

UNION MINISTER LAYS FOUNDATION STONE OF KAMAKHYA DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Hon'ble Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Skill Development and Enterprise Shri Dharmendra Pradhan laid the Foundation Stone of Kamakhya Development Project, A Swacch Iconic Place under Swacch Bharat Abhiyan, a CSR initiative of Oil India Limited. The solemn function was attended by Chief Minister of Assam Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, his Cabinet Colleagues Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma and Shri Chandra Mohan Patowary, Smt Bijoya Chakraborty M.P, Shri Ranjeet Dass, Chairman Housefed, Shri Jayanta Malla Baruah, Chairman ATDC, Shri Mrigen Sarania, Mayor Guwahati, Shri K.D. Tripathi, Secy MOP&NG, Shri V.K. Pipersenia, Chief Secretary Assam, Shri R.C. Jain, Commissioner Tourism, Shri Mohit Sarma, Bor Doloï KDPS, Shri Kabindra Sarma, Xoru Doloï KDPS, besides CMD OIL Shri Utpal Bora and Director (HR&BD) Shri Biswajit Roy

In his welcome address CMD OIL Shri Utpal Bora said OIL's CSR Policy was committed towards the development of the state and its inhabitants and OIL has many innovative schemes to uplift the rural populace. Bor Doloï Shri Mohit Sarma stated that development of Kamakhya must take place keeping in line with the preservation of its heritage. Finance Minister Dr H.B. Sarma said that Kamakhya is on the path of being one of the top most pilgrimage site of the country. Chief Minister Shri Sarbananda Sonowal said that Cleanliness is the real service to humanity and the dreams of Mahatma Gandhi to turn India into a clean nation are being fulfilled. Union Minister praised the wonder and beauty of the North-East and urged Tourists to visit the pristine North –East instead of going abroad for holidays. The plaque was jointly unveiled by Shri Pradhan and Shri Sonowal, in the presence of a large gathering. The Formal vote of thanks was given by Director (HR &BD) Shri Biswajit Roy.

Swacch Iconic Place is a special initiative of the Govt of India to improve special pilgrimage sites in the country in terms of infrastructure, cleanliness & beauty, with special care and accessibility to the visiting public. Oil India Limited has been entrusted with the development of Kamakhya Temple Complex. For this OIL has committed to offer financial assistance of Rs 25 crores over a period of 5 years. Ten Projects have been earmarked :

- 1 Development of children's park
- 2 Beautification of Chandravati pond
- 3 Development of Police outpost and Hospital
- 4 Development of parking and information centre
- 5 Beautification of entry point
- 6 Development of additional parking area at three spots
- 7 Development of alternative road connecting Bagala Mandir with Mekhelazouwa Path
- 8 Creating Resting Shed for Public
- 9 Beautification work with fiber relief depicting Maa Kamakhya
- 10 Construction of alternative road connecting Bangshi Bagan and Naherbari



