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Sonowal talks to ABVP members over audio conference

Empowered students lead to strong nation: Sonowal

Dispur, July 11: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal said, “Strong students lead to a stronger nation. If led to a focused direction, an empowered students’ community can expeditiously build the nation on a strong edifice and lead it to a bright future”. Talking to the functionaries of the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) through an audio conference here today, Chief Minister Sonowal said that the objectives and actions of the ABVP have the inherent qualities of leading the students and nation to their deserving best.

Sonowal also said that when the country is going through a tough phase of Covid 19, the members of the ABVP are working resolutely and adding momentum to the fight against the pandemic. He also said that in this apocalyptic condition, which have had its cascading effect on different aspects particularly on the lives of the poor and marginalized sections, the members of the ABVP are working impressively in government’s demeanour to help the poor and the migrants.

Chief Minister Sonowal also reiterated that not deterred by the Covid 19 pandemic, State government is working tirelessly to expedite the rate of development in the state. He also said that if Assam has to excel on all fields including education, students will have to take a lead role. He also said that guided by Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s ‘Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Viswas,’ the present State government for the first time in the last 70 years received real impetus for the development of Assam. He also said that for the first time North eastern region has been addressed as the *Astalaxmi* and a series of steps have been initiated for the development of the region. He also said that since Assam has been considered as an epicenter for the success of India’s Act East Policy, the region in general and Assam in particular have received never before importance for its progress and prosperity. He also said that as a result of Act East Policy the region’s relations with the South East Asian countries in communication, transportation, education, culture, tourism, trade and commerce have witnessed a phenomenal progress.

Sonowal also said that in the fight against Covid 19, the office bearers of ABVP have come forward and helped the State government to tide over the situation. He also maintained that motivated by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, everybody has to keep fighting against novel corona virus adhering to all safety protocols. He also asked the members of the ABVP to take the

responsibility to generate mass awareness amongst all sections of the people towards the safety protocols of Covid 19.

Referring to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call for *Atmanirbhar Bharat* and the announcement of Rs. 20 lakh crore package, Sonowal said that close on the heels of self reliant India, Government of Assam has also ventured in to making Assam a self-reliant state. He also said that a slew of steps have been taken up to empower Assam and its people from this 20 lakh crore package. A broad roadmap has been prepared with the help of the leading economists of the state to make Assam self reliant on all sectors including agriculture and its allied sectors. He also called upon the members of ABVP to take important role in this regard including popularizing agriculture among the young generation so that the sector can be practiced using the modern science and technology to increase its yield. He also said that if this can be done, Assam besides being self-reliant can capture the markets of South East Asian countries and become a leader.

He also said that for the development of MSME sector, Assam has already received one thousand crore from the Centre and a roadmap has already been prepared in consultation with the bankers of the state to revitalize small and medium enterprises in the state. Sonowal urged upon the dedicated members of ABVP to own a responsibility and create awareness among the youths of the state to come forward and attain benefits from the sector. He also expressed his gratitude to the members of the ABVP for their selfless services to the people when the state is afflicted with corona virus infection and other natural calamity.

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