

Governor asked PWD to expedite road repair



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Expressing dismay over slow progress of a four-lane highway and bad condition of roads in Barak Valley and Dima Hasao districts, Assam governor Janaki Ballav Patnaik has asked PWD officials to expedite the pending work.

Patnaik took stock of the construction work and improvement of road connectivity in Dima Hasao and Barak Valley districts during a meeting with the chief executive member, officials of the Dima Hasao Autonomous Council and PWD at Raj Bhavan on Wednesday. A statement said the governor has directed the PWD secretary to inspect the bad roads in and around Silchar and immediately undertake repair work.

The PWD officials were also asked to prepare a separate estimate for widening and straightening of road from Lanka to Haflong and beyond and improve road connectivity between Haflong and Harangajao. The governor also asked the officials to expedite the process of acquisition of land for the four-lane highway by taking up the matter with the district administration.

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Statue of first Bodo engineer Haliram Brahma installed at Bodoland University



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KOKRAJHAR, September 19, 2026 — A statue of late Haliram Brahma, regarded as the first engineer from the Bodo community, was installed at the Bodoland University campus here on Thursday to mark his birth anniversary.

The statue was formally inaugurated by former president of the Bodo Sahitya Sabha, Surath Narzary, with the stated aim of inspiring the younger generation and commemorating Brahma's contribution.

A memorial meeting was subsequently held at the Jouhlao Nileswar Brahma Auditorium of Bodoland University in memory of Haliram Brahma.

The meeting was attended by Bodoland University Registrar Prahlad Basumatary, Head of the Department of Chemistry Professor Sanjay Basumatary, Professor Jatin Sharma, Bodo Sahitya Sabha president Gopinath Bargaoyary, Kokrajhar Girls' College Principal Dr Adaram Basumatary, Kokrajhar University Vice-Chancellor Dr Ganesh Chandra Owari, BB Engineering College Principal Kamal Kumar Brahma, Sahitya Akademi Award winner Indira Boro and Anjali Basumatary.

Haliram Brahma's two sons, Dr Ganesh Brahma and Girish Chandra Brahma, along with other dignitaries and family members, were also present at the memorial programme.

Haliram Brahma was born on September 17, 1928, at Simbargaon in present-day Kokrajhar district. Regarded as the first engineer from the Bodo community, he died on August 13, 1971.

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