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**Sonowal takes stock of the progress of Jal Jeevan Mission**

**Govt is committed to transform Assam as Har Ghar Jal Rajya by 2024: CM**

**Dispur, Sept 11:** Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal said that the State government is committed to provide Har Ghar Jal (water in all households) and become a Har Ghar Jal Rajya by 2024. He, therefore, asked implementing agency of Jal Jeevan Mission to dedicate itself to create infrastructure to achieve the target.

Chairing a meeting of Jal Jeevan Mission at Assam Administrative Staff College here today, Chief Minister Sonowal said that Jal Jeevan Mission is intrinsically linked to Swachh Bharat Abhiyan because without water neither health nor hygiene is possible. He, there, said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, State government has ventured itself in providing functional household tap connection to all the targeted beneficiaries in the state by state stipulated time.

Chief Minister Sonowal asked Additional Chief Secretary PHE Syedain Abbasi to mobilize the entire machinery of the state meant for Jal Jeevan Mission and work astutely to create a dedicated infrastructure for the mission to reach its meaningful and logical conclusion. He also asked him and his team to work so that targets set for each year is met.

Considering the presence of arsenic in some pockets of the districts of the state, Chief Minister Sonowal stressed on the need of taking adequate scientific steps for taking corrective measures of giving arsenic free water under the mission. Referring to the COVID 19 pandemic, Sonowal said that there is an urgent need for the pandemic to coexist with development initiatives so that novel Coronavirus cannot become a hurdle for development. He also asked the Mission functionaries to complete all the modalities by December this year so at least 40 lakh households can be covered by the next year.

Minister for Public Health Engineering Rihon Daimari, Chief Secretary Kumar Sanjay Krishna, Additional Chief Secretary Syedain Abbasi, Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister Sanjay Lohiya and other senior functionaries associated with the Mission were present in the meeting.

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