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CM distributes land *patta* to local landless beneficiaries at Majuli

Government would take no step harmful to the interest of indigenous people: CM
Dispur, January 28: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal said that the state government is working unwaveringly in the interest of the indigenous people of Assam and for development of the state. The government would take no step, which would harm their interest and carry forward its development agenda in consultation with people of the state. The Chief Minister said this while ceremonially distributing land *patta* among indigenous landless beneficiaries in a programme held at Majuli College Playground in Majuli today.

The Chief Minister said that the indigenous people of the state were deprived of their land rights for last seven decades after the country's independence. His government took proactive step in this direction and announced to provide land *patta* to 1 lakh landless local families during this year. He informed that while around 12 thousand local landless families were provided land *patta* last year, his government would distribute land *pattas* to around 34 thousand landless beneficiaries across State today. The Chief Minister said that the initiative would not only secure the indigenous people's right over land but also ensure their protected future.

Stating that his government has taken a number of steps to protect Assamese and other local languages, the Chief Minister said that 'Bhasa Gaurav Scheme' has been adopted for this purpose. The Chief Minister also underlined a number of initiatives taken up by the state government for infrastructural development as well as socio-cultural and spiritual upliftment of people of the state.

Highlighting the immense tourism potential of Majuli, the Chief Minister urged the people of the district to protect its beauty and natural ambience so that the place continues to attract tourists. The Chief Minister at the same time also said that the land of Majuli could also disseminate the message of peace and harmony in our society and help in strengthening and building a strong and vibrant Assam.

The Chief Minister while urging the youth to be guided by logic rather than emotion, appealed the people at large to shoulder the responsibility to motivate and inspire the youth for social development and nation building. He also advised the students to take



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up their study very seriously and develop scientific mindset to successfully face the modern day challenges.

The Chief Minister also said that the state is experiencing peaceful environment since his government came to power and appreciated Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his guidance in bringing the struggle of the Bodo people to a logical conclusion. He said that the agreement signed between the Government of India, Government of Assam and Bodo organisations would no way change the geography of the state. He termed the agreement as good news for the people of the state and said that his government would take forward the development agenda more vigorously henceforth.

The Chief Minister also underscored the steps taken by the Union government for implementation of clause VI of Assam Accord, conferring the country's highest civilian award 'Bharat Ratna' to Dr. Bhupen Hazarika, Padmashree to five distinguished personalities of the state, initiatives for doubling farmers income, steps for repairing and renovation of embankment as well roads in Majuli district etc. in his speech.

The Chief Minister as part of today's programme distributed land *patta* and land allotment letters to 4513 landless families of Majuli district. Apart from distributing financial assistance amounting to Rs. 3800 to 176 families who were affected by natural calamity, he also gave away financial grants to 187 schools under 14th Finance Commission. The Chief Minister also distributed land *patta* to Dakhinpat Satra and its Satradhikar Nanigopal Devagoswami received the land *patta* from the Chief Minister.

MP Pradan Baruah, Secretary of the Revenue Department Ashok Barman, Deputy Commissioner Bikram Kairi, CEM of Deuri Autonomous Council Madhab Deuri, President of Majuli Zila Parisad Papu Hazarika Dutta and several stradhikars were present in the programme.

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