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## Sonowal inaugurates Centralized Mid Day Meal Kitchen of Akshaya Patra Foundation

Dispur, January 20: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today inaugurated the Centralized Mid Day Meal Kitchen of Akshaya Patra Foundation at a function held in North Guwahati Kamrup.

It may be noted that the new centralized kitchen has been built on a sprawling 10 bigha of land given by the State government and the fund is provided by Airports Authority of India and is expected to provide lunch to 50 thousand children in Kamrup (Metro) and Kamrup districts. The new facility will replace Akshaya Patra's former kitchen.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Sonowal said that Akshaya Patra Foundation over the years has been providing healthy food to the children across the nation. Terming the children as the forms of God, Sonowal said that satisfaction of children leads to satisfaction of the God. Therefore, Akshaya Patra Foundation has been serving the God through serving his most loved creations that is children. This has set an example with the help of which people of the country will tend to learn the service of the nation through devotion and dedication. He also advocated replication of such initiative throughout the state in all districts.

Chief Minister Sonowal also said that cooked completely through scientific mode, Akshaya Patra Foundation is performing the duties and providing care of a mother to the children. He also thanked Dr. Himanta Biswa Sharma for bringing Akshaya Patra Foundation to Assam.

Speaking on the occasion, Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sharma said that Akshaya Patra Foundation through its dedication has been in position to provide nutritious food to the children which in a way would lead to stronger society. He also said that in Jorhat and Majuli also this programme will be replicated. He also thanked Airports Authority of India for its benevolence.

Vice Chairman, Akshaya Patra Foundation Chanchalapathi Dasa who gave the welcome address said that the foundation would start such programme in Jorhat, Majuli and Tripura. He said that Aksahaya Patra Foundation has been trying to ensure that no children is left out of the school because of hunger.

Regional Executive Director Airports Authority of India M. Suresh also spoke on the occasion. Minister for Aviation Hardeep Singh Puri also spoke on the occasion. President Akshaya Patra Foundation Janardan Dasa and a host of other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

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