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## **Sonowal lays foundation for Industrial Park at Jamugurihat**

### **Inaugurates construction of a permanent campus of ITI, Sootea**

### **CM hails contributions of women SHGs towards making Assam self-reliant**

**Dispur, February 23:** Taking forward the State government's initiatives for boosting industrial ecosystem, Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal laid the foundation of an Industrial Park and permanent campus for ITI, Sootea at Jamugurihat in Sonitpur district today. The foundation stones were laid during a Mahila Samaroh organized by Assam State Rural Livelihood Mission in association with Sonitpur district administration and Sonitpur Zila Parishad at Jamugurihat. It may be noted that the Industrial Park will be built at a sprawling 315 bigha of land and the permanent campus of ITI, Sootea will be built with financial outlay of Rs. 25 crores.

Chief Minister Sonowal also presented 153 Scooty to women beneficiaries under Jivika Sakhi Express Scheme and presented financial assistance to the tune of Rs. 50 thousand to each of the Self Help Groups (SHG) from Sonitpur district.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Sonowal terming the women as the source of supreme energy said that the BJP led state government in the state through its commitment to the empowerment of women has been taking a series of steps to make women an important stakeholder in the process for economic development of the state. He said that during last several months the women Self Help Groups by selling the products produced by them across the country and outside earned several hundred crores. Chief Minister Sonowal while hailing this effort of the women SHGs said that this has helped the state to expedite its economic growth. Chief Minister Sonowal also said that true to the spirit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call for Aatmanirbhar Bharat this achievement of the women SHGs would definitely help the state towards achieving Atmanirbhar Assam.

Chief Minister Sonowal also said that to strengthen the edifice of self-reliant Assam the people will have to work diligently with self-confidence. He said that the BJP led state government immediately after coming to power took several steps for qualitative and quantitative development of the state. As a result of this for the last four and a half years the state witnessed unprecedented growth stories with no incidence of any violence from any part of the state, he said. Citing a stark contrast between the erstwhile congress government and the present BJP led state government, Chief Minister Sonowal said that because of the good governance, peace and tranquillity and harmonious coexistence of the state were founded on a strong pedestal.

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Chief Minister Sonowal also said that the Congress during its last 55 year rule kept the north bank of the Brahmaputra in complete darkness with no significant development initiatives for the people. However, contrary to the congress rule the present BJP government has unleashed never before development initiatives for the entire state. Highlighting the development initiatives undertaken by the state government specially for the north bank of the Brahmaputra, Sonowal said that the Jonai campus of Tezpur University, Indian Agriculture Research Institute at Gogamukh, Engineering College at Dhemaji, Medical College at Lakhimpur, Sri Sri Madhab Dev University at Narayanpur, Nursing Training College at Gahpur, Engineering College at Bihali, Medical Colleges at Biswanath, Nalbari, Dhubri and Kokrajhar were some of the institutions established by the state government to develop the human resources of the state. He also said that during the present state government dwelling houses under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana were built to enable the poor and underprivileged of the society to live with dignity.

Deputy Commissioner Sonitpur Manabendra Pratap Singh gave the welcome address in the programme which was also addressed among others by MP Pallab Lochan Das and MLA Padma Hazarika. MLAs Brindaban Goswami, Pramod Borthakur, Ganesh Limbu, Chairperson Sonitpur Zila Parishad Dolly Suren, Mission Director ASRLM Krishna Baruah, Director Labour and Craftsmanship Rubi Sarma and a host of other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

Earlier Chief Minister Sonowal visited milk pasteurization centre of Kanyaka and had a look at different equipments installed for giving value addition to the milk products. He also interacted with the entrepreneurs and members of women SHGs and hailed their contributions towards achieving Atmanirbhar Assam.

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