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**CM launches 'Abhinandan' Scheme for students**

**Students must pursue academics seriously: CM**

**Dispur, December 26:** Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal launched 'Abhinandan' Scheme with a view to help students in pursuing higher studies by distributing subsidy sanction letters against education loans availed by them in a programme held at Srimanta Sankardev Kalakshetra in Guwahati today. Under this scheme, the Chief Minister ceremonially distributed one-time subsidy sanction letters for an amount of Rs. 50,000 each to 1546 students today.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Sonowal urged students to pursue their academic activities seriously to shine in today's competitive world. He said that education builds strong foundation among students and helps them to successfully overcome all adversities in life. He also called for united efforts to develop a positive and healthy environment in society.

Chief Minister Sonowal said that the newly launched 'Abhinandan' scheme would extend cooperation to students in pursuing higher education and to fulfill the dreams of a their life. He also urged them to take a resolve to put Assam in the list of front ranking States of the country with hard work, knowledge and service to society.

Chief Minister Sonowal said that the State government took up a number of initiatives to maximize academic opportunities for students through scholarships, free admission into educational institutions, distribution of free textbooks etc. He further said that the State government aims to transform Guwahati as the expressway to the South-East Asian countries and to make this goal into a reality the youth of the State would have to prove their potential as skilled human resource.

Moreover, the Chief Minister said that the decision of the Union government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to augment production capacity of Numaligarh Refinery Limited from 3 MMT to 9 MMT opened new opportunities for the youth in the State and urged the youth to avail the benefits through improving their skills. He also urged parents and teachers to inspire and motivate the students to indulge in academic activities with seriousness and sincerity.



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Finance Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma said that students who did not apply under this scheme so far could avail the benefit of government subsidy by applying now also.

Education Minister Siddhartha Bhattacharjya, and Chief General Manager of SBI NE Circle Sunil Kumar also spoke on the occasion.

While Principal Secretary of Finance Sameer Sinha delivered the welcome address, Chief Minister's Legal Advisor Santanu Bharali, senior officials of Finance department and Deputy General Manager of Canara Bank were also present in the programme.

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