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## CM Dr. Sarma holds a review meeting with DFOs, Treasury Officers and ADCs Asks functionaries to use technological gadgets to stop encroachment of forest land

**Dispur, July 28:** Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma today held a meeting with the DFOs of Territorial Divisions of Environment and Forest Department, Treasury Officers and ADCs (Revenue) at Assam Administrative Staff College and initiated a detailed discussion as to how judiciously forest resources can be used to bolster state's development.

During the meeting besides putting emphasis on the conservation of the forest resources, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma laid importance and asked the functionaries of the Environment and Forest Department for a prudent utilization of forest resources to aid to sustainable development of the state. To maintain constant surveillance and work against the encroachment of the forest land, he reiterated on the extensive use of technical gadgets for drone survey and satellite imagery.

The Chief Minister also reviewed the ongoing plantation programme being carried out across the state and asked the DFOs to successfully conduct the programme for a clean and green Assam. He also asked them to take special care to ensure survival of the saplings after their plantation. Dr. Sarma asked the concerned functionaries to dig at least five fisheries in each forest division.

Environment and Forest Minister Chandra Mohan Patowary, Additional Chief Secretary Environment and Forest Ravi Shankar Prasad, Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister Samir Kumar Sinha and other senior officers of the government were present at the meeting.

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