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CM presents Sati Radhika Award to noted social worker Evelyntice Sajem

Dispur, Sept 2: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal presented the Sati Radhika Award 2020 to noted social worker of Dima Hasao district Evelyntice Sajem in a programme held at Rabindra Bhawan in Guwahati today. The award carries a citation, *anga bastra*, sarai and a cheque of Rs. 2 lakh. The programme was organized by the Cultural Affairs Department of the Government of Assam in association with Asom Anusuchita Jati Yuva Chatra Sangstha and Assam Scheduled Caste Students' Union.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Sonowal said that the Central and State Governments are dedicatedly working for women empowerment and have taken up a number of schemes since coming to power. The Chief Minister said that in sync with the Union Government's schemes like Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao and PM Ujjwala Yojana etc., Assam Government has launched schemes in the names of leading women personalities of the State like Kanaklata Baruah, Aideu Handique, Indira Miri, Malati Orang etc. for ensuring economic independence and social dignity for women.

Further, the Chief Minister said that considering the contribution of Sati Radhika in the social life of the State, there is a need for more awareness about her life and works among people. He said that Sati Radhika's life is an embodiment of courage and valour and a great source of inspiration. He also urged the youth to emulate her ideology. Chief Minister Sonowal also lauded the role played by the awardee Evelyntice Sajem for spreading education in the hills of Dima Hasao overcoming all challenges.

Evelyntice Sajem in her speech thanked the State Government for the award and said that works speak louder than words and that is why she devoted her life to deliver tangible changes in the society through sincere steps in the field of education. She also urged all sections of the society to work for promoting harmony and strengthening brotherhood.

Cultural Affairs Minister Naba Kumar Doley also spoke on the occasion. While Director of Cultural Affairs Bishnu Kamal Bora delivered the welcome address, the programme was also attended by GDD Minister Siddhartha Bhattacharjya, Environment & Forest Minister Parimal Suklabaidya, Minister of State for UDD (i/c) Piyush Hazarika, Minister of State for Tea Tribes Welfare (i/c) Sanjay Kishan, MLA Angoorlata Deka and Gurujyoti Das, Additional Chief Secretary in charge of Cultural Affairs Department Paban Kumar Borthakur, Commissioner & Secretary Preetom Saikia, several chairmen and vice chairmen of boards and corporations, president of Asom Anusuchita Jati Yuva Chatra Sangstha Nripen Das, chief adviser of Assam SC Students Union Prabin Baishya among others.

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