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**64 militants lay down arms**

**CM urges ultras to shun the path of violence and join mainstream**

**Dispur, December 21:** In a major boost to realizing State government's goal of making an insurgency-free Assam and ushering lasting peace in the State, 64 militants of four insurgent outfits laid down arms and joined the mainstream in front of Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal at a function held at Srimanta Sankardev Kalakshetra in the city today.

On the occasion, 18 cadres of United Liberation Front of Assam (I) including self-styled deputy commander-in-chief Drishti Rajkhowa, self-styled C-in-C of People's Democratic Council of Karbi Longri (PDCK) Ong Teron, 32 members of United People's Revolutionary Front (UPRF) and 13 from the Dimasa National Liberation Army (DNLA) laid down their arms today.

Chief Minister Sonowal while welcoming the surrendered militants to the mainstream said, "Progress can never be made without peace. Nobody can live peacefully with a heart full of hatred. To take forward the society and family forward, those who took the path of violence must join the mainstream and contribute in nation building".

The Chief Minister further said that those who laid down arms should now commit themselves for promoting brotherhood and friendship and contribute in nation building. He also called upon them to work hand-in-hand following Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "Team Assam" spirit to build the nation. The Chief Minister on the occasion also urged the militants who are still hiding to shun the path of violence and join the path of peace and progress.

Sonowal also said that paying a rich dividend of the strong leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the trust and confidence his leadership has infused in the minds of the people, most of the proscribed organizations realising the futility of arms rebellion, have taken the decision to return to the mainstream. He said that government has taken adequate steps for rehabilitating the members of the insurgent groups who are coming to the mainstream after laying down arms. Besides the schemes of the Centre and State government with the help of the scheme called 'Swabalamban' has taken steps to lend dignity to the surrendered militants. He also said that the government giving importance to the surrendered militants has taken steps so that the youths who have decided to come to the mainstream can take the benefits of the government schemes. He also requested them to take benefits of the schemes.

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The programme where Inspector General of Police (Special Branch) Hiren Nath gave the welcome address, Chief Minister's Media Advisor Hrishikesh Goswami, his Legal Advisor Santanu Bharali, Chief Secretary Jishnu Baruah, DGP Bhaskar Jyoti Mahanta, Additional Chief Secretary to Chief Minister Paban Kumar Borthakur, Principal Secretary Home Niraj Verma, Additional DGP Harmeet Singh, Commissioner and Secretary (Home and Political) GD Tripathi, GoC 21 Mountain Division Indian Army SP Singh, ADGP CRPF North East Zone Sanjiv Ranjan Oja, Joint Director SIB Rashmi Sinha and other senior officers were present at the programme. Besides, the family members of the four proscribed organization, Gaon Burahs from Karbi Anglong and Dima Hasao districts and other leading citizens of the districts were present.

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