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CM Dr. Sarma dedicates Model High Schools in Tea Garden Areas

Govt. to provide Rs.1 crore each for 800 Jagannath Sewa Kendra in 800 tea gardens: CM

Dispur, May 25: Ushering in a new era of academic excellence in tea garden areas in Assam, Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma dedicated 96 newly built Model High Schools in Tea Garden areas at a function held in Sonitpur district today. Chief Minister Dr. Sarma inaugurated Tezpur-Ghogora and Rupajuli Tea Garden Model school, Sonajuli Tea Garden Model High School, Nahoroni Model High School, Phulbari and Thakurbari Model High School. It may be noted that from today within May 30, the Ministers, MPs and MLAs will inaugurate these schools in their respective jurisdiction.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma said that to use education as a tool to bring about overall development of the people belonging to tea garden areas, State government for the first time set up model high schools in the tea garden areas. These schools will be able to impart qualitative and value-based education to the students to help them to bring laurels to the state. He also informed that in these 96 model schools as many as 14,594 students have enrolled their names. To impart instructions, eight faculty members in each school have been appointed which has ushered in a ray of hope in the tea garden areas.

Stating that these schools will be named after great personalities belonging to the tea communities who have immense contributions towards socio-economic and academic development of the tea communities, the Chief Minister said that the Model school in Tezpur-Ghogora has been named after Swahid Mangri Orang, Rupajuli Tea Garden Model school as Amiyo Kumar Das model high school, Sonajuli Tea Garden Model High School as Swahid Hemlal Kalandi Model High school. He also informed that from the coming academic session, all the model high schools will be upgraded to higher secondary schools.

He also said that from the next academic session, Mathematics and Science will be taught in English Medium and Social Studies will be taught in Assamese Medium in these schools. Moreover, curriculum based on Assamese medium will also be imparted in these schools. This has been done to help the young generation to gain knowledge both in English and Assamese.

For the management of these schools, Rs. 1 lakh each has been earmarked and Rs. 25 thousand each has already been released and remaining Rs. 75 thousand will be released very shortly. The students of these schools will be entitled to free text books, free mid day meals and free uniforms.

Chief Minister Dr. Sarma also called upon guardians of the students belonging to tea garden areas to send their wards to schools to ensure their bright future. He also announced that

for setting up 'Jagannath Sewa Kendra' all 800 tea gardens in Assam will be given Rs, 800 crore that is Rs. 1 crore to each tea garden.

Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Ashok Singhal, MP Pallab Lochan Das, MLAs Krishna Kamal Tnati, Prithvi Raj Rabha, Ganesh Limbu and host of other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

Later Chief Minister Dr. Sarma also inaugurated Model Anganwadi Centre at Phulbari Tea Garden in Rangapara Assembly Constituency. Rs. 25 lakh has been used to set up this Model Anganwadi Centre. In Sonitpur District altogether 55 Model Anganwadi Centres will be set up, 11 in each five Legislative Assembly Constituencies in the district.

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