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**CM visits erosion and flood affected areas of Chirang and Bongaigaon district**

**Govt. to take up project for permanent solution of flood and erosion of Aie river: CM**

**Dispur, July 21:** Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal visited the erosion hit areas of Tulsijhara in Chirang district and flood affected areas of Jamdaha (Bekar Chowk Bazar) in Bongaigaon district today and assessed the devastations caused by river Aie. He also visited flood relief camps set up at No. 341 Majharabari LP School and No. 128 Nowapara LP School by Chirang district administration and interacted with the inmates and took stock of the government services being provided at the centres.

While interacting with media persons during his visit, the Chief Minister said that the flood waters of river Aie have destroyed huge tract of agricultural land and affected large numbers of people in both Chirang and Bongaigaon district. This has become a serious cause of concern for the local people, he said adding that the State Government would take prompt steps for finding lasting solution to flood and erosion caused by river Aie. Referring to a question regarding water flowing down from Bhutan causing flood in Assam, the Chief Minister said that the Central Government would take up the matter with the Bhutan Government for bringing out an early solution.

The Chief Minister further said that he has made personal visits to various flood affected districts to have a firsthand understanding about the damages caused by flood and the quality of services rendered by the administration to the flood hit. He said that the local administrations are taking expeditious measures for helping out the flood hit and people have also extended full cooperation. The Chief Minister also observed that Prime Minister Narendra Modi led Union Government has made sincere efforts to find a permanent solution to the flood and erosion problem of Assam.

**During his visit to Bongaigaon, the Chief Minister also visited flood relief camp set up at Chalandapara Govt. ME School and interacted with the inmates. He also checked the quality of food items served at the relief camp. Thereafter, the Chief Minister visited relief camps set up at Goalpara High Madrassa, Joytun Nessa ME School and New Goalpara High in Goalpara district and took stock of condition of the inmates.**

Chief Minister Sonowal also reviewed the flood situation in Goalpara district and the steps taken by the district administration in a meeting held at the Deputy Commissioner's conference hall. The MLAs attending the meeting expressed satisfaction on government relief operations and raised few other issues. The Chief Minister asked the DC to take urgent measures to address the issues highlighted by the MLAs. Further the Chief Minister took stock of COVID-19 situation in the

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**district and health Department initiatives. The Joint Director of Health Services apprised the CM about the latest scenario on COVID-19 in the district. Chief Minister Sonowal during the meeting also directed the District Agriculture officer to take steps for generating awareness on PM Fasal Bima Yojana so that more and more farmers come forward to take benefit of the scheme.**

**The Chief Minister also distributed ex-gratia cheque of Rs. 4 lakh to the next of kin of flood victims of the district in the meeting. Later, the Chief Minister visited the washed away portion of the PWD road at Haboraghat, Kharija Manikpur by Krishnai river in Goalpara district and took stock of the damages.**

While Water Resources Minister Keshav Mahanta and Tourism Minister Chandan Brahma accompanied the Chief Minister during his visit to the erosion hit Tulsijhara in Chirang, Food & Civil Supplies Minister Phani Bhushan Choudhury was present at the time of his visit to Jamdaha in Bongaigaon.

Earlier, Chief Minister Sonowal took stock of the COVID-19 and flood situation in Chirang and Bongaigaon districts last night in a meeting held at BRPL guesthouse with senior district administration officials.

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