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CM inaugurates a slew of agricultural and other projects in Sonitpur

Sonowal appreciates the agriculture success story scripted by Kanyaka agri farm

Youths must take up farming to make Assam Atma Nirbhar: CM

Dispur, Jue 11: Bolstering State Government's initiatives to strengthen rural economy, Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today inaugurated two projects of Irrigation Department implemented at Sootea MLA Padma Hazarika led Kanyaka Multipurpose Farm at Sootea in Sonitpur. Apart from these, the Chief Minister also distributed fish fingerlings among fishery owners and inaugurated the newly constructed Gau Shala in the farm.

Earlier today, the Chief Minister also visited farming lands at Chokighat in Sonitpur, where nearly 700 bigha lands had been freed from illegal encroachment by the State Government and ceremonially ploughed the land driving a tractor. State Government has provided 125 tractors under CMSGUY to enterprising youth farmers of the area to carry out agricultural activities under Kanyaka farm at Chokighat.

It is to be mentioned that the solar powered Bhoroli Chapori deep tube well irrigation project implemented at Kanyaka Multipurpose Farm with an expenditure of Rs 60 lakh by Tezpur Division of Irrigation Department inaugurated today would cover 25 hectares of land. On the other hand, electronically powered deep tube well irrigation project at the farm would cover 4 hector farming lands.

Taking stock of various agricultural activities at the farm, the Chief Minister interacted with farmers and journalists. Talking to the newsmen, he said that Kanyaka multipurpose agricultural farm has shown a bright example of agricultural success with local youths while generating lots of employment avenues. He appreciated the leadership of MLA Padma Hazarika in scripting such a success story by engaging four thousand youths and other SHGs which would keep inspiring the young generation of the state to take up farming.

Referring to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call for making India Atma Nirbhar, Sonowal said that State Government was putting a lot of emphasis on agriculture and its allied sectors for making Assam's economy self reliant and he stressed on the need for the youth to dedicate themselves in agriculture.

Calling for renewed innovative energy in different sectors to make Assam 'Atma Nirbhar' and make it one of the most developed states in the country, Sonowal urged the unemployed youths of the state to take up agriculture for taking Assam into high growth

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trajectory as the state was blessed with fertile lands and conducive environment. He also appealed for taking advantage of different schemes launched by both Central and State Governments to achieve this target.

The Chief Minister also remarked that the state received the opportunity to realise the potentials and market demands of various sectors during the COVID-19 induced lockdown period and urged the youth of the state to dedicate themselves in agriculture to make Assam self reliant. Citing the example shown by Kanyaka Multipurpose Farm, Sonowal opined that Assam could bring back the glory days of British era of being an advanced state by emphasizing on the agriculture and allied sectors. He also urged the media to highlight the success stories in agriculture sector of state's farmers to inspire the young generation for taking up farming.

Sonowal also visited Garhmara village in Chariduar, Sonitpur earlier in the morning and inspected the livestock farm run by Self Help Group 'Sewa' there. He interacted with the enterprising farmer leading the farm Sohan Pradhan, who is also the president of local Gaon Panchayat and others engaged in the farm. The Chief Minister also visited the Gau Shala in the Borpukhuri agricultural farm of the district.

Moreover, the Chief Minister today inaugurated the newly constructed Naduar Development Block and Anchalik Panchayat office building at Jamugurihat while laying the foundation stone of Barechahariya Bhaona Complex Project at Jamugurihat being built by PWD with funds from Cultural Affairs Department, Govt of Assam.

MLA Padma Hazarika accompanied the Chief Minister during his daylong programme today along with Minister of State (independent) of Cultural Affairs Department Naba Kumar Doley, Minister of State (independent) of Irrigation Department Bhabesh Kalita, Rajya Sabha MP Kamakhya Prasad Tasa, Tezpur MP Pallab Lochan Das, Media Adviser to the Chief Minister Hrishikesh Goswami, MLAs Pramod Borthakur, Ganesh Limbu, Ashok Singhal, DC and SP of Sonitpur.

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