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**CM Dr. Sarma inaugurates Technology Incubation Centre at Assam Biotech Park**  
**Releases Assam Biotech Policy 2022-27**

**Govt of Assam is working to create balance between economy and ecology: CM**

Dispur, May 20: Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma along with Union Minister of Education, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Dharmendra Pradhan today inaugurated Technology Incubation Centre at Assam Biotech Park, Amingaon. He also inaugurated the three day Assam Biotech Conclave-2022 at a function held at Biotech Park auditorium.

The Chief Minister also launched a programme "Shayamalima Kamrup", a massive plantation drive in Kamrup District. Under the programme three lakh saplings will be planted in the district to increase the green coverage.

In the same programme, Young Innovative Awards and Life Time Achievement Awards were presented. It may be noted that to recognise the outstanding contributions of the scientists and innovative minds, Government of Assam has been conferring State Science Awards since 2017.

Chief Minister Dr. Sarma along with Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan presented the Young Innovative Entrepreneur Award to Mr. Siddharth Arora - Best Young Innovative Entrepreneur Award, Dr. Ananya Barman - Best Young women entrepreneur award and Kaustoo Gopal Goswami - Best Young Innovative entrepreneur award North East. Moreover, the awards for the year 2020 presented to Dr. Joyanti Chutia (Lifetime Achievement Award), Young Scientist Award to Dr. Hemen Kalita and Institutional Award to Institute of Advanced Study in Science and Technology. The award for the year 2021 presented to late prof. Dhiraj Bora (Lifetime Achievement Award) and Young Scientist Award to Dr. Rupam Goswami.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma said that he felt very happy to inaugurate Technology Incubation Centre at Assam Biotech Park which he believed would be helpful in encouraging the entrepreneurial culture among the students and professionals from initial stage of their curriculum to equip them with potentials to become job provider rather than a job seeker. He also said that the venture would be a catalyst to create a momentum towards sustainable development in the state.

Chief Minister Dr. Sarma also said that his government has given lot of emphasis to create a balance between economy and ecology. He, therefore, said that the programme 'Shayamalima Kamrup' where extensive plantation drive would be launched will be replicated across the state to create green environment to support sustainable development in the state.

Chief Minister Dr. Sarma synchronising with the occasion also released Assam Biotech Policy 2022-27. He said that his government is according top priority for the growth of biotechnology which according to him will play a pivotal role for future development. He also said that under the dynamic leadership of the Prime Minister, Government of India has made tremendous efforts in promoting bioscience research, entrepreneurship and creating an ecosystem of start up ventures.

He said that in line with Assam Biotech Policy, Government of Assam will also formulate and release Start Up Policy for encouraging a robust platform of start up avenues in the state. He also thanked Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan for his ministry's help and his presence which according to him would enable the state to script new success stories in collaborative ventures between Government of Assam and central institutions like IIT Guwahati.

Union Minister of Education, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister for Science and Technology Keshab Mahanta also spoke on the occasion.

Minister for Education Dr. Ranoj Pegu, Director IIT Guwahati Prof. T.G. Sitharam, DC Kamrup who is also the CEO of Assam Biotech Park along with other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

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