CM attends lecture series on IoT

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Dispur, December 5: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today attended the Leadership Lecture Series on Internet of Things as the chief guest at Assam Administrative Staff College, Khanapara. The programme was organised by Information Technology Department, Govt of Assam.

Speaking on the occasion Chief Minister Sonowal said that today's world is technology driven and internet plays a very important role in achieving rapid development for any society. Referring to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Digital India campaign the Chief Minister said that the Prime Minister understood the importance of internet at the beginning of his tenure and that is why his visionary initiative of Digital India has brought tangible change in the lives of people cutting across all sections of the society.

The Chief Minister also highlighted Prime Minister Modi's initiatives for youth led development as India has the largest number of youth population in the world and said the the state government is also embarking on a journey to make Guwahati the gateway to South East Asia. To achieve that target internet plays a very vital role in boosting the communication infrastructure of the state and the government is striving to take internet closer to the people living in villages and remote areas so that they can derive benefits from these development initiatives, he informed.

The Chief Minister hoped that the lectures delivered by the experts at this Leadership Lecture Series would go a long way in making the state government officials aware about the power of internet and new technologies like Internet of Things. The knowledge gained by the state government officials at this programme must be utilised to bring positive change in the lives of underprivileged and poor people, he said. Sonowal also emphasised on the need to highlight the state's potential at the global stage through internet.

Minister of Information Technology Department Keshab Mahanta, Principal Secretary of Information Technology Department Neeraj Verma, eminent resource persons such as Rajesh Kumar from Microsoft, Latha Raaj form IBM, Abhik Sarkar form Indian School of Business, Amitabha Guhathakurta were also present at the programme.

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