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Appointment letters to 248 differently abled persons distributed

Govt. is fully committed for welfare of the divyangjans: CM

Dispur, Nov 9: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal distributed appointment letters to a total of 248 divyangjans (differently abled persons) who have been recruited in grade III posts in various State government departments in a programme held at Srimanta Sankardev Kalakshetra in Guwahati today. The appointment letter distribution programme was organized by the Social Welfare department.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Sonowal said that the divyangjans are an essential part of our society and the State government is fully committed for their well being. He said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi directed all State governments to take special measures for Welfare of the divyangjans. The Assam government has already launched Deendayal Divyang Sahajya Achoni under which 1.51 lakh differently abled persons were provided Rs. 5000 one time financial assistance last year. Presently all the divyangjans are being provided rupees one thousand each per month, he added.

The Chief Minister also stressed on identifying all differently abled persons in the State so that they could avail the benefit of government schemes. He asked the Social Welfare department to take appropriate steps to identify the divyangjans and urged the society to extend their help in this regard. He hoped that the newly appointed differently abled candidates would work with sincerity and hard work and put their best in improving the image of government service.

Stating that the society must realize the importance of adequate care for pregnant women and new born child for building a healthy nation, the Chief Minister said that there is a need to generate more awareness among people about maternal and new born care. He informed that the State government under Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana provided Rs. 5000 one time financial assistance to 3.54 lakh beneficiaries in the State so far.

Sonowal said that the State government is working with the principle of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas and Sabka Viswas", which aims at inclusive development. He also urged people to join hands with the government and work with humanitarian approach for ensuring equal development for all sections of the society.



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Social Welfare Minister Pramila Rani Brahma while speaking on the occasion said that it was a historic day when such large numbers of divyangjans were given appointment in government service. She lauded the initiative of Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal and said that the government would take steps to fill all vacant posts meant for the divyangjans.

Coinciding the programme, Chief Minister Sonowal distributed unique identity cards to differently abled persons and smart phones to ICDS workers apart from launching a website of the department.

Chief Minister Sonowal also presented awards to several districts for successfully implementing activities related to POSHAN Maah, which was celebrated throughout the country in the month of September. While Darrang, Hailakandi and Udalguri district received two awards each, Dibrugarh, Biswanath, Cachar, Dhubri, Bongaigaon and Goalpara district received one award each.

While Additional Chief Secretary in charge of Social Welfare department Jishnu Barua delivered the welcome speech, the objective of the meeting was explained by Secretary of the department Hemen Das. Devola Devi Das, Director, Social Welfare offered the vote of thanks.

MLAs Sanjay Kishan and Jogen Mohan, Commissioner & Secretary of Social Welfare Department Rupak Kumar Majumder and a host of other dignitaries were also present in the programme.

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