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Sonowal takes stock of measures to contain COVID 19 in Karimganj district

Urges upon everybody not to make statement fraught with religious overtones in fight against COVID 19

Dispur, April 8: As a part of his one day tour to Barak Valley, Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today visited Karimganj where the first positive infection of novel corona virus was detected in the state and held a meeting with the Deputy Commissioner and other senior officers to take stock of the measures to prevent and contain COVID 19 infection in the district.

Deputy Commissioner of the district Anbamuthan MP apprised the Chief Minister of the steps the District Administration has put in place to lead capacity building of the district to deal with COVID 19 outbreak and its treatment management. Taking a view on how the district is handling its daily requirements especially during the lock down period, DC briefed the Chief Minister of all the steps the district administration has taken to make available of all essential articles to its residents. Sonowal also reiterated on the need that while people should remain indoor during the lockdown period, there should not be shortfall of any essential commodities. He also asked the DC to ensure that the residents living all across the district should adhere to the advisory given by the health department and other line departments to maintain social distancing. He also asked the Deputy Commissioner to give special care for the tea garden areas and the workers and their family live there.

Minister for Fishery, Excise etc Parimal Suklabaidya, MP Rajdeep Roy, MLAs like Krishnendu Paul, Ajiz Ahmed Khan, Kamalendu Deb Purkayasthya, Bijay Malakar, Bimal Bora, Superintendent of Police and other senior officers of the district were present at the meeting.

Later talking to reporters, Chief Minister Sonowal said that different functionaries of government and non-government organizations have been working day in and day out during the lockdown period across all the 33 districts of the state. He also thanked the journalists for working tirelessly and giving everybody information pertaining to COVID 19. He also said that everybody has to put up a concerted fight to wage a war against corona virus. At this crucial juncture, everybody has to rise above religious affiliations and desist from making any comment fraught with communal overtones. He also warned that if anybody tries to vitiate the environment with communal statement, the law enforcing agency would not hesitate in taking stringent action.

He also thanked the officials from district administration, police administration, health personnel, cleanliness workers and all other officials who are working tirelessly to give a united fight against corona virus.

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