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**Sonowal interacts with industrialists through a webinar
Urges industrialists and entrepreneurs to contribute to industrial development of
Assam**

Dispur, December 14: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal said that his government is unrelentingly pursuing its mission to make an *Atmanirbhar* Assam based on the balanced synergy between technology, skill and hard labour. With the help of all sections of the people of the state, the present State government has been trying to make Assam a hot spot in the landscape of South East Asian countries. He also said that with adequate emphasis on agriculture and its allied sectors, Assam can capture markets of ASEAN and BBN countries.

The fact that Assam is on the threshold of being a landmark destination in the bloc of ASEAN and BBN countries, Chief Minister Sonowal said that the unprecedented importance given by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been the prime reason for the transformation of Assam and other North Eastern states.

Interacting at a webinar of Young Leaders Forum today organised by the Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Chief Minister Sonowal said that he being a son of a farmer, blessed by the teachings of his parents, his academic and spiritual teachers and people of all sections of the state, he is in a position to serve the state as the Chief Minister. Stating that from the challenges of life, many lessons can be learnt, Sonowal said that one should not fight shy of problems in life. The goal of life should be to enrich the life with the lessons learnt from experiences and taste successes in life.

Stating that pursuing the life in search of wealth is not a bad proposition, Sonowal observed that in the journey of life one should try to become honest. Encouraged by the Prime Minister, Sonowal said that he himself is putting in 12 to 14 hours of hard labour every day. He at the same time urged upon everybody to put in hard labour and maintain a healthy mind, soul and body.

Replying to a question, Sonowal said that since the time of his involvement with AASU and NESO, he has been trying very hard for a pollution free, migration free state. Therefore, immediately after coming to power in 2016, his government took a pledge to make Assam free from pollution, insurgency, migration and corruption. He also said that his government has drawn a broad roadmap to expedite the growth of the state.

Chief Minister Sonowal thanked ICC and Young Leaders Forum for organising the programme. He at the same time urged upon the ICC to keep working in tandem to motivate the young industrialists and entrepreneurs to script socio-economic and industrial development in the state.

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