Press Release

Chief Minister lays base for Khadi Plaza

Shillong, 14th Sept 2021: Chief Minister, Conrad K Sangma, today, laid the Foundation for Khadi Plaza/Market Complex at Barik, Shillong in the presence of Chairman, Meghalaya Khadi and Village Industries Board (MKVIB), Gavin Mylliem.



Speaking during the occasion, Chief Minister, Conrad K Sangma, said that the government of Meghalaya has always stressed on giving a push to nano and micro entrepreneurs and artisans to work in an enterprising manner and create value to the business.



"The lack of studios and emporiums and also the lack of access to commercial urban markets is often a hindrance to the entrepreneurs and artisans who are not able to translate their

talents into a successful enterprise and having such an outlet would also help tourists who visit the State to buy local products," he said.

He added that the building itself can be an iconic structure showcasing the local products and artistry of the State even when it comes to using the materials that would be used in the construction of the building. "I am sure that this Khadi Plaza will benefit the farmers and artisans to showcase their products and serve as a link between the local artisans and the market," he said.

Earlier, Chairman, MKVIB, Gavin Mylliem said that once completed the Khadi market complex would help to generate revenue for the board and said that the project was the outcome of the concerted efforts of NEC, Department of Commerce and Industries, MIDC and MKVIB.

The total project cost is Rs <u>2,73,76,685.00</u> funded by NEC and the Implementing Agency is MIDC Ltd. The proposed building is of RCC frame type structure with G+3 storey building with components for Handicraft products, Honey and Food products, leather goods, cosmetic products, readymade garments, cloth items, jute and carpet and blacksmith items.

Also present during the occasion was Economic Advisor, Banking and Industries, NEC and Chief Executive Officer, MKVIB.