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CM presents financial assistance to 1669 NDFB ex-cadres

NDFB cadres need to use agriculture equipment to start economic revolution: CM

Dispur, December 6: As a part of the rehabilitation package for the NDFB cadres who laid down their arms and returned to the main stream, Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Sarma today at a function held at Kokrajhar presented 1669 fixed deposit certificates amounting to Rs. 4 lakh each.

It may be noted that under the scheme 1062 ex-NDFB cadres from Kokrajhar, 573 from Chirang and 34 from Goalpara were given the financial assistance.

Addressing the ex-cadres on the occasion, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma said that through this programme, the commitment and responsibility of the State government towards the Bodo Peace Accord to take it to its logical conclusion have been reiterated. He also said that the rehabilitation programme for the ex-cadres is a testimony of the State government's commitment for making Atmanirbhar Assam and making the ex-cadres economically self-sufficient. He at the same time called upon the ex-cadres to make good use of the financial assistance and use them constructively.

Paying tributes to Bodofa Upendra Nath Brahma and other martyrs of the Bodo Movement, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma said that their supreme sacrifice augured an ambience of permanent peace in the BTR. He also requested the ex-cadres not to be carried away by unscrupulous elements and lend their role to make this well-deserved peace more permanent. He said that along with peace a new movement of economic development has been started in the BTR. With the help of Central and State governments and leadership of BTC the implementation of BTC accord is going on in full swing. The remaining parts of the Accord will be implemented in letter and spirit subsequently, Dr. Sarma added.

The Chief Minister also said that in several aspects, Assam still remains dependent. A huge chunk of money is being drifted out from Assam. However, he opined that through productive actions self dependence of the state can be increased which would subsequently lead to Atmanirbhar Assam.

Dr. Sarma also said that other than the job seekers, the youths of the state need to be job creators. He also appealed to the more than four thousand ex-cadres who returned to the main stream to use the agriculture equipment as their weapons to make the economic revolution successful. He also stated that under the rehabilitation programme all the ex-cadres will be included in phases. Accordingly, other than those accused of heinous crimes, all the cases against the ex-NDFB cadres will be condoned.

The Chief Minister thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah for taking a decisive step towards ending the decade old conflict and establishing permanent peace in the area.

ADGP Hiren Nath gave the welcome address in the programme which was also addressed among others by Chief Executive Member BTC Promod Boro, Deputy CEM Gobinda Basumatary, Special DGP L.R. Bishnoi. Minister for Welfare of Plain tribes and backward classes UG Brahma, Housing and Urban Development Minister Ashok Singhal, MLAs, senior government officers were also present at the meeting.

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