEC funding four schemes were completed up to March, 2016 and 1005 ha. potential has been achieved.
- Under State Plan (General), five schemes were completed up to March, 2016 achieving potential of 810 ha.
- Under State Specific Scheme, four schemes are completed with estimated amount of Rs. 3000 lakh creating a potential of 1748 hectare up to March, 2016.
- Under CM's Special Package, work of four Minor Irrigation schemes were taken up with an estimated cost of Rs. 750 lakh and targeted potential of 532 ha., out of which two have been completed during this year creating potential of 400 ha.
- Under M & R funding (100 days), 54 schemes have been completed during the year 2016-17 and 3211 ha potential have been revived.

Food & Consumer Affairs



Amar Dukan on Wheels

Sl. No.	Name of Scheme	Before May,2016 (2015-16)	After May, 2017 (2016-17)	
I.	NFSA, 2013			
(i)	Digitization of Ration Cards (Computerized entry of all beneficiary details in the ERCMS databases)	AAY RCs =7,02,673 PHH RCs =51,62,016 Total RCs =58,64,689	AAY RCs= 6,91,298 PHH RCs= 50,68,301 Total RCs = 57,59,599	N.B.: After re-verification and re-validation, ineligible beneficiaries (RCs) are being deleted and in their places eligible beneficiaries are being identified and added. 717 RCs have been deleted as on 8 th May, 2017.
		AAY Population = 29,69,704 PHH Population = 2,21,94,338 Total Population = 2,51,64,042	AAY Population = 28,85,584 PHH Population = 2,18,38,514 Total Population = 2,47,24,098	
I.	NFSA, 2013			
(ii)	Grievance Redressal System	Total Grievances Received =2,023 Total Grievances Resolved = 379 Percentage of solved cases =18.73%	Total Grievances Received = 5,478 Total Grievances Resolved= 4,731 Percentage of solved cases = 86.36%	
(iii)	Online Allocation of Food grains (http://fcs.assam.gov.in)	NIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All allocation details from the Directorate upto FPS level are available in State Transparency Portal. 	

(iv)	Fair Price Shop Automation	NIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pilot FPS Automation is being planned for 50 no.s of FPS, each in three districts of Kamrup (Metro), Kamrup and Morigaon using OTP method of authentication for the beneficiaries due to absence of Aadhar in the State.
II. Consumer Affairs			
(i)	Cases	Total No. of Cases Received =2,44,172 No. of Cases Disposed =2,20,300 No. of Cases Pending = 23,872 Percentage of Disposed Cases =90.22%	Total No. of Cases Received = 1,92,883 No. of Cases Disposed = 1,72,667 No. of Cases Pending = 20,216 Percentage of Disposed Cases = 89.51%
(ii)	CONFONET (http://confonet.nic.in): Hardware, Manpower and Internet Connectivity is being provided)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14 districts were covered 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 10 remaining locations and Assam State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission have been covered.
III. Procurement			
(i)	Procurement of Paddy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total Quantity of Boro Paddy = 28,816 MT Total Quantity of Kharif Paddy = 8,858 MT Total Quantity of Paddy = 37,674 MT Paddy was procured through FCI, ASAMB. Paddy Procurement Centres (PPC) = 83 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total Quantity of Boro Paddy = 23,930 MT up to Sep,2016 Total Quantity of Kharif Paddy = 57023 MT Total Quantity of Paddy = 80953 MT Paddy was procured through FCI, ASAMB, NACOF, NAFED and NCCF. Paddy Procurement Centres (PPC) increased by 29 from 83 to 112.
(ii)	Procurement of Potato	NIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rs. 1 Crore has been provided Assam State Agricultural Marketing Board (ASAMB) from Assam Civil Supplies Corporation to procure potatoes from farmers to prevent distress sale.
IV.	Aamar Dukan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A total of 3812 Aamar Dukans have been opened since April, 2010 till May, 2016. Average number of Aamar Dukans opened per year: 635 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1811 of Aamar Dukans have been opened ceremoniously.
V.	Aamar Dukan on wheels	NIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The pilot project was launched on 22nd February, 2017 with 7 nos. of E-Carts in Guwahati.
V.	Legal Metrology		



(i)	Achievement of Legal Metrology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revenue (Fee) earned Rs.3,91,06,067.00 by the Department. • Percentage of Achievement: 106.07% • Details of Prosecuted Cases <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prosecuted Cases Registered = 503 ○ Prosecuted Cases Compounded = 277 ○ Prosecuted Cases sanctioned for trail in court of Law = 155 ○ Fees Realized for Composition of Prosecuted Cases= 19,69,000.00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revenue (Fee) earned Rs. 5,51,04,197.00 by the Department during the year 2016-17. • Percentage of Achievement: 122.21% • Details of Prosecuted Cases <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prosecuted Cases Registered = 2062 ○ Prosecuted Cases Compounded = 883 ○ Prosecuted Cases sanctioned for trail in court of Law = 254 ○ Fees Realized for Composition of Prosecuted Cases = Rs. 70,50,500
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Minister for Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Rihon Daimari inaugurating Aamar Dukan on Wheels



Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Minister Rihon Daimari, in a review meeting with senior officials of the department at Dispur



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal launching the Assam Excise portal

The Excise Department is one of the major revenue earning departments of the state and the department is responsible for regulation of sale of alcohol and other approved intoxicants and prevention of illicit distillation and clandestine trade of illicit liquor. Government has taken up several initiatives to revamp its functioning in order to maximise excise revenue generation and collection.

A. Revenue collected by the Excise Department in 2015-16 & 2016-17

Year	Excise Revenue Collected	Increase in Collection
2015-16	Rs.799.53	
2016-17	Rs.966.40	21%

Year	No. Of illicit/duty unpaid cases detected	Cases Disposed	Compounding Fine
2015-16	33,913	9913	Rs.550459
2016-17	29,804	12270	Rs.661080

Major policy decisions executed during the last one year:

- The Assam Excise Act, 1910 has been replaced by the Assam Excise Act, 2000 and the Assam Excise Rules, 1945 was replaced by the Assam Excise Rules, 2016 which was notified and has come into force w.e.f. September 1, 2016. In the new rules, steps were taken to plug loopholes to prevent leakage in excise revenue. The point of levy of excise duty was shifted to the level of first point of transaction made within the state. This has ensured that only duty paid liquor comes

Excise

out from the factories. This has also resulted in curbing leakage of excise revenue.

- The existing country spirit *mahal* system has been replaced with a more scientific system of bottling of country spirit by the bottling plants which assures same kind of standard as that of Indian Made Foreign Liquor. The Government has already approved and notified a new Country Spirit Policy which brings in the reforms through a new transparent, modern and scientific system in the line of Indian Made Foreign Liquor. This new Country Spirit Policy is expected to boost excise revenue as well as to improve social health.
- Traditional alcoholic brewing is an important household cum societal drinking activity associated with many religious ceremonies among different ethnic tribal groups of Assam. The ethnic drinks have a good potential for becoming popular in connection with tourism if seen as “exotic”. Therefore bringing these drinks to the commercial market would enable tourists to explore the variety and flavour of Assam. Commercialisation of the various ethnic drinks of Assam could also generate employment opportunities especially for women who are traditionally involved in brewing these drinks at home. The department has already approved and notified a new policy in this regard.
- A number of reforms have been implemented by the department on the basis of Jindal Committee recommendations. These reforms include rationalisation of licence fee structure, number of Dry Days, opening and closing time of liquor shops, etc. These reforms are expected to curb influx of liquor from the neighbouring states and thereby to enhance collection of excise revenue of the State.
- The department has launched the Excise Online portal (www.assamexcise.in) and all kinds of

revenue collection, permits and passes, licences has been made online and fully digital.

- The department is taking steps for introduction of barcode containing holographic label on the liquor bottles which will ensure easy tracking of liquor bottles and curb evasion of excise duty. e-Tender for the purpose has already been floated and is currently under evaluation stage.
- Infrastructure of the department has improved significantly during the last one year. The department has already purchased and distributed total 82 vehicles for better mobility and enforcement activities of the field level officers of the Excise Department.



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal flagging off vehicles for field offices of Excise Department

- The department has taken several steps against tax evaders and corrupt officials. More than 26000 cartons of non-duty paid liquor valued at Rs. 3.8 crore (approx) have been seized by the department in recent months in Karbi Anglong, Sonitpur, Kamrup, etc. It has resulted in direct impact on movement of non-duty paid liquor in the state.
- The State Anti-Drugs & Prohibition Council, an autonomous body under the Excise Department was holding special awareness campaign in various places both in rural and urban areas against alcoholism and drug abuse. During the last one year a total of 574 meetings, 11 seminars, 873 group discussions, one exhibition and two educative film shows were held.

Cooperation

1. Out of 244 rural scientific godowns 115 godowns have been constructed by HOUSEFED under RIDF-XVIII. Rest of the rural godowns are under progress.
2. Renovation of 57 warehouses in 13 districts and construction of four new warehouses have been undertaken by the Assam State Warehousing Corporation under RIDF-XXI and mobilisation advance of Rs. 14.27 crore has been released.
3. Sitajakhala Dugdha Utpadak Samabay Samiti Ltd. has been provided Rs 50 lakh for improving their infrastructure and installation of plant and machinery. The present milk production of the cooperative society is more than 12,000 litres per day which cater to the requirement of WAMUL (Purabi) as well as that of Guwahati city.
4. Construction and renovation of the office buildings at Karimganj, Hailakandi, Barpeta, Abhayapuri, Morigaon and Biswanath Chariali have been completed with a cost involvement of Rs. 94.57 lakh.
5. Cash incentives of Rs. 12 lakh, Rs. 8 lakh and Rs. 5 lakh were awarded to three best performing cooperative societies respectively in four categories viz. State level, District level, Sub-Divisional level and PACS/GPSS level, to encourage them towards excellence in business performance and employment generation.
6. New Vice-Chancellor has been appointed to the Assam Rajiv Gandhi University of Cooperative Management (ARGUCOM). Plans have been formulated by the university for establishing Centres of Excellence in – (a) the revitalisation of Cooperative Sector and PPP (Public-Private Partnership) projects (b) Entrepreneurship and Enterprises (c) Development of commodity spot markets and derivative markets for agricultural products and natural resources.
7. In order to facilitate scientific storage of agricultural commodities, Cold Storage facilities with a capacity of 2000 MT each have been constructed by the Assam State Warehousing Corporation at Silapathar and Raha and two at Sarupathar and Karimganj are under construction.
8. Advocacy programme as well as facilitation and handholding exercises were designed and piloted in 118 out of the 219 development blocks, 382 new cooperatives in agriculture and allied sub-sectors were formed and 148 Village Organisations were registered as cooperative societies.
9. FISHFED has been provided Rs. 25.00 lakh for creation of cold room, online fish marketing facilities and renovation of existing infrastructure at Guwahati.
10. VRS liability of STATFED employees amounting Rs. 1122.55 lakh has been cleared. Similarly, VRS and closure liabilities of Rs. 250 lakh has been paid to the employees of Nowgong Cooperative Sugar Mill Ltd., Kampur.



Union Labour Minister Bandaru Dattatreya addressing the Conference of State Labour Ministers and Principal Secretaries of North Eastern Region at Guwahati

Labour Welfare

Central and State Labour Legislations are being implemented by concerned Head of Departments of Labour & Welfare Department. Welfare of labourers and their protection through various Labour Acts and Rules is being promoted by the Department.

The major achievements in the last ten months are as follows :

1. Massive Awareness Programmes / Drives under various Labour Laws

- a. Increase awareness of various Labour Laws through publication of advertisements in leading newspapers of Assam in English, Assamese, Bengali, Bodo.
- b. Display of benefits guaranteed to different sections of workers under various Labour Laws through LED displays.
- c. Awareness on various Labour Laws through publication of advertisements in magazines.
- d. Awareness programme for opening of Bank Accounts is carried out throughout Assam by field level offices, under the Payment of Wages Act, 1936.
- e. House to house random survey of beneficiaries under the Building and Other Construction Workers (RE & CS) Act, 1996



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal interacting with the Union Labour Minister Bandaru Dattatreya at Guwahati

and awareness programmes about benefits of the Act.

- f. Rescue operations/ awareness drives against child labour are being carried out by Labour Department officials through District Child Labour Task Force throughout the State.
- g. A live phone-in programme on functioning of the Commissionerate of Labour and direct interaction with public on related issues was attended by Deputy Labour Commissioner, Assam.

2. Digitization:

- a. A standardized web portal has been launched for the department for seamless citizen-centric information and services of the department.
- b. Citizens' Charter for time-bound service delivery has been defined.
- c. Action under the "Ease of Doing Business" for various labour reform measures has been initiated.
- d. Online Registration, Licensing and periodic renewal under various Labour Laws has been notified.

- e. Online inspection schemes and self certification cum consolidated annual return scheme has been defined.
- f. Grievance redressal mechanism has been activated.
- g. The Department will be seeding into the "Shram Suvidha Portal" after the computerization of the Department.

3. Administrative initiatives:

- a. Special Inspection Drive under the 100 days programme of all the 800 tea gardens under the Plantations Labour Act, 1951 was completed and a database of the same is being developed.
- b. Specific Inspectors for implementation of P.L. Act, 1951 have been notified.
- c. Categorization of Tea Estates based on implementation of the Plantation Labour Act, 1951 is done.
- d. Online submission of Annual Return "Form 12" named as Tea Atlas with UNICEF has been initiated.
- e. Direction has been issued to all managements of Tea Gardens to use local language for communication with workers.

- f. D.O. letter from the departmental Minister sent out to all tea garden managers for opening horticulture garden in surplus vacant land of tea gardens.
- g. Draft Notification of Minimum Wages for Domestic Workers has been issued.
- h. Enhancement of welfare benefits for registered construction workers and their dependents is under process.
- i. State Level Advisory Board meetings under various labour laws have been conducted and time bound plan of action has been streamlined.

4. Amendments:

Shops and Establishment Act, 1971-

- a. Fees for Registration and Renewal under Assam Shops & Establishment Act, 1971 have been revised.
- b. The Assam Shops & Establishment (Amendment) Act, 2017 is proposed to be passed in line with the Model Shops & Establishment Act.
- c. Opening and closing hours of shops and establishments have been notified from 8.00 am to 12.00 midnight in respect of Guwahati.
- d. Amendment proposal moved for Self Certification under the Assam Shops & Establishment Act, 1971 regarding non engagement of any child labourer.

Payment of Wages Act, 1936 -

- a. State Government has issued a notification specifying 27 industrial and other establishments including plantations, shall pay wages to every person employed only

by cheque or by crediting the wages in his bank account, after the Payment of Wages (Amendment) Act, 2017 was passed by the Government of India.

1. Revision of Schedule of Fees :

New fee schedule for registration/ renewal of enterprises has been notified after a gap of more than 12 years and has been enforced. It is expected that this new fees structure would result in the increase of revenue collection by more than 200%.

2. Five Bighas of Government land from Dag No. 305, has been allotted to ESI Scheme Assam for establishment of New Secondary Care Hospital at Amingaon, Guwahati.

3. Implementation and extension of ESI Scheme in the following new areas:

- a. Chhaygaon, Kamrup
- b. Mirza, Kamrup
- c. Mangaldai, Darrang
- d. Barpeta Town, Barpeta
- e. Biswanath Chariali, Biswanath
- f. Mariani, Jorhat
- g. Teok, Jorhat
- h. Naharkatia, Dibrugarh



Minister of State (Ind.) for Labour and Employment, Pallab Lochan Das handing over a Vocational Course completion certificate to a trainee



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal tries his hands at the wheels of a tractor at a distribution programme under the WPT&BC department at Guwahati

Welfare of Plain Tribes & Backward Classes

A. Achievement of Directorate of AIRT & SC

- Compiled and published the Handbook Reservation of Jobs for STs and SCs in Government services within 100 days of this Government.
- Completed two research works:
 - a. An Ethnographic study on the Motok Community of Assam.
 - b. Study of Karbi Handicrafts and its industrial potential in Assam
- Compiled village-wise Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe population.
- Compiled tribal freedom fighters of Assam.

B. Achievement of Directorate of Welfare of SC

- The Directorate of Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Assam is implementing schemes for the welfare of the Scheduled Castes of Assam since its inception on July 27, 1989. The major achievements of the Directorate of Welfare of Scheduled Castes,

Assam for last 10 Months during the year 2016-17 in implementing various schemes are as follows:

Scholarship:

Sl. No.	Name of Scholarship Scheme	Expenditure (Rs.)	Achievement
1	Pre-Matric Scholarship for SC students of Class I to VIII	77.52 lakh	8,276 students
2	Pre-Matric Scholarship for the children of persons engaged in cleaning related occupation having health hazards	14.23 lakh	769 students
3	Post-Matric Scholarship	910.25 lakh	12,358 students
4	Pre-Matric Scholarship for SC students of Class IX & X	171.81 lakh	7,636 students

Construction of SC Girls Hostels under Babu Jagjiban Ram Chatravas Yojana:

Construction of one SC Girls Hostel has been completed at Morigaon College, Morigaon under Babu Jagjiban Ram Chatravas Yojana.

Construction of Dr. B.R. Ambedker Bhawan:

Construction of two Dr. B. R. Ambedker Bhawans have been completed at Sivasagar and Bardadhi at Hajo, Kamrup.

SC Model village Scheme:

The Government has accorded Administrative Approval for 7 projects to be implemented under the SC Model village Scheme during 2016-17. The projects are Fishery at Kaibarta Tola SC Village at Hajo in Kamrup, Weaving Centre at Rangchali SC Village in Biswanath, Fishery at Barmukuli SC Village in Majuli, Fishery at Amlokhiguri SC Village

in Majuli, Weaving Centre at Asokguri Da-Dhara SC Village in Majuli, construction of Stoking Tank at Bangaldhara SC Village at Uttar Dharamtul in Jagiroad, Morigaon, construction of Stoking Tank at Borbori SC Village at Dakhin Dharamtul in Jagiroad, Morigaon.

The above projects shall be implemented during 2017-18.

“Self Help Scheme for SC Unemployed Youth” and “Special Central Assistance (SCA) to Scheduled Castes Sub-Plan (SCSP)”-

Distribution of agricultural implements such as Tractors, Power Tillers & Pumpsets under the schemes “Self Help Scheme for SC Unemployed Youth” and “Special Central Assistance (SCA) to Scheduled Castes Sub-Plan (SCSP)” is under process. Items distributed are as follows:h

Sl. No.	Items being distributed	No. of items
1	Tractors	124
2	Power Tillers	215
3	Pumpsets	214



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal welcoming Union Minister of State for Tribal Affairs Jaswant Singh Suman Bhai Bhaskar at his official residence at Guwahati



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal attending the 15th Bodoland Day on 10th February, 2017 at Kokrajhar

Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC)

1. State Government has taken up construction of important roads and bridges in the BTC area. Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal along with BTC Chief Hagrama Mohilary has laid foundation stone for construction of roads and five major RCC Bridges on the Tamulpur to Paneri and Paneri to Udalguri road over the Kalapani, Barnadi, Bhwrla and other rivers under NESRIP (ADB).
2. Approval for establishment of three DIETs in BTC area in Chirang, Baksa and Udalguri districts has been accorded by the Government of India.
 - BTC has taken up construction of building for Bodo Department at Dibrugarh University, at an estimated cost of Rs. 310.77 lakh on a 2 *bigha* plot of land provided by Dibrugarh University.
 - Out of 88 girl student (degree level) beneficiaries belonging to BPL category and residing within 10-15 km from the institution, scooties have been distributed among 33 students at Udalguri.
 - Buildings for Director of Education, BTC and Inspector of Schools, Kokrajhar have been opened in the month of April, 2017.



- 763 TET qualified teachers in elementary education have been appointed against regular vacant posts.
 - 1134 TET qualified candidates have been engaged as AT in elementary schools in SSA posts.
3. BTC has acquired land for construction of Bodoland House in Bengaluru, Karnataka and at Diphu, Karbi-Anglong.
 4. Altogether 1385 schemes/ projects under One Time Special Assistance, 2015-16 received approval of the State Level Committee under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Assam during the year 2016-17.
 - The schemes were prepared as per NITI Ayog's guidelines at an estimated cost of Rs. 42102.00 lakh. 95% of works are completed.
 - All of the 121 Shallow Tube Well schemes taken up under One Time Special Assistance have been completed.
 5. Construction of 8 Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas and 11 Model Schools (Secondary) are in progress under SSA and RMSA respectively. Construction of Ekalavya Model Residential School at Dalbari, Baksa funded by Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India is under progress.
 6. 59,510 farmers are engaged in sericulture in 1673 sericulture villages in the BTC area. Of the total eri silk production in NE Region, BTC contributes 771 MTs and out of total silk production in Assam (3142 MTs), contribution of BTC is 24.53%. Sanction has been received for an ambitious project named "Soil to Silk" from the

Government of India for implementation in BTC area where Root Trainer Technology will be introduced. Sanction of project specially for Eri development in Baksa district has also been received from Government of India during the year 2016-17.

- First Muga Wildlife Sanctuary in BTC at Bijni Kuklung Range, Manas has been established.
 - "Bodoland Silk" brand has been launched to promote marketing of silk product.
7. So far, 130 Aamar Dukans have been opened in BTC area.
 8. Under Urban Development, altogether 40,241 meters of drains, 61,135 meters of roads, 21 culverts, 3,900 metres of boundary walls have been constructed.
 9. Distribution of seeds under agriculture includes 650 quintals of HYV Sali paddy to 6,500 farmers, 187.5 quintals of certified mustard seed to 12,500 farmers, 225 quintals of hybrid maize seed to 7,500 farmers, 10,730 kits of assorted vegetable seeds to 10,730 farmers, 159 Kamco power tillers to 159 farmers @ 50% subsidy under RKVY. Distribution includes paddy threshers, potato tubers, sugarcane setts, ginger rhizomes, maize seeds, sugarcane crusher.



Foundation stone laying of RCC bridge over River Bornodi on Udalguri-Tamulpur Road



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal in a sporting spirit with the participants of the final of the Chief Minister's Inter Tea Garden Football Cup Tournament at Golaghat

Tea Tribes Welfare

It is due to the untiring and relentless efforts of the tea workers that Assam is one of the major tea-producing states of India. Assam has been playing a major role in tea production of India. About 53% of the tea production of the entire country takes place in Assam. But from the socio-economic perspective, the tea plantation workers are lagging behind. The Government of Assam has taken up several schemes for the overall development of the tea tribes of Assam. For the fast and proper implementation of these schemes, a separate Directorate was formed by the Government of Assam in 1983-84 which was named Directorate of the Welfare of Tea and Ex-Tea Garden Tribes, Assam. The main aim of this Directorate is to improve the economic, educational and social standards of the tea plantation workers of Assam.

The various schemes implemented by Tea Tribes Welfare Department during the Financial Year 2016-17 are as follows:

1. Pre-Matric scholarship of a total of Rs. 77,07,000 was distributed among 7071 tea tribes students.



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal in discussion with the representatives of Assam Tea Tribes Students' Association (ATTSA) on various issues related to the tea tribes community, in a meeting held in the conference room of Chief Minister's Office at Janata Bhawan

2. Post-Matric scholarship of a total of Rs.1,77,76,500 was distributed among 2852 tea tribes students.
3. An amount of Rs.1,98,05,000 was distributed as financial assistance among 844 tea tribes students.
4. An amount of Rs.1,00,00,000 was distributed among 291 students of ANM/GNM and Para Medical Studies for scholarship and training purposes.
5. As a first step towards promotion of culture, a state level workshop on Jhumur Dance was organised from 5th January, 2017 to 8th January, 2017 at Srimanta Sankardeva Kalakhetra, Guwahati.
6. The Chief Minister's Inter Tea Garden Football Cup Tournament was organised at various districts and the final match of the Tournament was held at Golaghat on 22nd January, 2017. The prize money of Rs. 4,10,000 with a Silver Trophy was given to the Winner Team and Prize Money of Rs.2,00,000 and a trophy was given to the Runners-Up Team. The Chief Minister and Minister for Tea Tribes Welfare were present at the final match.



Minister of State (Ind.) for Tea Tribes Welfare, Pallab Lochan Das delivering inaugural address at the State Level Jhumur Workshop



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal reviewing the performance of MSDP schemes in the state with the DCs through video conference

As minority communities comprise a considerable size of the population of Assam, their economic, educational and socio-cultural development is necessary for the overall progress of Assam. The Welfare of Minorities & Development Department is mandated for uplift of the backward religious minorities living in the state including the *char* Areas. Preference is being given to the occupational groups and women through its organizations namely Char Areas Development, Assam and the Assam Minorities Development Board.

A major function and responsibility of the department is implementation of Multi-Sectoral Development Programme (MSDP) in areas with 25% or more minorities population and in Minority Concentrated Districts of the State and implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes such as Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship.

Achievement of the Directorate of Char Areas Development Assam from May, 2016 to May, 2017 :

Sl. No.	Name of Schemes	Total Fund Received	Physical Achievement	Financial Achievement (Rs. In Lakh)
1	Distribution of Power Tiller Transportation Charges	520.10	319	520.10
		17.02		17.02
2	Distribution of Power Pump Transportation Charges	446.43	1722	446.43
		46.49		46.49

Welfare of Minorities

Sl. No.	Name of Schemes	Total Fund Received	Physical Achievement	Financial Achievement (Rs. In Lakh)
3	Distribution of Tractor (at 75% subsidy rate)	199.82	41	199.82
4	Distribution of Solar Pump	122.40	24	122.40
5	Transportation Charges of Huller Mill	7.36	-	7.36
6	Electrician-cum-Wireman Training for 6 months	7.48	20	7.48
7	Automobile Training for one year	11.25	13	11.25
8	ANM Training : 1 st batch 2 nd year 2 nd batch 1 st year 2 nd batch 2 nd year	49.92 21.56 28.75	48 25 25	49.92 21.56 28.75
9	GNM Training : 1 st batch 3 rd year 2 nd batch 2 nd &3 rd year 3 rd batch 2 nd year	23.47 64.00 39.76	23 22 28	23.47 64.00 39.76
10	Diploma in Medical Laboratory Technician	45.15	20	45.15
	Grand Total	1650.96		1650.96 (100%)

Achievement of the Assam Minorities Development Board during the year 2016-17 :

Sl. No.	Name of Scheme	Physical Achievement	Total Fund Received (Rs. In Lakh)	Financial Achievement (Rs. In Lakh)
1	Hospitality & Tourism Management and Hotel Management Training (1 year)	55	62.70	62.70
2	Hardware etworking /Web Designing and Publication Assistant (1year)	52	56.16	56.16
3	Bachelor of Physiotherapy (BPT) Training (4 years 6 months)	10	70.80	70.80
4	Diploma in Physiotherapy (DPT) Training (2 years)	20	76.60	76.60
5	ANM &Health Worker Training (2 years)	102	387.60	387.60
6	Diploma in Laboratory Technician (DMLT) Training (2 years)	60	154.80	154.80

Sl. No.	Name of Scheme	Physical Achievement	Total Fund Received (Rs. In Lakh)	Financial Achievement (Rs. In Lakh)
7	Beauty Culture, Hair & Skin Care Training Programme (1 year)	40	54.58	54.58
8	Diploma in Pharmacy (D. Pharm) Training (2 years)	25	75.00	75.00
9	Coaching for Banking and Railway Clerical Services (6 months)	54	31.32	31.32
10	Coaching for Combined Competitive Exam (APSC/UPSC/ CEE/JEET) (6 months)	50	38.499	38.499
	Grand Total		1008.059	1008.059 (100%)

Multi-Sectoral Development Programme (MSDP) :

The MSDP Scheme under 12th Plan is being implemented in 118 Minority Concentrated Blocks and one Minority Concentrated Town covering 19 Minority Concentrated Districts.

- Total allocation under 12th Plan is Rs.525.26 lakh.
- Project proposal approved by Government of India from October 2016 to March 2017 is Rs. 415.57 crore.
- Total project approved by Government of India for MSDP 12th Plan is Rs. 61674.201 lakh. (117% of the total allocation)
- Fund released to districts under MSDP (Central Share) is Rs. 219.56 crore against budget provision of Rs. 241.06 crore. Percentage of utilization of budget earmarked fund is 91%.
- Fund released to districts under MSDP (State Share) is Rs. 20.3158 crore against budget provision of Rs. 21.2802 crore. Percentage of utilization of budget earmarked fund is 95%.

Centrally Sponsored Scholarship Schemes :

Name of Scheme	Target (Students)	Achievement (Students)	Percentage
Pre Matric	144310	134094	92%
Post Matric	24077	27276	113 %
Merit-cum-Means	2889	3718	128%



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal discussing a gamut of issues on skill development with Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) Rajiv Pratap Rudy in New Delhi

Skill Employment & Entrepreneurship Development

Training Wing:

1. **Online Admission in ITIs:** The admission process for entry into the Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) of Assam was made online through National Informatics Centre (NIC) from July 2016.
2. **Starting of Light Motor Vehicle driving course in ITIs:** A two-month course on Light Motor Vehicle driving was started in October, 2016 in collaboration with Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), Guwahati Refinery. A total of 10 girls and 20 boys have completed the training at ITI for Women, Guwahati and at ITI, Guwahati respectively. 20 boys are presently enrolled for training at ITI, Guwahati.
3. **Starting of Industrial Sewing Machine Operator training course for under-privileged girls:** A three-month Short Term Industrial Sewing Machine Operator training course for under-privileged girls was started from 24th February, 2017 at the ITI for Women, Guwahati with state-of-the-art infrastructure and modern

industry-oriented training course. This training programme is residential with a batch size of 20. It is sponsored by Guwahati Refinery, IOCL for facilitating sustainable income generation through enhancement of vocational skills in relevant trades.

4. **Signing of Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with M/S Samsung India Electronics Pvt. Ltd.:** A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) has been signed with M/S Samsung India Electronics Pvt. Ltd. on 14th February 2017, for the purpose of setting up of a Samsung Laboratory at Industrial Training Institute, Birubari, Guwahati. M/S Samsung India Electronics Pvt. Ltd. has agreed to set up this laboratory as a part of its Corporate Citizenship Initiative. This training course will focus on Skill Upgradation in Electronic Sector along with placement assistance.
5. **TIG Welding Course at ITI Jorhat:** A TIG Welding Course with batch size of 20 candidates, sponsored by Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL) has started at ITI, Jorhat.

Employment Wing:

Model Career Centres (MCC) under National Career Service (NCS) at Guwahati & Jorhat:

Two Model Career Centres (MCC) under National Career Service (NCS) are being set up at District Employment Exchange, Guwahati and at District Employment Exchange, Jorhat. At present furniture, fixtures, computers and other IT peripherals have been procured for the same as per guidelines set by Government of India. These Model Career Centres will be made operational by the first quarter of FY 2017-18.

New Department of Skill, Employment and Entrepreneurship Development and Assam Skill Development Mission:

A new department of Skill, Employment and Entrepreneurship Development has been created,

bifurcating the Labour and Employment Department, and a new Assam Skill Development Mission has been created by merging Employment Generation Mission. The Governing Council and Executive Committee of ASDM approved the following:

- Establishment of 9 Multi Skill Centres (Centre of Excellence) in the state focusing on Hospitality, Floriculture, Automobile, Tourism, Electronics, Security and Driving.
- Establishment of one Skill City.
- Establishment of one Driving School.
- Approved merging of EGM with ASDM.
- ASDM to work with World Bank aided Government of India's project, named Skill India Mission Operation (SIMO/ SANKALP)
- To implement National Skill Qualification of Framework (NSQF) for all skill development trainings.
- To work in coordinating with all PMKVVs in the state.
- ASDM also to work in PPP mode in skill development programmes in the State.
- ASDM has targeted 1.50 lakh unemployed youth for skill development training in 2017-18.
- Proposal sent to Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India for skill development of 1 lakh youth under PMVKY.
- EoI floated to hire Technical Consultant for management of State Mission Unit.
- Advertisement published to engage staff for ASDM.



Minister of Skill, Employment & Entrepreneurship Chandra Mohan Patowary inaugurating a motor driving course at ITI for Women at Guwahati

Administrative Reforms & Training

- TNA for ACS officers have been published.
Training Manual containing Training Modules for Secretariat staff has been published.
- Act East Policy – Process has started for creation of a new department. Views of all departments are awaited in this connection.
Assam Right to Public Service Act 2012 – Relaunching process has started.
- In order to make the Assam Administrative Staff College (AASC) an institute of national/ international standard with adequate infrastructure for training, a scheme namely 'Improvement and Modernisation of Assam Administrative Staff College' has been taken up under which improvement and modernization works are carried out in various buildings including hostels, etc., of the Assam Administrative Staff College. Expenditure in the FY 2016-2017 are as follows:
 - a) Rs. 1173.34 lakh has already been sanctioned against demand for the same amount received from the PWD (Building) Department against budget provision of Rs 1200.00 lakh under Capital head (Plan) during 2016-2017.
 - b) Rs. 295.00 lakh has been sanctioned under Revenue Head (Plan) against budget provision of Rs 295.00 lakh during 2016-17
- 20 State Civil Service Officers were nominated to undergo one week In-Service Training Programme at Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, Singapore w.e.f. 17th to 21st April, 2017
- 138 courses covering 6,355 participants of different level of officials of Government of Assam have been conducted at Assam Administrative Staff College during the last 10 months.
- Total 1834 appeal cases and 211 complaint cases have been disposed from June 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017 at Assam State Information Commission (ASIC).
- The Department has taken up a new project to establish a Training Academy at Umrangso on the lines of Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (for IAS) at Mussoorie. 1,000 *bighas* of land have been identified at Lobang, Umrangso for setting up of the Training Academy. Land allotment order for the project has already been received from the NC Hills Autonomous Council. Possession of the land will be taken over shortly.
- The department has taken up another new project to set up four Training Institutes for Grade-III & Grade-IV government employees at Guwahati, Bongaigaon, Silchar and Majuli.
- Civil Services' Day, 2017 was celebrated in a befitting manner on 20th and 21st April, 2017 at the Srimanta Sankardev Kalakshetra and Assam Administrative Staff College, Guwahati.

Mines & Minerals

- The Mines & Minerals Department has issued 19 PML licenses and one PEL license to Oil & Natural Gas Corporation, five PML licenses to Oil India Limited and four PML licenses to Assam Minerals Development Corporation Limited in this Financial Year to augment and increase collection of revenue.
- The Mines & Minerals Department has launched the programme under District Minerals Foundation Trust in compliance of the Mines & Minerals (Regulation) Development Act, 2015. 12 District Mineral Foundation Trusts are operational at present in the State.
- The Department has improved/ augmented Revenue collection in last 11 months. The revenue collection during April 2015 to March 2016 was Rs. 1722.76 crore. The department collected revenue of Rs. 3137.39 crore from April 2016 to March 2017.

Pension & Public Grievances

- Total disposal (finalisation) of pension cases in the 10 months from June 2016 to March 2017 is 10,683 which is more than double the number of disposals in the previous ten months from August 2015 to May 2016.
- Total disposal of commutation of pension in last ten months from June 2016 to March 2017 is 1245.

Public Enterprise

- The Draft Public Enterprises Policy prepared by the Committee constituted for formulation of Draft Policy for Public Enterprises was circulated among 22 Administrative Departments and 40 PSUs seeking their views and comments. The PE Department has received views/ comments from seven Administrative Departments and ten PSUs till date. The PE Department is pursuing the matter to obtain the views/ comments of the rest of the Administrative Departments and PSUs.
- Task Force for Public Sector Reforms in its 19th meeting held on October 20, 2016 has agreed in principle to the proposal of Industries & Commerce Department for transfer of land of closed PSUs to the department for creation of Land Bank to promote investment in the state. A Cabinet Memorandum has been circulated in this regard to the departments concerned to obtain approval of the Cabinet.



Janata Bhawan Complex, Dispur, Guwahati

Secretariat Administration

1. Roll-out of institutional mechanism for cleanliness and maintenance of Secretariat complex.
2. Introduction of e-Service Book through Human Resource Management System which will reduce the manual effort in maintaining service books of the employees, with timely updation of their transactions such as promotions, transfers, increments, joining, relieving, departmental proceedings and so on.
3. Implementation of e-Office application under File Management System which provides better manageability with tracking of file movements with just a click of the mouse.
4. In-service trainings to Grade-II and Grade-III employees to upgrade their skills and build their competencies.
5. Introduction of e-Pass system has eased the public's effort for entry into the Secretariat campus and has made the issuance of all passes swifter and easier with more transparency.



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal interacting with students of Gurucharan College, Cachar College and Women's College of Silchar at the Central Hall of the Assam Legislative Assembly

Parliamentary Affairs

1. The Department of Parliamentary Affairs has introduced and successfully implemented a new, unique and innovative scheme “Exposure visit of Students to Assam Legislative Assembly” beginning from 30th January, 2017 the first day of the Budget Session.
2. Students from 13 districts in groups of 50 to 70, from a total of 37 colleges, witnessed the working of the Assembly while in session on several dates starting from the Governor’s Address on 30th January, 2017 and other important dates like passing of Budget, etc., till the closing of the session on the 10th of March, 2017. During these days, the students interacted with dignitaries like the Speaker, the Chief Minister, the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Minister of Finance, Education, etc., and the MLAs of their respective districts. They also visited the Raj Bhawan. A few groups also got the opportunity to interact with the Governor of Assam. They also visited Jyoti Chitranab, Bhupen Hazarika Samadhi Kshetra and IIT Guwahati.

The programme was highly appreciated by the students and the feedback received from them indicate that the scheme has been a great success.

Personnel

1. The department has appointed 87 Junior Grade officers in 2016 in the Assam Civil Service.
2. In respect of capacity building, 15 ACS officers were sent for training to Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, Singapore during February 2016.
3. Action has been initiated to discontinue the system of holding interviews for recruitment to Grade-III & Grade-IV posts, where personality assessment is not an absolute requirement. Rules have already been framed and will be presented before Cabinet shortly.
4. All the vacancies as in December 2016 in the various grades of Assam Civil Service namely Commissioner & Secretary grade, Secretary grade, Selection grade, Senior Grade-II has been filled up by promotion.
5. Search Committee for selection of members to the Assam Public Service Commission has been formed and one member has already been appointed.

Printing & Stationery

1. e-Gazette :

The Directorate of Printing & Stationery has started publishing of e-Gazette in its official website www.dpns.assam.gov.in. By doing such, this department endeavours to reduce the use of paper in bulk, and make Gazette Notifications easy to access by all by making it available in the public domain. Uploading of the Acts and Rules of various departments of the state is also going on so that people may have access to it in a single place.

2. Printing of fortnightly multi-colour magazine *Raijor Batori* :

Directorate of Printing & Stationery has undertaken printing of fortnightly multi-colour magazine "Raijor Batori" from March 2017 which is published by the Directorate of Information and Public Relations, Assam.

3. Digital printing setup :

Keeping pace with the modern printing technology, Directorate of Printing & Stationery is also marching towards digital printing setup so that urgent and time-bound printing works of the Government can be executed efficiently.



1. Legislation:

During the last eight months (from 01-05-2016 to 29-04-2017) as many as 33 legislations (18 amended and 15 new) have been done at the behest of various Administrative Departments which have already been published in the Assam Gazette.

2. Assam Official Language (Translation of Central Laws) Commission:

Till March 31, 2017, eight numbers of Central Acts have been translated to Assamese.

- One Central Act is in the process of translation.
- Three Central Acts have been scrutinized and six have been printed in Azure Laid paper and have been sent to the President of India for his assent.
- Two Central Acts have been sent to Government of India for their approval and two are ready to be sent.
- Four Central Acts are ready to be sent to Government Press for publication.

3. State Law Commission, Assam

- The Commission has taken up the process of amendment for relevant Acts for Registration of Hindu Marriage and in the same manner for compulsory Registration of Muslim Marriage performed by *Kaji*.
- The Commission has also taken steps to discuss about the amendment of Rent Control Act in line with the Delhi Act.
- The Commission has also taken up the issue of amendment of Article 370 of the Constitution of India for protection of the people of Assam in the matter of employment in Central Government offices and organizations to Grade III and Grade IV posts in the State.

4. Assam State Legal Services Authority (ASLSA)

With a view to arrive at the goal and objective of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, the Authority has taken up various programmes like providing legal aid to targeted beneficiaries, holding of Lok Adalats, Legal Awareness Camps, etc. They have also set up mediation centres and organized training of Para Legal Volunteers and Legal Aid Counsels in the state of Assam as a part of National Legal Services Authorities mandate.

Till March 31, 2017, the number of cases taken up with beneficiaries are given below:

Statement Showing Disposal of Cases through Lok Adalats for the Year 2016-17:

1	No. of cases taken up	265744
2	No. of cases disposed off	52,473
3	No. of MAC cases disposed	1498
4	No. of Lok Adalats	13
5	Total No. of cases disposed (including MAC) cases	81197
6	Compensation awarded in MAC cases	Rs. 598451467

Statistics on Mediation During the Year 2016-17:

1.	Total cases referred	2565
2.	Successful Mediation	598
3.	Unsuccessful Mediation	942
4.	Pending cases	237

Legal Aid Provided by DLSAS & ASLSA in the Year 2016-17:

Categories	Legal Aid Provided
Scheduled Castes	73
Scheduled Tribes	364
Women	687
Children	79
In Custody	614
Victims of Mass Disaster, Violence, Flood, Draught, Earthquake and Industrial Disaster	248
General (persons whose annual income does not exceed the prescribed limit)	318
Others	1128
Total	3707

Legal Awareness Camps/ Programmes Organized By DLSAS/ ASLSA in the Year 2016-17:

Organized By	No. of Camps/ Programmes	No. of Beneficiaries
ASLSA /DLSAs	2039	199822

Sl. No.	State	No. of PLV Trained
1.	Assam	1612

Total Number of Legal Services Clinics Established in Assam in 2016-17

Sl. No.	Nature/ location	Number
1.	Village	130
2.	Community	13
3.	College	14
4.	Front Office	21
5.	Jail	24
	Total	202 (Non Functional performance =41, Functional=161)

It may be mentioned here that 12 Mediation Centres were set up in 10 judicial districts of Assam, including Gauhati High Court Mediation Centre (Principal Seat) and Assam Mediation Centre with financial assistance from National Legal Services Authority and the Assam State Legal Services Authority is taking all efforts to create awareness on the new concept of Alternative Dispute Resolution Mechanism (ADR) i.e., mediation.

Construction of Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR) Centres have been completed in the districts of Darrang, Nalbari and Tinsukia and almost completed in the districts of Bongaigaon, Sonitpur, Dhemaji, Cachar, Golaghat, Jorhat and Dibrugarh. The construction work is in progress in Kokrajhar and Barpeta under the 13th Finance Commission Award. Construction of ADR Centres in other districts also will be taken up in a phased manner under the 14th Finance Commission Award.



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal during the inauguration of the permanent campus of National Law University and Judicial Academy at Amingaon

Completion of construction (Phase-I) of National Law University and Judicial Academy, Amingaon, Guwahati.

The National Law University and Judicial Academy was established by enacting the National Law University and Judicial Academy Act, 2009. The construction work for the first phase with an estimated cost Rs. 100.00 crore which was subsequently revised Rs. 116.00 crore was started in the year 2011 at its permanent campus at Amingaon. Apart from the above, another Rs. 60 crore was also released for acquiring land for the National Law University and Judicial Academy.

The first phase of construction work of the National Law University and Judicial Academy has been completed and it was ceremonially inaugurated on March 03, 2017 in presence of the Chief Minister as well as Hon'ble Judges of the Supreme Court of India Justice Chellameswar, Justice Bobde and Justice Amitav Roy, Hon'ble Chief Justice of Gauhati High Court, Justice Ajit Singh and other Hon'ble Judges of Gauhati High Court.

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