

Sonowal's initiatives at Dibru-Saikhowa



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DIBRUGARH: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal laid foundation stone of Swadesh Darshan Scheme at Dibru-Saikhowa [National](#) Park to develop a theme based tourist circuit in an integrated manner to cater to both mass and niche tourism at [Chabua](#) in [Tinsukia](#) District on Tuesday.

The Centre will create a tourist circuit around specific themes in order to attract tourists both domestic and international. Under Swadesh Darshan scheme 13 thematic circuits have been identified for development namely North-East [India](#) Circuit, Buddhist Circuit, Himalayan Circuit, Coastal Circuit, [Krishna](#) Circuit, Desert Circuit, [Tribal](#) Circuit, Eco Circuit, [Wildlife](#) Circuit, Rural Circuit, Spiritual Circuit, Ramayana Circuit and Heritage Circuit.

The name of the circuit which chief minister Sonowal laid foundation stone today is Manas-Pobitora-Nameri-[Kaziranga-Pani Dihing](#)- Dibru Saikhowa [Wildlife](#) Circuit. The ₹19 crore circuit would encompass the components like tourist information centre, watch [tower](#), cafeteria, approach road, handicraft exhibition centre, angling platform, security fencing etc.

In his address, Sonowal said the project has the potential of preserving local traditions, culture and customs. The project, which would be developed in synch with nature, would also go a long way in enriching scopes of tourism in the [state](#) besides increasing local employment opportunities, he stated. Sonowal also asked the people of [Chabua](#) to consider the project as their own and extend all possible cooperation for the successful implementation of the project.

Tourism minister Himanta Biswa Sarma hailed the project as a great tourism booster. He said since the local people would be engaged in successful implementation and operation of the project, it would [lead](#) to an improved quality of life for the people living in the surrounding areas. He also hoped that once the project is implemented the [state](#) would witness phenomenal increase of footfalls of both domestic and foreign tourists.

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