

Baghar Sukar Doul (Gorokhiya Doul) Archaeological Site

Name Of The Work : Development of Archaeological Sites and Monuments of Assam Under Annual Plan 2016-2017.

Location : Baghar Sukar Doul (Gorokhiya Doul) Archaeological Site, Selajan Kachari Gaon, Dhakuakahana, Lakhimpur, Assam.

Amount Allocated : Rupees Fifteen Lakhs (15.00 L) for the year 2016-17.

Brief Description of the Site :

Baghar Sukar Doul is situated at a place called Selajan Kachari Gaon, in Dhakuakhana Sub Division of Lakhimpur District of Assam. The site could be reached by travelling 30 KM from Dhakuakhana in south west. The Baghar Sukar Doul is a brick built miniature temple of late mediaeval period with an octagonal ground plan constructed by the **Chutiyas**. In elevation the temple has eight vertical walls ends in a plain veranda and thereafter each wall tapers into triangular form terminating in a common pinnacle. The height of the temple is 3.50 metre and its door is of (40 cm X 55 cm). The size of the door and the inner space of the *garbhagriha* suggests that the *cella* walls for the enshrinement of the deity alone. Near the temple there exists a stair brick built structure meant for the religious rituals. These structures are constructed by the Chutiyas during the late mediaeval period.

The site has a rectangular boundary of 140 meter by 160 meter.

Brief Description of the Works done in the year 2016-17 :

Protection Works:

Item No. 1/- Boundary Fencing With R.C.C. Post and Barbed Wire: The site was provided with boundary fencing with R.C.C. post and Barbed wire for the protection and preservation of the site and also proper boundary demarcation of the boundary of the site. A total of 606.00 meter of boundary fencing has been constructed in the year 2016-17.

Item No.2/ Heavy Duty Iron Gate: Two numbers of heavy duty iron gate with R.C.C. post and Beam was constructed at the site for entry and exit of the visitors.

Item No. 3/ Providing of Cultural, Protection and Direction Signage : Three numbers florescent sign boards has been fixed at the site with description of cultural and protection note and directional description to the site.

Item No.4/ Approach Road : A length of 15 meter length and 3 meter in width approach road has been constructed by earth filling for the convenient of the visitors.

Item No.5/ Jungle Clearance : A total of 3750 square meters of jungle has been cleared by uprooting of vegetation, grass, brush-wood, sapling and unwanted trees at the site.

Restoration Works :

Item No.6/ Resetting and restoration of ancient brickwork : The ancient brick built temple and the rectangular staired brick structure has been restored as per the conservation guidelines. The structures were first carefully cleaned by soft brush and other equipments and mild vegetation and mosses were eradicated by taking utmost care. Thereafter the loose or damaged bricks and lime mortars were taken out carefully without damaging the original intact portions. Then the ancient flat brick work in lime surkhi mortar in prop. 1: 1: 2 (1 lime : 1 surkhi : 2 Medium/coarse sand) with new 1st class flat brick (same to original size) has been done including racking out joints as per specification and curing the same for seven days. A total of 1.64 cubic meter of ancient brickwork has been done in the two structures.

Item No.7/ Providing 25 mm lime surkhi plaster: The two ancient structures are then provided with two coats of 25 mm thick lime surkhi plaster in prop 1:1:2 (1 lime: 1surkhi: 2 sand) coats to the as per original colour and texture. A total of 49.21 square meter of lime surkhi plaster has been done to the structures.