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CM attends State Credit Seminar organized by NABARD

CM urges banks to simplify loan procedures

Dispur, January 18: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal attended the State Credit Seminar- 2021 organized by NABARD, Assam Regional Office at Hotel Taj Vivanta in Guwahati today.

The Chief Minister while speaking on the occasion lauded the initiative taken by NABARD and said that the seminar would help in increasing farm productivity in the State.

The Chief Minister said that there is ample opportunities in the State to transform agriculture as a dignified calling. He spoke about the need for introduction of more advanced technologies in agriculture and engaging youth in larger numbers to tap the inherent potential in this sector.

Chief Minister Sonowal said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi in a bid to double farmers' income introduced a number of initiatives including distribution of soil health card, Kisan Samman Nidhi, Krishi Sinchai Yojana, KCC etc. He also said that the Prime Minister further to build an Atmanirbhar Bharat announced a Rs. 20 lakh crore package apart from Rs. 1 crore agriculture infrastructure development fund, Rs. 20 thousand crore Matsya Sampada Yojana and Rs 3 lakh crore for MSME sector.

Moreover advocating value addition of agricultural products, the Chief Minister appreciated the fact that youth in large numbers took up farming as a means of self-employment. He also urged the banks to simplify loan sanctioning procedures to increase credit flow in the market. Sonowal also appreciated the SHGs for their role in boosting rural economy in the State.

On the occasion, the Chief Minister presented awards to best performing Self-Help Groups, Joint Liability Groups, Farmer-Producer Groups and several bank managers apart from releasing State Focus Paper, 2021-22 published NABARD.

While Chief General Manager of NABARD, Assam Regional Office SS Saha delivered the welcome speech, the programme was also attended Agriculture Minister Atul Bora, Cooperation Minister Siddhartha Bhattacharyya, Regional Director of Reserve Bank of India Manoranjan Dash, Chief General Manager of SBI RS Ramesh, Chief Secretary Jishnu Baruah, representatives of banks, SHGs, JLGs and FPOs.

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