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**CM holds discussion with ATTSA and various organizations of Gorkha,  
Mech-Kachari and Koch-Rajbongshi communities**

**Dispur, December 24:** Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today said that the State government would soon carry out a survey of the ceiling surplus land with a view to ensure allotment of land to the landless tea garden workers and also provide *myadi patta* against the land that have been occupied by them for decades. The Chief Minister made this assurance to a delegation of Assam Tea Tribes Students Association during a discussion which was held at the conference hall of the Chief Minister's office at Janata Bhawan today.

During the discussion, the Chief Minister urged the ATTSA representatives to inform the government about the areas where applications for allotment of land has not been executed yet. He assured the delegation that the State government would secure the land rights of the landless tea garden workers under the new land policy. The Chief Minister also said that the State government would provide Rs. 25 thousand each to 10 thousand youth of the tea tribe community for taking up small-business activities.

The Chief Minister further informed that the State government would appoint two contractual teachers each in 428 schools located at the tea gardens of the State and urged ATTSA members to extend support to the government in its efforts to setting up 100 high schools in the tea garden areas of the State. Chief Minister Sonowal also informed that the State government would launch a scheme in the name of tea tribe leader Simon Singh Horo under which Rs. 10 thousand scholarship would be provided to each successful candidate of the tea tribe community in the High School and Higher Secondary leaving examinations.

The Chief Minister also met a delegation of All Assam Gorkha Students' Union and Assam Gorkha Sanmilan today and discussed with them about various issues relating to the community. The Chief Minister informed the delegation that the State government this year earlier declared Bhatri Dwittiya as a Holiday in few of the districts having high density of Gorkha population and this would be institutionalized in the days to come in an expeditious manner. He also said that the Gorkha Development Council would be reorganized within next three days and substantial amount of funds would be allotted to the Council. He also assured that the State government would take necessary steps to settle the problems faced by the Gorkha people living in the reserved belts and blocks and also ensure



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introduction of curriculum on Nepali language in the Gorkha educational institutions.

The Chief Minister also held discussions with various organizations of Mech Kachari community today and assured the representatives that the State government would take positive steps for solving all issues affecting the community.

A delegation of Koch-Rajbongshi organizations also met Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today. The delegation thanked the Chief Minister for his positive interventions in addressing the challenges faced by the community. Chief Minister Sonowal informed the delegation that the State government would take more steps for socio-economic and cultural development of Koch-Rajbongshi community.

Union Minister of State for Food processing Industries Rameswar Teli, Finance Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma, WPT&BC Minister Chandan Brahma, F&CS Minister Phani Bhushan Choudhury, Chief Minister's Media Advisor Hrishikesh Goswami, Chief Minister's Legal Advisor Santanu Bharali, MPs Kamakhya Prasad Tasa, Topon Kumar Gogoi, Pallav Lochan Das, several MLAs and senior officials of the State government were present in the meetings.

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