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**Sonowal reviews progress of schemes of WPT&BC; asks expeditious implementation of schemes**

**Dispur, January 17:** In view of the reported complaints and grievances regarding the genuineness of the Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST) tag given to different community of people, a meeting held at the chief minister's conference room today, decided to initiate an exhaustive research work to study the causative issues and find out a mutually all-aggregable solutions.

The meeting held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal also decided to elicit responses and suggestions from all walks of life and stakeholders to decide on the modalities of the research study. Chief Minister Sonowal pointed out that there will be a social media platform where in the public in general can put in their suggestions to carry out the research work and asked Welfare of Plain Tribes and Backward Classes department to develop a social media platform for the purpose. The verification committee will assess the veracity to decide a roadmap for the purpose.

Chief Minister Sonowal while taking stock of different schemes meant to the welfare of the people belonging to SCs and STs and OBCs, asked the Commissioner and Secretary of WPT&BC Dr. M. Angamuthu to expeditiously implement the schemes. He also asked the department to generate awareness among the people to elicit more response from the people across the state. He also asked the department to expeditiously disburse funds for pre-matric and post-matric scholarships and scholarships for higher education among the students. He also asked the functionaries to construct girls' hostels across the state for the students of SC, ST and OBC and name them after the legendary leaders of the communities. Chief Minister Sonowal also took stock of the construction of Model Ekalavya Schools.

Minister WPT&BC Chandan Brahma, Chief Secretary Kumar Sanjay Krishna, Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister Sanjay Lohiya, Commissioner and Secretary to WPT&BC Dr. M. Angamuthu, directors of different directorates and other senior officers were present at the meeting.

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