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**CM visits Baksa district to review COVID-19 preparedness**

**CM directs to take steps to stop movement across the Indo-Bhutan border**

**CM appeals people to light an earthen lamp on 14<sup>th</sup> April at 6 pm as part of Rongali Bihu celebration**

**Dispur, April 13:** In a move to add more teeth to the state government's attempt to contain and control COVID-19 infection in the State, Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today directed the Baksa district administration to take effective measures to stop movement across the Indo-Bhutan border in the district and to enforce the lockdown completely to break the chain of transmission in the district. Chief Minister Sonowal directed this to the Deputy Commissioner and Superintendent of Police while visiting the district to assess its preparedness to deal with novel coronavirus outbreak.


In a meeting chaired by the Chief Minister in the conference hall of DC office, Baksa at Mushalpur today, Chief Minister Sonowal said that in view of the COVID-19 outbreak the district administration should essentially focus on three pronged agenda like protection of health, maintenance of supply chain and complete adherence to lockdown to wage a war against novel coronavirus. He also asked the DC to convene the district level task force meeting regularly to maintain constant vigilance on the situation of the district.

It may be noted that in Baksa district, no positive case has been detected so far and constant care has been taken to stop any kind of infection of the virus. Altogether 13 quarantine centers and 4 isolation wards have been set up in the district.

Chief Minister Sonowal asked the DC and Joint Director of Health Services to provide all facilities to the doctors as well as other front line personnel who are handling the COVID-19 situation. He also asked SP of the district Prateek Thube to motivate the police personnel as well as train them on the basic protocol to deal with any suspected case.

Moreover, Chief Minister Sonowal also asked the DC to maintain robust supply chain in the district so that there is no dearth of essential commodities and also to ensure the quality of goods provided to people during the lockdown period. He also asked APDCL to maintain uninterrupted power supply and Fishery and Veterinary department to cater to the needs of poultry and fish to the people by

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maintaining adequate social distance. Chief Minister Sonowal asked the DCs that during this health emergency he should motivate the men and materials of his district to work as a team with the spirit of Team Assam to give a bayfront in the battle against coronavirus.

Industry and Commerce Minister Chandra Mohan Patowary, PHE Minister Rihon Daimary, MP Biswajit Daimary, MLA Thaneswar Basumatary, Emanuel Mushahary, Bimal Bora, Principal Secretary BTC Jolly Das Brahma, Deputy Commissioner Ranjan Sharma, IGP Anurag Agarwal and other senior officers of the district were present in the meeting.

Earlier, Chief Minister Sonowal visited a quarantine center for COVID-19 patients set up at district sports complex, Bathouphuri in Mushalpur.

Later talking to the media persons, Chief Minister Sonowal lauded their role and thanked them for helping the administration in its fight against coronavirus. He also wished them on the occasion of Rongali Bihu and Assamese New Year.

Chief Minister Sonowal also appealed to the people as a part of their Bihu celebration to light an earthen lamp on 14<sup>th</sup> April at 6 pm on their courtyard and pray to god to dispel the darkness and empower people to fight against coronavirus.

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