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CM visits quarantine facilities in Dibrugarh

**Govt. committed towards Assam's biodiversity and Dehing Patkai
situation being assessed: CM**

Dispur, May 22: "We are committed to protect Assam's environment and biodiversity. No one should cast aspersions on state government's sincerity to preserve the natural beauty, greenery and natural resources of the state. I have directed forest Minister Parimal Suklabaidya to visit Dehing Patkai Forest Reserve to take stock of the actual situation and the state government would take further steps in this regard based on Forest Minister's report." Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today said this while talking to the newsmen in Dibrugarh.

The Chief Minister today visited four quarantine facilities which were being readied as second tier of quarantine centres for COVID-19 patients. The four centres were MDK Kanoi College, the girls hostel of DHSK College, Kasturba Gandhi girls hostel at Dikom Parbati Devi ME School and Asom Bidyapith High School, Chabua in Dibrugarh.

While addressing the media persons during his visit to the quarantine facilities, Sonowal urged the people to strictly maintain COVID-19 protocols and he appealed to those who are being quarantine not to violate any quarantine rules. Violation of quarantine norms does not only affect the patients but also jeopardizes the whole society and therefore, the government have no other option but to take action against those violators of home or institutional quarantine. He also informed that state government was taking steps to set up quarantine centres till the panchayat level and he urged the people of the state to extend wholehearted support to the government so that this outbreak of the global pandemic can be contained.

Saying that state government was taking all necessary steps to bring back Assam's people stranded in different parts of the country, Sonowal called on the people not to panic looking at the rising number of COVID-19 positive cases as the state government was fully capable of handling the situation. He urged the people to strictly follow the guidelines issued by the health department like wearing of masks, frequent hand washing, maintaining social distance etc. for achieving victory in this fight against coronavirus. He also requested the people not to discriminate against those who are infected by the deadly virus as nobody willingly becomes a virus carrier.

The Chief Minister also appreciated the roles played by MPs, MLAs and other public representatives for their efforts in creating awareness about COVID-19 in their

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respective constituencies and for supervising the efforts of the district administration and the health department in this crucial period.

MLAs Prasanta Phukan, Rituparna Baruah, Terosh Gowala, Binod Hazarika, DC Dibrugarh accompanied the Chief Minister among others during the visit.

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