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**CM appreciates various depts for safely bringing 2 lakh people back to Assam**

**Team spirit and dedication have made this Himalayan task possible: CM**

**Dispur, June 2:** Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today appreciated the role played by various departments of the state government in safely bringing 2 lakh 29 thousand people back to Assam who were stranded at various places of the country due to COVID-19 lockdown. He said that due to the untiring efforts of the officials of departments like health, police, transport etc in providing round the clock service and team spirit among the departments, state government has been able to perform the humongous task of bringing such a large number of people back home without any hiccup.

The chief minister said this while addressing the media after he took a review of the transportation status of state's people carried out by the departments at the COVID-19 War Room set up at Assam Skill Development Mission (ASDM) office in the city.

During the meeting, the Chief Minister said that COVID-19 had also shown the strength of the state in managing and overcoming a challenge posed by the deadly virus and said that it was a unique situation as nobody faced such a problem in their lifetimes. He was apprised about the steps taken by the state government to send the people of all other Northeastern states by buses who have come back by various modes to Guwahati for their onward journey to their home states. The Chief Minister stressed on the need to send the people home as a measure to strengthen the bond of unity among the NE states.

The Chief Minister was apprised that a total of 585 people from countries like Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh have come back to state by bus till now and direct flights would bring back people to state from countries like Kuwait, Russia, Ukraine etc. Assam's people from places such as USA, Canada, North America, Africa, Western Europe etc have also contacted for coming back home and they would be arriving in a phased manner, he was informed.

Police and Transport Departments were also directed by the Chief Minister to document this gigantic exercise of bringing stranded people back and make a short film on it so that future administrators can take inspiration for fighting challenges.

The Chief Minister also launched a digital portal named 'Sudakhya' of ASDM and said that this portal would be a big help in identifying skill sets of returning people and finding employment opportunities for them. The returnees between the age of 18 to 40 years would be able to register themselves in the web portal who would then be provided skill training according to their present skill sets. After the successful completion of the training, ASDM

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would facilitate bank loans for the trainees for setting up enterprises and for finding self employment opportunities.

The Chief Minister said that state government was looking at agriculture and allied sectors such as piggery, goatery, fishery etc for absorption of returning manpower and he said that young entrepreneurs would be encouraged to set up businesses and provide employment to others.

Industries and Commerce Minister Chandra Mohan Patowary also addressed the media on the occasion and said that state government was making all efforts to bring the state's economy back on track after the COVID-19 lockdown. He hoped for accelerated growth in the coming days through strategic interventions in different sectors.

DGP Bhaskarjyoti Mahanta, Additional Director General of Police (Law & Order) GP Singh MD ASDM Anand Prakash Tiwari were present in the meeting along with other top officials.

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