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**Sonowal takes stock of Covid 19 treatment facilities in districts**

**Urges upon people to adhere to lockdown call to break the chain of infection**

**Dispur, March 27:** In view of the Covid 19 pandemic and its effect in Assam, Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today visited Jorhat Medical College and took stock of the emergency services including isolation and quarantine wards in the hospital in case of the virus outbreak in the district and its adjoining areas.

Chief Minister Sonowal who was accompanied by Agriculture Minister Atul Bora, MLA Bimal Bora took stock of the treatment facilities put in place to deal with the situation arising out of Covid 19 outbreak. Sonowal also held a meeting with the Deputy Commissioner Jorhat Roshni Aparaji Korati and Deputy Commissioner Majuli Bikram Kairi and other senior officers at the circuit house of Jorhat and took stock of the steps taken by the administrations of both the districts in view of the 21 days lockdown to fight against the spread of novel corona virus. Sonowal made it unequivocally clear that the 21 day lock down, the call of which was given by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to practice social distance and social gathering need to be followed in letter and spirit and the administration of the both the districts need to enforce the lockdown in their jurisdiction. Sonowal also stressed on generating mass awareness to motivate people to adhere to lockdown for their own benefit.

Sonowal also asked the DCs to create awareness on the tea garden areas to motivate people to collect essential daily commodities by maintaining personal distance. He also asked the DCs to keep a close watch on the traders so that the demand and price of essential commodities remain under control and nobody can take the situation to increase the price.

The Upper Assam Divisional Commissioner, DIG, Joint Director of Health Services, officials from Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs and APDCL were present during the meeting.

On the other hand addressing the press, Chief Minister Sonowal termed the movement of people outside of their home in the pretext of buying daily essentials very unfortunate. He said that the Covid 19 pandemic is a cause of concern throughout the globe and by remaining in door people can lend their hands to break the cycle of infection in the state. He also said that in the absence of any antidote to treat Covid 19, social distancing is the only viable means to beat the viral infection.

He also said that the need of the hour is to follow the advisories given by the health department. He also made it clear that government would take strict action against the violators of lockdown. Government agencies, public representatives and other organizations are working in tandem to generate mass awareness and since people above 65 years and children below 10 years are very vulnerable, special steps need to be taken against their wellbeing. He also made it

clear that if any individual breaks the law, government will take stern action for the larger benefits of the society.

Chief Minister Sonowal during his emergency visit also held a meeting with the district administration of Sivasagar and Charaideo and took stock of the arrangements made for the Covid 19 outbreak. He asked the DCs to fight unitedly against Covid 19, resort to mobile miking especially in the tea garden areas, encourage health workers and encourage coordinated efforts to win the battle against novel corona virus.

Minister of State (i/c) for Revenue and Disaster Management Jogen Mohan, MLA Nabanita Handique, DC Sivasagar Lakhinandan Gogoi, DC Charaideo Palash Ranjan Gharphalia along with others were present during the meeting.

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