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CM inaugurates 3 Model High Schools at Biswanath Tea Gardens

CM Appeals to tea tribes to aspire to touch the sky through formal education

**Model Tea Estate High Schools to be upgraded to Higher Secondary
Schools in 2-3 years: Dr. Sarma**

Dispur, May 26: Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma today inaugurated one "model high school" each in three tea estates of Biswanath district as part of the 96 such educational institutions that would become operational in various districts of the state by end of this month.

Addressing a number of public rallies related to the inaugural events at Pratapghur, Hatinga and Sakomatha Tea Estates where these schools were inaugurated, Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma stated these institutions will act as factories producing human resources who will make every members of their community proud through their achievements in life.

"I am confident these schools will be able to meet the aspirations of each and every parents from the tea tribe communities who want to see their children receiving the same education as that of the wards of parents from other regions," the Chief Minister stated, adding: "Earlier, many children from the tea garden areas had to either drop out of the formal education system or didn't even enrol into any school owing to a number of factors, primarily financial. These schools are opening an window of opportunity for such children as well. I would like to appeal to the parents to not deprive their children of the education they deserve and to make best use of these schools."

The Chief Minister also said that within a period of 2-3 years, these model high schools will be upgraded to higher secondary levels and that there were plans to establish graduation degree colleges too for the benefit of the tea garden communities.

The Chief Minister further said that these schools shouldn't be seen as means to impart basic education alone but a medium through which doctors, engineers, magistrates, police officers and bureaucrats of tomorrow will be produced. "Children from tea garden areas must aspire to touch the sky like their counterparts from other communities. I have a dream where children from the tea garden areas will be serving the society as doctors, engineers, magistrates and police officers and I am confident that my dream will come true very soon," Chief Minister Dr. Sarma added.

Making a strong push for penetration of formal education in each and every families living within the tea garden areas, the Chief Minister said that education is the single most

powerful weapon through which the economically backward tea tribe communities will be able to raise their socio-economic status to that of other communities.

The Chief Minister made an appeal to tribe communities, asking them to desist from adding salt to their daily cup of tea, so that the health issues which arises out of this unhealthy practice can be avoided.

At Gelahatinga Tea Estate Model High School, the Chief Minister sat with students of the educational institution and had mid-day meal lunch with them.

Later in the day, the Chief Minister made a visit to the under-construction new medical college at Biswanath town and instructed the contractor and the concerned officials to ensure completion of construction by 2024.

The Chief Minister was today accompanied by Member of Parliament (Tezpur Lok Sabha Constituency) Pallab Lochan Das, Members of Legislative Assembly Promod Borthakur, Ranjit Dutta, Padma Hazarika, among others.

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