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Sahitya Monishi Upobon in Morigaon**

**Lays foundation for Middle Assam, Regional Office and Rural Eco Tourism cum Guest
House at Charan beel**

New generation needs to inculcate love for environment: Sonowal

Dispur, September 3: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today inaugurated a bio diversity park named *Sahityarathi Lakhminath Bezbaroa Sahitya Monishi Upobon* at forest office campus of forest range officer at Manipur in Morigaon today.

This bio-diversity park is one such 24 bio diversity parks being set up by the Forest Department across 24 districts under CAMPA scheme. Six parks have already been set up including the one in Morigaon. Each park covering an area of 2 to 3 hectare will be designed to preserve local medicinal plants and other varieties of flora.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Sonowal said that, State government has been making concerted steps to preserve and protect biodiversity and pristine environment as the bio diversity parks being developed in the state are parts of the state's novel agenda of protecting its environment. Referring to State government's commitment to planting 10 crore saplings, Sonowal said that considerable work has been done in this regard. He also urged upon the people of the state to take care of the saplings to contribute to the green coverage of the state.

Sonowal also said, "Human are the biggest degraders of nature. Therefore, his government has been taking steps to instil the spirit of love for environment among the younger generation". He also underlined the need to make new generation aware about the importance of the protecting environment so that the problems like climate change, global warming etc can be addressed to judiciously.

Highlighting Prime Minister Narendra Modi's announcement of Rs. 20 lakh crore stimulus package for reviving COVID 19 hit economy of the country, Sonowal stated that State government has been able to resume the economic activities like plucking tea leaves and other agricultural activities parallelly with its fight against COVID 19 pandemic. He also requested the people of the state to contribute to the State government's endeavour of making Assam Atmanirbhar through increasing local production and promoting vocal for local.

Sonowal also complimented the Health Department for its exemplary services during the pandemic. He at the same time urged upon the people to adhere to COVID 19 safety protocols assiduously so that the rising trend of positive cases of corona virus can be reversed.

He also called upon the people in general not to be panicky as the Health department has wherewithal to control the situation.

Earlier, Chief Minister Sonowal laid the foundation stone for Middle Assam, Regional Office and Rural Eco Tourism cum Guest House of Assam Fisheries Development Corporation Limited at Charan Beel in Morigaon today. Sonowal also distributed saplings among the journalists and eminent citizens on the occasion.

Environment and Forest Minister Parimal Suklabaidya, Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare Pijush Hazarika, Chairman Assam Fisheries Development Corporation Limited Ramakanta Deuri, MLA Roha Dimbeswar Das, MLA Batadrava Angoorlata Deka, Principal Secretary Environment and Forest Avinash Joshi, PCCF AM Singh and a host of dignitaries were present on the occasion.

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