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CM attends workshop of Tea Garden Beneficiary Selection Committee

**Honest and dedicated efforts needed for proper implementation of welfare schemes:
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Dispur, November 9: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today attended the workshop of Chairpersons of Sub-Divisional Beneficiary Selection Committees on departmental schemes organised by Tea Tribes Welfare Department, Government of Assam at Assam Administrative Staff College.

Saying that honest efforts were required to properly implement the welfare schemes meant for tea tribes community, Chief Minister Sonowal urged the Chairpersons of Sub-Divisional Beneficiary Selection Committees to make the community members aware about different schemes launched by State and Central Governments for enabling them to take advantage.

He also said that young generation of the tea garden population aspired for better opportunities in life and the Government is committed to support them. He also highlighted Prime Minister Narendra Modi's initiatives to make the country's population fit and healthy through programmes like Fit India Movement and tea garden community must also maintain hygiene and cleanliness for reducing diseases.

Saying that 36 lakh toilets had been built in Assam by the present state government, Sonowal underlined the massive exercise of 8 lakh bank accounts opening of tea tribes community in the aftermath of demonetisation drive launched by Prime Minister Modi in November 2017.

He also informed about the measures taken by both central and state governments for pregnant women of tea tribes community like Matru Vandana Yojna, Wage Compensation scheme of Rs 12,000 for pregnant women of tea tribe community etc.

Calling on the Chairpersons of the Committees to spread information about the all welfare schemes in the tea gardens with the help of line sardars who had been provided with mobile phones by state government, Sonowal urged the Chairpersons to make themselves known to each and every tea tribe community member in their locality through frequent visits.

He also directed Commissioner and Secretary of Tea Tribes Welfare Department to prepare an encyclopaedia about demographic pattern of tea community for rightly identifying their issues and problems. He also assured of looking into the matter of



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relaxing the criteria of providing income certificate for merit based scholarships to students of the community.

MP Pallab Lochan Das, Rajya Sabha MP Kamakhya Prasad Tasa along with top officials of Tea Tribes Welfare Department were present in the workshop among others.

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