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Sonowal holds interaction with former AASU functionaries

Dispur, March 4: The former functionaries of All Assam Students' Union from Lower Assam districts today interacted with Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal here today and they termed that Chief Minister Sonowal's development initiatives would give a new dimension to the state's growth.

The meeting which was held in a cordial atmosphere where the Chief Minister stated that at present everybody in the state irrespective of their affiliation would like to expedite the rate of development of Assam and he requested all the former AASU functionaries to lend cooperation to the government. Sonowal also said that the present government left no stone unturned to fulfil the aims and objectives of the Assam Agitation. For giving due respect to the sacrifice of the martyrs of Assam Agitation, his government is constructing a Swahid Memorial in Guwahati with a sprawling land measuring 100 bigha. He also said that in the honour of their supreme sacrifice, government has provided Rs. 5 lakh to the next of the kin of the martyrs and Rs. 2 lakh to those who sustained bullet injuries. Though financial support is incomparable in front of the supreme sacrifices of the martyrs, Sonowal said that for implementing Clause VI which is regarded as the heart and soul of the Assam Accord, the high powered committee constituted for the purpose, submitted its report as the State government with the help of the Centre would implement the recommendations of the committee.

Sonowal also said that the Numaligarh Refinery which is thought to be the most important offshoot of Assam Agitation has been revamped with increasing its installed capacity from 3 MMPTA to 9 MMPTA and the uninterrupted functioning of Gas Cracker Project are some of the glaring examples of Narendra Modi led Central Government's intensity for fulfilling all clauses of Assam Accord. He also said that from initiating the steps like laying gas pipeline from Barauni to Guwahati, Narendra Modi government has pumped in Rs. 42 thousand crore in petroleum sector which has so far been the highest in the state after independence. Sonowal also requested the former AASU members to extend their cooperation to the expeditious implementation of all the schemes so that the people at the grassroot level can enjoy their fruits.

Former member of AASU Lower Assam Rabin Das expressed his gratitude to the Chief Minister for sparing his time for interaction with them, which was never done before by any government. The former members also felicitated the Chief Minister.

Industry and Commerce Minister Chandra Mohan Patowary, former Speaker of Assam Legislative Assembly Rajeev Dass, Chief Minister's Media Adviser Hrishikesh Goswami, MLAs Rituporno Baruah, Gurujyoti Das, Angoorlata Deka, former president of AASU, Barpeta district Hemanta Deuri along with others were present during the interaction.

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