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Sonowal inaugurates State Data Centre

Asks IT Department to use Data Centre to trigger Assam's development

Digital India Programme leads to transparency in governance: CM

Dispur, February 13: In a move to establish a robust infrastructure to enable the government to deliver its utility services quickly and effectively to its stakeholders, Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated State Data Centre at the Directorate of Information Technology in the Janata Bhawan campus here today.

It may be noted that the State Data Centre was designed and inaugurated to connect the Centre to the State Wide Area Network to provide access to the e-Governance applications and services to government employees through internet and to the citizens through public internet. The Centre was also designed to consolidate its services, applications and infrastructure to provide efficient electronic delivery to G2G, G2C and G2B services.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Sonowal while thanking the IT department and Assam Electronics Development Corporation Limited (AMTRON) for taking the lead in designing the State Data Centre asked them to use the Centre as a springboard to catapult state's growth. He said that the Data Centre should be used to advance the agenda of Digital India Programme and expedite the development agenda of the state. He also said that Data centre should also be used to the convenience of the public in general.

While speaking on Narendra Modi's Digital India Programme, Sonowal said that the programme was launched to lend transparency and wipe out corruption from the system. He also said that in the history of Independent India for the first-time steps were taken to transfer the government benefits digitally to do away with the 'menace of middle men'. He, therefore, expressed his gratitude to Prime Minister Modi for envisaging and implementing Digital India Programme which created the foundations of transparent India. He also hoped that the State Data Centre inaugurated would also help in lending transparency and speed for the growth of the state.

Chief Minister Sonowal on the occasion also asked AMTRON to give rise to a maintenance legacy for the State Data Centre and use it extensively to the benefits and welfare of all sections of the people of the state.

Science and Technology, Information Technology Minister Keshab Mahanta while speaking on the occasion gave an overview of the State Data Centre and spoke how the Centre and its applications can be used for the development of the state.

Additional Chief Secretary IT Syedain Abassi gave the welcome address of the programme which was also addressed by Chairman of AMTRON and MLA West Guwahati Ramendra Narayan Kalita and Managing Director AMTRON MK Yadav.

Chief Minister's Media Advisor Hrishikesh Goswami, Legal Advisor Santanu Bharali, Commissioner and Secretary IT Siddhartha Singh and host of other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

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