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Chief Minister Inaugurates 8 Projects in Khowai State government working on infrastructure development from district and urban areas to panchayat and village levels

The state government is actively working on infrastructure development from districts and cities to panchayats and village areas. So far this year, development projects worth □580 crore have been inaugurated across the state. Chief Minister Professor (Dr.) Manik Saha stated this yesterday while formally inaugurating the newly constructed Baijalbari Police Station and a newly built 50-seater tribal student hostel at Padmabil Block. At a function held at the Baijalbari Higher Secondary School ground, the Chief Minister virtually inaugurated several other projects as well: a Block Public Health Unit at Mungiakami Primary Health Centre, another Block Public Health Unit at Tulashikhar Primary Health Centre, an Integrated Public Health Laboratory Cubicle Chamber at Teliamura Sub-Divisional Hospital, a newly constructed additional office building at Teliamura Block, newly constructed classrooms at Metharami Bari Higher Secondary School, and a newly built office building at the District Panchayat Resource Centre at Dhalabil in Khowai Block. A total of □8 crore was spent on these projects. After the inauguration, the Chief Minister planted saplings at the Baijalbari hostel premises. The event was attended by Minister for Tribal Welfare Bikash Debbarma, MLA Ranjit Debbarma, Director General of Police AnuragDhankar, Khowai District Magistrate Rajat Panth, and other senior officials.

In his address, the Chief Minister remarked that Tripura's rich composite culture and fraternity have earned special respect across the country. He added that development gains momentum when bonds of harmony among all communities are strong. The Chief Minister said that under the guidance and inspiration of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, various development initiatives are being implemented in the state. To empower the people, 54,000 self-help groups have already been formed. As a result, 91,000 women have become 'LakhpatiDidis'. The state government is also giving priority to providing drinking water connections, housing, toilets, as well as improving healthcare and education across the state. Under the Prime Minister's Ayushman Bharat scheme, each family is entitled to free medical treatment worth up to $\Box 5$ lakh. Additionally, the Chief Minister's Jan Arogya Yojana has also been introduced. For the socio-economic upliftment of the people, several initiatives like the Chief Minister's Animal Resource Development Scheme, Chief Minister's Fisheries Development Scheme, and Chief Minister's Urban Development Projects are being carried out. The Chief Minister emphasized that the state government has given special priority to the development of tribal communities. Multiple projects are underway in ADC (Autonomous District Council) areas to improve infrastructure — including Anganwadi centres for children, hostels for students, and marketing centres to promote trade and commerce. $\Box 1,400$ crore has been allocated for the welfare of tribal people, and an additional □ 169.82 crore was provided in last year's ADC budget. The Chief Minister mentioned that the state government is working to improve the socio-economic conditions of the people by utilizing Tripura's indigenous resources like agar, rubber, natural gas, and agriculture, calling on everyone to come forward and participate in this effort.

Speaking on the occasion, Tribal Welfare Minister Bikash Debbarma said that significant development work has taken place within a short period, and called upon people from all sections to come forward to continue this momentum. MLA Ranjit Debbarma, District Magistrate Rajat Panth, and others also addressed the gathering. The programme was presided over by Khowai Zilla Parishad Sabhadhipati Aparna Singh Roy (Dutta).
