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Meghalaya CM lays foundation for ₹24.27 crore Malki Market redevelopment

Shillong | 16th September 2026: Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Conrad K. Sangma today laid the foundation stone for the ₹24.27 crore redevelopment of Malki Market at Malki Ground, Shillong, in the presence of MLA Dr. M. Ampareen Lyngdoh.



The project is part of a wider push to upgrade market infrastructure across Shillong, with projects worth around ₹130 crore being taken up through the State Budget. In addition, projects worth over ₹100 crore are being implemented in and around Shillong under the Smart City initiative.

The State-funded projects include the Laitumkhrah Shopping Complex at ₹38 crore, Laban Market at ₹14 crore, Lumshyiap at ₹2 crore, Polo Development at ₹30 crore, street vendor markets at Dhankheti, Barik, Brightwell Road, Motphran and Polo at ₹6 crore, Iewduh redevelopment at ₹14 crore and Malki Market at ₹24.27 crore.

Sangma said the investment in market infrastructure was aimed at strengthening economic activity, creating better spaces for trade and generating livelihoods.

He said the allocation for Malki Market is among the highest for any market project in the state, reflecting the area's potential to emerge as an important economic hub benefiting Malki and surrounding localities.

The Chief Minister also outlined other major infrastructure projects planned for the area. Work has begun to develop Barik Point into an important urban hub, while the government is at an advanced stage of developing a four-lane road from Yojana Bhawan to Anjalee Point, Rhino Point and Civil Hospital to ease traffic congestion.

He said around 75 per cent of the civil work on the New Secretariat at Umsawli has been completed and the government expects to shift there next year. Following the relocation, the existing Secretariat area is proposed to be redeveloped with wider roads, pedestrian spaces and green areas.

Sangma said these projects could lead to a major transformation of the Malki and adjoining areas over the next two to three years.

Referring to the government's development approach over the past eight years, the Chief Minister said growth must directly benefit individuals, families and communities, particularly at the grassroots.

He stressed that development should be inclusive and carried out in partnership with communities, traditional institutions and local leaders. He also underlined the need to strike a balance between economic growth and environmental protection, saying ecology and economy must move together.

The Chief Minister directed the Urban Affairs Department and contractors to ensure quality work and timely completion of the Malki project. He also urged Rangbah Shnongs and local leaders to monitor the work and serve as a social audit mechanism.

Sangma appreciated MLA Dr. M. Ampareen Lyngdoh for her involvement in development initiatives in the constituency and assured the government's continued support for projects in the area.

He also thanked hawkers and other stakeholders for their cooperation in the relocation of vendors and acknowledged the efforts of officials involved in the process.



The Chief Minister said the government wants vending zones to become organised livelihood spaces with toilets and other facilities for vendors, residents and tourists, along with beautification, cleanliness and cultural activities, including musical performances under the Chief Minister's Meghalaya Grassroots Music Project (CM-MGMP).

Sangma further informed that Meghalaya's Rajya Sabha MP has been invited as a Special Invitee to the Joint Parliamentary Committee examining FCRA regulations. The first meeting is scheduled for September 18, where concerns of communities in Meghalaya and the wider Northeast will be raised to ensure their work and contributions are not adversely affected by proposed amendments.

He said the government would continue investing in market complexes, sports infrastructure, beautification, footpaths and other development works, while encouraging communities, public representatives and government agencies to work together.



Officials of the Urban Affairs Department and Shillong Municipal Board, Rangbah Shnongs, Dorbar Shnong members, traditional heads and other stakeholders attended the programme.