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CM attends Mahila Samaroh in Majuli

Reiterates State government's commitment to bolster state's development through women empowerment

Dispur, February 17: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal said that women are the nucleus on which the entire society revolves. Considering the immense potential of the women the State government has taken several schemes to give a definite dimension and shape to women empowerment.

Speaking at a Mahila Samaroh at Dariapar in Majuli today Chief Minister Sonowal said that realizing the power of women and to utilize their unbridled potential state government has taken several schemes for the welfare of the women. Terming *matri shakti*, *shrestha shakti* (power of mother is supreme), Chief Minister Sonowal said that if the women of the state are brought to the central stage they can contribute immensely to the growth of the state. He therefore urged upon all the women of the state to make good use of all the schemes taken by the State government for women empowerment. The Chief Minister also reiterated State government's commitment to take more women centric schemes for the betterment of the women. He also said that without providing social security to the women Assam cannot progress, therefore, he stated about Kanaklata Mahila Sabalikaran Achoni, Indira Miri Widow Pension Scheme, Aideo Handique Mahila Sanman Achonit etc. to provide social security to the women.

Chief Minister Sonowal also reiterated his government's commitment to the all round development of Majuli. He said that since connectivity is crucial for the development of any area the BJP led government ever since has come to power has been working to develop connectivity of this river island. In this context, Sonowal mentioned about Jorhat-Majuli connecting bridge over the Brahmaputra, the construction work of which would be inaugurated by the Prime Minister on February 18. He also requested the people of Majuli to extend all possible support and assistance for the completion of the project within a stipulated time frame. He said that once the bridge is constructed and dedicated it to the service of the people, it will help Majuli to unearth its hidden potentials. Chief Minister Sonowal also said that State government will continue working for the development of Majuli, so that this river island can transform itself into a model culturally, intellectually, academically, socially and economically.

Chief Minister Sonowal on this occasion presented cheques to the women beneficiaries as a part of Kanaklata Mahila Sabalikaran Achoni. He on this occasion also gifted scooty to the Jivika Sakhi under ASRLM.

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CEM of Deuri Autonomous Council Madhab Deuri, Chairperson of Majuli Zila Parisahd Papu Hazarika Dutta, DC Majuli Bikram Kairi, Director of ASRLM Krishna Baurah and host of other dignitaries were present.

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