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CM reviews COVID-19 preparedness in Golaghat and Karbi Anglong

Govt. will not tolerate any attack on police: CM

Dispur, March 28: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal visited Golaghat district today to take stock of preparedness of the health department to deal with coronavirus outbreak in the district. He visited the newly developed isolation ward and other facilities of Swahid Kushal Konwar Civil Hospital. The Chief Minister also held a discussion with the district administration officials to review its preparedness against COVID-19.

The Chief Minister in the meeting directed the district administration to carry out extensive awareness drive among people on COVID-19 and also on the importance of lockdown declared by the Prime Minister in the country. He asked the district administration to ensure availability of essential commodities amongst people and to keep close watch on the market so that hoarding of essential commodities could not take place leading to escalation of prices.

Apart from district administration officials, the review meeting was attended by officials of Health, Food and Civil Supplies, Labour, Municipal Board and representatives of Chambers of Commerce. Golaghat DC Bibhas Chandra Modi apprised the Chief Minister about preparedness of the district administration through a power point presentation in the meeting.

The Chief Minister also addressed the media in Golaghat district today. Chief Minister Sonowal said that the Prime Minister through the 21 day lockdown emphasised the importance of ensuring social distancing as a measure to fight against COVID-19. The state government has also made efforts to ensure essential commodities and emergency services available to the people, the Chief Minister said adding that in order to monitor, review and supervise the steps being taken by the district administrations he has not only visited the districts but also held discussion with government officials as well as trader bodies. Sonowal moreover said that the health department with a view to deal with any eventuality arising out of coronavirus outbreak decided to set up five hospitals at Guwahati, Dibrugarh, Jorhat, Bongaigaon and Silchar.

Chief Minister Sonowal also informed that the Chief Secretary has already been directed to regularly monitor the availability of essential commodities in the districts so that there could be no scarcity of such materials. He said that the state government makes its outmost efforts to provide all needful services to the people at this hour of crisis. He however expressed strong displeasure on various incidences of police attack by common people, who were working day and night in greater public interest. He said that at this

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crucial hour people must cooperate with police and the government would not tolerate any such attack on the police.

Later the Chief Minister also visited Diphu Medical College and Hospital (old block) and inspected the isolation ward and ICU facilities. He also held a discussion with the district administration on its preparedness to deal with COVID-19 outbreak in a meeting held at Diphu Circuit House.

Minister for Hills Areas Development Sum Ronghang, MP Haren Singh Bey, MLA Nomal Momin, CEM of Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council Tuliram Ranghang, DC Mukul Kumar Saikia, Senior Police Officials and Health functionaries were present in the meeting.

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