

Assam govt distributes over 1 lakh land pattas under Mission Basundhara 3.0

Guwahati, Feb 27 (IANS) Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Friday launched the distribution of land pattas to over one lakh indigenous landless families and public institutions under Mission Basundhara 3.0, reaffirming the state government's commitment to resolving long-pending land-related grievances through a structured and transparent process.

The Chief Minister formally inaugurated the state-level distribution programme at Deuri Beel in Dhemaji district, where digital land pattas and allotment letters were handed over to beneficiaries.

He also initiated land settlement in previously unsurveyed villages where surveys have been completed under the SVAMITVA scheme.

In addition, forest land rights were granted to 538 residents of the Subansiri and Jiadhal Reserved Forests under the Forest Rights Act, 2006. CM Sarma said that a total of 1,06,905 beneficiaries



across Assam received land pattas on the day, including 44,700 beneficiaries from Dhemaji district alone.

He said Dhemaji was chosen to host the central programme due to the large number of landless families awaiting settlement in the district.

Tracing the origins of Mission Basundhara, the

Chief Minister said land records in Assam were historically disorganised, depriving many families of legal ownership and access to institutional credit.

Since the launch of the mission five years ago, land-related grievances of nearly 10 lakh families have been resolved, he said.

Under Mission

Basundhara 1.0, issues such as conversion of annual pattas to periodic pattas and correction of land records were addressed, benefiting around 5.82 lakh families.

Mission Basundhara 2.0 focused on granting land rights to indigenous people living on government land for generations, benefiting 2.29 lakh families, a majority

from Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and OBC communities.

The Chief Minister said land pattas have also been issued to religious, educational and cultural institutions across the state.

Of the 903 unsurveyed villages in Assam, surveys have been completed in 769 villages, with over 30,000 families already granted pattas.

Announcing future plans, Sarma said all remaining land-related issues would be addressed through Mission Basundhara 4.0 and 5.0, including reclassification of land and settlement of eligible non-tribal residents of forest villages.

He added that around 80 per cent of land issues have already been resolved.

Earlier in the day, the Chief Minister inaugurated the Integrated District Commissioner's Office Complex in Dhemaji, built at a cost of Rs 49 crore, stating that it would enhance administrative efficiency and citizen-centric governance in the district.

Zubeen Garg death probe: Oppn leader welcomes Assam govt's decision to fast track court proceedings

Guwahati, Feb 27 (IANS) Assam Jatiya Parishad (AJP) president Lurinjoyoti Gogoi on Friday welcomed the Assam government's decision to initiate fast-track court proceedings in the case involving noted Assamese singer Zubeen Garg, but alleged that attempts were being made to politicise the issue and complicate the investigation.

Speaking to IANS, Gogoi described Zubeen Garg as the "heart-throb of Assam" and said that from the very beginning, various organisations and sections of society have been demanding justice in the case.

He alleged that the incident was a "well-planned murder" and claimed that despite the seriousness of the matter, efforts are underway to divert attention and create confusion. "The demand for justice for Zubeen Garg is not new. From day one, we have been saying that this is not a simple incident but a well-planned murder. Fast-track court proceedings are necessary, but justice should not just be fast — it should also be fair and transparent," Gogoi said. The AJP President further alleged that the BJP-led state government is trying to politicise the issue.

He claimed that Zubeen Garg had always been vocal against what he termed as "dominant politics" and suggested that this could be one of the underlying reasons behind the developments surrounding the case.

"Zubeen Garg consistently raised his voice against dominant and authoritarian politics. This may be uncomfortable for those in power, and that is why we fear that the issue is being politicised instead of being handled purely from the perspective of justice," Gogoi added. Criticising the state government further, Gogoi also accused the BJP of politicising welfare schemes.

He said that beneficiary-oriented schemes are a necessity for the common people and are part of the government's responsibility towards citizens.

"Welfare schemes are meant for public benefit, not for political branding. Unfortunately, the ruling party is converting these programmes into political events instead of treating them as genuine public welfare initiatives," he said.

The Assam Cabinet on Thursday decided to move the Gauhati High Court seeking the constitution of a fast-track court to ensure speedy trial in the Zubeen Garg case, citing widespread public sentiment and the need for timely justice.

The state government had formed a Special Investigation Team (SIT) earlier slapped murder charges on festival organiser Shyamkanu Mahanta, Garg's manager Siddhartha Sharma, two of his bandmates Amritprabha Mahanta and Sekharjyoti Goswami. All of them were lodged in different jails across the state.

NFR conducts coordinated anti-encroachment drives in Assam, Bengal

Guwahati, Feb 27 (IANS)

The Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR), which operates in ten Northeastern and Eastern Indian states, carried out coordinated anti-encroachment drives in West Bengal and Assam to ensure safety and protect railway lands, officials said on Friday.

NFR's Chief Public Relations Officer (CPRO) Kapinjal Kishore Sharma said that, reaffirming its commitment to safeguarding railway infrastructure and ensuring safe train operations, the Railway Protection Force (RPF) of NFR undertook extensive anti-encroachment operations at multiple locations in the two states.

The RPF, in close coordination with the Engineering Department, conducted the drives under its jurisdiction during a two-day campaign held in February 2026. The initiative forms part of NFR's sustained efforts to protect railway property, enhance

operational efficiency and strengthen infrastructure security, the CPRO said. He stated that in West Bengal, the drives covered the section between Nagrakata railway station and Chalsa railway station in Jalpaiguri district, as well as the yard area of Dalgaoon railway station in Alipurduar district. Similar eviction operations were undertaken in Assam near Mariani railway station in Jorhat district and along the railway stretch between Guwahati railway station and Kamakhya railway station in Kamrup (Metro) district, Sharma said. In total, 37 unauthorised structures were dismantled during the campaign, and six cement pillars erected on railway land were removed.

According to the CPRO, one of the major highlights of the drive was the large-scale eviction carried out between Guwahati and Kamakhya railway stations, where 35 unauthorised structures were demolished. This significant

clearance marks one of the most extensive anti-encroachment actions in the section and is expected to substantially improve track visibility, strengthen safety standards and prevent future encroachments along this crucial railway corridor.

Sharma said the Northeast Frontier Railway remains steadfast in protecting railway assets and maintaining a safe, secure and obstruction-free environment for passengers and train operations. The coordinated efforts of the RPF and the Engineering Department also help curb anti-social activities along railway tracks, he added. The NFR has urged the public to refrain from unauthorised occupation of railway land and to extend full cooperation in maintaining railway safety and security. The Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) operates in the Northeastern states and in seven districts of West Bengal and five districts of north Bihar.

MoS Shripad Naik inaugurates rooftop solar plant in Tripura; state to solarise all district HQs

Agartala, Feb 27 (IANS)

Minister of State (MoS) for Power and New and Renewable Energy, Shripad Y. Naik, on Friday, inaugurated a 15-kilowatt grid-connected rooftop solar power plant at the Gomati District Magistrate's office in Tripura's state capital of Agartala, marking the formal launch of

state's plan to solarise all district administrative headquarters.

With this initiative, the Tripura government has expanded its renewable energy push from residential rooftops to public institutions, aiming to bring all eight District Magistrate (DM) offices under solar-powered

electricity generation.

The project is being implemented in line with the guidelines of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy under the "Solar Sankalp" initiative. The execution of the project has been entrusted to the Tripura State Electricity Corporation Limited (TSECL), the state's power utility.

Taken another step towards strengthening maternal and child healthcare in Assam: CM Sarma

Guwahati, Feb 27 (IANS) Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Friday said that the state government has taken another major step towards strengthening maternal and child healthcare with the inauguration of a dedicated Mother and Child Hospital at the Gauhati Medical College and Hospital (GMCH).

In a post on social media platform X, the Chief Minister said the newly inaugurated facility will provide better and affordable healthcare services to women and newborns, and is part of the government's sustained efforts to reduce the Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR) and Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) in the state.

"Another promise delivered. The recently inaugurated Mother and Child Hospital will offer better and affordable treatment to my sisters and newborn Bhagins and is part of our larger efforts to bring down MMR and IMR. Likewise, we are strengthening maternal care in all districts," Sarma

said.

The Chief Minister said the new hospital is equipped with modern infrastructure and specialised medical services aimed at addressing the healthcare needs of pregnant women, mothers and infants.

The facility is expected to significantly reduce the burden on existing departments at GMCH while improving access to quality maternal and neonatal care.

Officials said the Mother and Child Hospital will offer comprehensive services, including antenatal and postnatal care, high-risk pregnancy management, neonatal intensive care and emergency obstetric services.

The focus, they added, is on ensuring timely intervention and improving survival outcomes for both mothers and newborns.

Sarma highlighted that strengthening maternal and child health remains a top priority for the Assam government, noting that several initiatives have already yielded positive

results in recent years.

He said the state has made notable progress in reducing maternal and infant mortality through expanded institutional deliveries, improved health infrastructure and targeted welfare schemes.

The Chief Minister added that similar facilities and services are being strengthened across districts to ensure equitable access to maternal healthcare, especially in rural and remote areas.

He said district hospitals and medical colleges are being upgraded with better equipment, trained manpower and referral systems.

Reiterating the government's commitment, Sarma said quality healthcare is not a privilege but a right, and the state is working to ensure that no mother or child is denied timely and affordable treatment.

The inauguration of the Mother and Child Hospital at GMCH is seen as a key milestone in Assam's broader healthcare reform agenda aimed at improving public health outcomes.

Assam polls: BJP's 10-days mass outreach programme to kick-start

Guwahati, Feb 27 (IANS) The BJP will on Saturday kick-start Jana Ashirwad Yatra - an outreach programme aiming to connect with masses before the upcoming Assembly polls in Assam.

The 10-day yatra will end on March 9, covering several districts in the state. The senior ministers of the state government along with top leaders of the BJP will attend this programme in different districts.

Referring to the upcoming Jana Ashirwad Yatra, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma earlier said the outreach programme is not merely aimed at highlighting the achievements of the state government, but also at connecting directly with people across the state.

"The Jana Ashirwad Yatra of BJP Assam is not just about sharing the achievements of our government, but also about seeking the

blessings of the people," he said.

He added that the yatra provides an opportunity for party leaders to listen to the aspirations and concerns of citizens at the grassroots level, helping shape policies and programmes in line with public expectations.

Sarma said the BJP government's initiatives in areas such as infrastructure development, education, healthcare, employment generation and social welfare have laid a strong foundation for Assam's growth.

At the same time, he stressed that safeguarding the state's identity and demographic balance remains central to the party's vision.

The Chief Minister expressed confidence that people of Assam would continue to support the BJP, acknowledging its efforts to ensure stability, development and

protection of the state's interests.

"The trust and blessings of the people are our biggest strength.

With their support, we are committed to building a secure, developed and culturally vibrant Assam," CM Sarma said.

The Jana Ashirwad Yatra is expected to cover several districts in the coming days, ahead of key political engagements in the state.

Sarma also asserted that BJP along with its allies are at a very formidable position in at least 103 Assembly seats which are going for polls in the next couple of months.

Sarma told reporters here, "The BJP, along with our alliance partners, is in a very strong position in at least 103 out of 126 Assembly seats.

I cannot predict the number of seats that we will win but the opposition parties have very little presence in these seats."

Over 50 lakh LPG connections to ensure smoke-free kitchens: Assam CM

Guwahati, Feb 27 (IANS)

Assam has taken a major step towards ensuring smoke-free kitchens and better public health, with more than 50 lakh Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) connections provided to households across the state under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY), Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said on Friday.

In a post on social media platform X, the Chief Minister said the massive coverage under the flagship Central scheme has transformed the lives of millions of families, particularly women, by giving them access to clean and safe cooking fuel.

He credited Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership for the success of the initiative in Assam.

"Assam has taken a giant leap in ensuring smoke-free kitchens. Fuelled by the support of Adarniya Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji, over 50 lakh LPG connections have been given to the people of Assam under the PM Ujjwala Yojana, ensuring good health and clean

cooking options," CM Sarma said.

The Chief Minister said the widespread adoption of LPG has significantly reduced dependence on traditional fuels such as firewood and cow dung, which are major causes of indoor air pollution and related health problems.

He noted that smoke-free kitchens have a direct impact on improving the health and quality of life of women and children, who are most affected by household air pollution.

Officials said Assam has emerged as one of the leading states in the implementation of the PM Ujjwala Yojana, reflecting the state government's commitment to inclusive development and welfare-driven governance.

The scheme has also contributed to environmental conservation by reducing pressure on forest resources.

CM Sarma said the state government has complemented the Central scheme through awareness drives and last-mile delivery mechanisms to

ensure that beneficiaries not only receive LPG connections but also continue to use clean fuel regularly.

The Chief Minister added that access to clean cooking energy is a key component of the government's broader development agenda, which focuses on health, dignity and empowerment of the poor.

He said initiatives like PMUY play a crucial role in bridging socio-economic gaps and improving living standards in rural and economically weaker sections.

Reiterating the state's commitment, the CM said the Assam government will continue to work closely with the Centre to expand welfare coverage and ensure that the benefits of development reach every household. The Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana was launched to provide LPG connections to women from below-poverty-line households, aiming to promote clean cooking fuel and reduce health risks caused by indoor air pollution.



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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

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Sr No.	Name & address of Borrower/s / Guarantor/ Mortgagors	Description of the immovable property with known encumbrances, if any	Total Dues	Date of E-Auction, Time of E-Auction, Start Time to End Time	1. Reserve Price 2. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) 3. Bid Increase Amount	Status of Possession	Property Inspection Date & Time
1.	Borrower: M/s. YA Enterprise Mr. Bashailang Khongwir (Proprietor), S/o Shri Bat Singh Kurbah, House No. 43, Mawlai Phudumri, Shillong- 793008 Guarantor: Ms. Anita Khongwir D/o Mr. Eno Rapsang, Mawlai Mawdatbaki, Dong Nongpathaw, Shillong- 793008.	All that piece and parcel of land along with a Residential House, Land measuring 6464 sqft situated at Mawlai Mawdatbaki, Dong Nongpathaw, Shillong, East Khasi Hills, Meghalaya- 793001 & Sub Registered Shillong, Meghalaya, in the name of Smti Anita Khongwir, Bounded by:- North: Compound of Smti. Aroma Lyngdoh 53 ft., South: Compound of Smti Thissiline Massar 64 ft., East: PWD Road 114 ft., West: Public Drain 107 ft.	Rs. 3,04,23,916.00 (Rupees Three Crores Four Lakhs Twenty Three Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixteen Only) as on 29.11.2024 plus further interest and other charges thereon.	23.03.2026, 14.00 PM to 18.00 PM	1. Reserve Price: Rs. 2,50,00,000.00 2. EMD : Rs. 25,00,000.00 3. Bid Increase Amount: Rs. 10,000.00	Constructive	19.03.2026 & 20.03.2026 from 10:30 AM to 16:30 PM
2.	Borrower: M/s. Stanley Roy Construction, Prop. Ms. Esther Reena Kharkongor, Address: Mawlai, G.S. Road, Shillong, Meghalaya- 793017 Guarantor: 1. Buhalmon Thangkhiew Address: Mawlai, G.S. Road, Shillong, Meghalaya- 793017. 2. Mr. Kynton Sing Kharkongor Address: Mawlai, G.S. Road, Shillong, Meghalaya- 793017.	Plot of land measuring 72,137 Sq. Ft. more or less located at Mawlai Nongkwar, Block -13, Shillong- 793017 in the name of Ms. Esther Reena Kharkongor, Butted and Bounded: On the North by: Land of Shri Highly Roy Thangkhiew 320 feet, On the South by: Land of Shri Witchell Kharkongor 396 feet, On the East by: G.S. Road 30 feet from Middle (Centerline) 164 feet, On the West by: Nalla and Land of Shri Highly Roy Thangkhiew 239 feet.	Rs. 17,35,86,759.72 (Rupees Seventeen Crore Thirty Five Lakh Eighty Six Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Nine and paise Seventy Two only) plus interest and charges w.e.f. 20.08.2024.	23.03.2026, 14.00 PM to 18.00 PM	1. Reserve Price: Rs. 16,29,00,000.00 2. EMD : Rs. 1,62,90,000.00 3. Bid Increase Amount: Rs. 50,000.00	Constructive	19.03.2026 & 20.03.2026 from 10:30 AM to 16:30 PM

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