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Assam Govt inks an MoU with IIM Bangalore for CM's Young Professional Programme Programme to go a long way in improving service delivery to the people: CM

Dispur, November 14: In an attempt to bring about transformative changes in health, education, women and child development, Government of Assam singed an MoU with Indian Institute of Bangalore christened Assam Chief Minister's Young Professional Programme 2023-25 in presence of Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma in Janata Bhawan here today.

It may be noted that Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister Samir Kumar Sinha singed the MoU on behalf of the Government of Assam and Director IIM Bangalore Prof. Rishikesha T Krishnan signed the understanding on behalf of IIM Bangalore to develop a cadre of committed and competent leaders and facilitators to support government administration. Chief Minister's Young Professional Programme (CMYPP) is also aimed at providing short term catalytic support to district administration to improve programme delivery in the identified sectors like health, education, women and child development.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma termed the day very significant in the annals of the administrative history of Assam. He said that the MoU would hold immense potential for holistic growth of the state as for the first time such an innovative support system has been conceived of to support the district administration to improve program delivery in the identified sectors. He thanked IIM Bangalore for partnering with the State government which according to him would go a long way in improving service delivery to the people of the state.

He said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Assam and other Northeastern states have witnessed rapid progress in various sectors. Prime Minister's vision for the growth and development of the region has given new hope, energy and force to the people. He said that rapid economic growth in Assam has seen State's Gross State Domestic Products (GSDP) doubling over the past five years which gave the realisation that Assam can achieve the desired growth and very soon the state can even contribute to the growth of the country itself.

He also said, "Our Government is working to build a strong eco-system in terms of governance and administration. In order to leverage steady growth of the State, we are eyeing at building a resilient administration beginning right at the district level". Chief Minister's Young Professional Programme has envisioned for inviting young professional to support the transformative process in Assam to help create measurable changes at the district level on the indices of Sustainable Development Goals.

It may be noted that a total of 75 professionals will form the Chief Minister's Young Professional Programme (CMYPP) cohort. Two professionals will be assigned to each 35 district. Five professionals at the state headquarters one each with department of Health, Education and Women and Child Development, one for the NHM and one for the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan. A competitive entrance process will be followed in identifying this cohort. The eligibility for CMYPP entrance will be Master's degree in either social science, social work, public policy public health, public administration, law, economics or management. Entrance exam will be conducted by IIM Bangalore which will be a combination of aptitude, group discussion and interviews.



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CMYPP is designed to support DCs in implementing priority sectors like NHM, RMSA, SSA, POSHAN 2.0 and other flagship programmes. The cohort will support district administration in implementing government policies for the welfare of the people. After completion of two years CMYPP will issue certificate in public policy and management by IIM Bangalore.

Chief Secretary Paban Borthakur and a host of other senior government officers were present on the occasion.

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