

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## CM visits 33<sup>rd</sup> Guwahati Book Fair

The increased footfall at the Book Fair positive sign for society: CM

**Dispur, Jan 8**: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today visited the 33<sup>rd</sup> Guwahati Book Fair at the Assam Engineering Institute Playground at Chandmari in the city. He interacted with the book lovers at the stalls, including the one put up by Janasanyog Assam, in the book fair and purchased several books.

Talking to the newsmen present there, Sonowal said that increased footfall of book lovers at the book fair is a positive sign for the intellectual aspect of the state and he urged the people to sustain this festival like environment for the intellectual growth of the society. He also thanked the people of Assam for their role in maintaining peace and harmony in the last four and half years and informed that more such book fairs would be organised in different parts of the state for bringing about an intellectual resurgence.

The Chief Minister, while visiting the stalls put up by Assam Publication Board and Directorate of Information and Public Relations, interacted with the officials of those departments and Sonowal expressed happiness after being informed by Assam Publication Board that books worth more than Rs 8 crore were sold at the fair till Friday.

Media Adviser to the Chief Minister Hrishikesh Goswami, Commissioner and Secretary Preetam Saikia, DIPR Anupam Choudhury, Secretary of Publication Board Pramod Kalita were also present during the Chief Minister's visit.

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