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**CM distributes appointment letters to newly recruited forest rangers and
compassionate ground appointees of Environment & Forest Department**

Govt's anti-corruption drives boost people's confidence in administrative machinery: CM

CM urges new rangers to work for bio-diversity preservation

Dispur, September 26: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal distributed appointment letters to the newly recruited forest rangers and appointees on compassionate ground in the Department of Environment and Forest of the State government in a programme held at Srimanta Sankardeva Kalakshetra in Guwahati today. Altogether 50 forest rangers and 34 compassionate ground appointees in grade III and IV posts were given appointment letters today.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Sonowal said that the present State government since the time of assuming office has unleashed an uncompromising and relentless fight against corruption. The government adopted zero tolerance attitude against corruption and carried out massive anti-corruption drives, the Chief Minister said adding that many government officials were arrested and put behind bars on corruption charges in last four years. He said that corruption was prevalent in Assam from earlier times and the present government through its anti corruption campaign tried to weed out this menace from society. As a result of Govt's anti-corruption drives, people's confidence in the administrative machinery has increased significantly, he said.

The Chief Minister said that the government in the most transparent manner conducted recruitment processes and appointed youths purely on merit and competence. Chief Minister Sonowal also urged people to stay away from all forms of corrupt practices and help the government in the anti-corruption campaign.

Further, referring to the recent incident of leak of question paper of recruitment examination for Sub-Inspector in Assam Police, the Chief Minister assured that all culprits would be brought to book. He said that investigation to unearth the nexus that conspired to spoil the recruitment process is on and those who were involved would not be allowed to go unpunished.

Moreover, congratulating the new recruits, Chief Minister Sonowal urged them to work for identifying the true potential and possibilities of the State. He also urged them to work with sincerely to increase forest cover in the State and generate awareness among people living in the border areas of the forest reserves and sanctuaries besides preserving biodiversity.

Chief Minister Sonowal further said that as a result of State government's committed efforts, forest cover in the State increased by 222 sq. km as stated in the latest report of Forest Survey

of India. He also informed that the government in its bid to make Assam a pollution free State planted 8 crore horticultural and medicinal plants in last four years.

Minister of Environment & Forest Parimal Suklabiadya, Chief Minister's Media Advisor Hrishikesh Goswami and Principal Secretary of the department Avinash Joshi also spoke on the occasion.

While PCCF AM Singh delivered the welcome speech, the programme was also attended by several senior officers of the department among others.

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