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CM inaugurates new regional office building of Pollution Control Board

People must act responsibly to make environment pollution-free: CM

Dispur, Nov 15: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated the newly constructed building of region office of Pollution Control Board, Assam at Nagaon today. This building has been constructed with a project cost of Rs. 2.10 crore and is equipped with facilities for testing of pollution level.

Speaking on the occasion in a programme held at *Milan Sanskritik Chora* in Nagaon, the Chief Minister said that State government since the time of taking charge has assiduously been pursuing the goal of making Assam a pollution free State. He expressed the view that the newly opened office building of PCB, Assam would be helpful in maintaining pollution free environment in the adjoining districts of Morigaon, Hojai and West karbi Anglong. This would also facilitate activities for generating mass awareness on pollution control initiatives, he observed.

Stating that pollution poses serious threat to human existence in recent years, the Chief Minister urged people to act responsibly to make the environment pollution-free. He said that pollution affects all aspects of our environment and to keep our surroundings healthy, there is a need to maintain and increase the green cover. He said that the State government made successful strides in preserving nature in last three years and so far planted more than 6 crore saplings. The government has set a target to plant 10 crore saplings, he informed.

The Chief Minister further said that due to stringent measures adopted by the forest department, poaching of rhinos and other animals have significantly decreased. During last three years, altogether 13 poachers were convicted through proceedings at fast track courts, he said adding that the government in a bid to ensure security of animals built highlands at Kaziranga National Park and provided fodder at the time of flood to marooned animals.

Environment and Forest Minister Parimal Suklabaidya also spoke on the occasion. While the chairman of APCB Y. Suryanarayana delivered the welcome speech, the programme was also addressed by Nagaon MLA Rupak Sarma.

MLAs Dimbeswar Das, Siladitya Deb, Ramakanta Deuri, Angoorlata Deka, Nagaon DC Jadav Saikia, SP Shankar Brata Raimedhi, former union minister of state Rajen Gohain, vice chairman of Assam State Textbook Production and Publication Corporation Jitu Goswami, vice chairman of Assam State Film



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(Finance and Development) Corporation Abhijit Nath, officials of PCB and Environment and Forest Department were also present along with a host of other dignitaries.

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