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CM holds telephone conference with Professors of Varsities

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Dispur, May 3: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today held a telephonic conference with the professors and associate professors of different universities of the state and sought their views and opinions regarding the prevailing situation in consideration of COVID-19 pandemic.

“Every crisis brings opportunity with it and we must consider this difficult phase as an opportunity to build a new Assam by identifying our inherent strengths. Teachers are seen as the guides of the society and to break the stagnation brought by COVID-19 and revive the socio-economic condition of the state, the suggestion offered by professors of universities would go a long way in formulating future action plans.” the Chief Minister said.

Thanking the teachers and students of universities for their cooperation in making the both phases of lockdown successful, the Chief Minister called for their support in the extended period of lockdown as well and sought their active participation in making the people aware about the observance of COVID-19 health and hygiene protocols. Teachers occupy a special place in the society and hence, their role in spreading the right information regarding social distancing, hand washing etc was very crucial, he said.

Saying that students’ learning process had been affected by the lockdown, Sonowal underlined the role of teachers in the present scenario through increased use of technology as alternative to classroom teaching methods. He called on the university teachers to devise a strategy to teach those students in rural areas who do not have access to internet connection or smartphones while at the same time maintaining social distancing norms.

During these difficult times, it was important for the university teachers to keep the students motivated by keeping in close touch with them through telephone or social media and providing them necessary academic guidance, he said. The Chief Minister also took various suggestions from university professors about preparing the future framework for continuing educational development in the state and they also apprised the Chief Minister about the ways students have been taught during the lockdown. The teachers also thanked the Chief Minister for taking timely and swift action by the State Government to contain COVID-19 outbreak in the state.

Notably, 2645 professors and associate professors of 11 universities of the state participated in the telephonic conference today.

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