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**CM attends the programme for inclusion of beneficiaries at Chariduar**

**Sonowal stresses on the need for self employment to boost rural economy**

**Dispur, July 16:** “The self reliability revolution initiated by the youths of Sootea constituency has not only increased their self respect but has also contributed to the economic growth of the state by facilitating a conducive environment through mass awakening. This will inspire Assam’s youth to explore self employment opportunities and encourage them to strive for economic development. The journey started by the 2000 young people today towards self reliance would be able to show the right path to the youth of the state to achieve economic development. The state government would extend all cooperation in making such initiatives successful.” Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today said while speaking at the function for inclusion of individual beneficiaries under the state government scheme at Chariduar in Sonitpur district.

Saying that no race could aspire to achieve success without a thriving work culture, the chief minister urged the youth of the state to emulate the example of states like Rajasthan where agricultural progress was being achieved despite barren lands and scarce water resources. Following the ideals of hardwork propagated by icons like Jyotiprasad Agarwala, the youths must strive to increase agricultural production taking advantage of Assam’s fertile farming lands. The mass awakening achieved for economic development by the SHG members of Sootea under the leadership of MLA Padma Hazarika must be emulated by other groups in rest of the state, he opined.

Referring to Act East Policy implemented by the central government, Sonowal said there was a larger market available for the products of the state in the entire South East Asia and BBN region with a population of 80 million people and he urged the youth of the state to strive for achieving increase in agricultural production.

Sootea MLA Padma Hazarika explained how self reliance was achieved by the beneficiaries while P&RD Minister Naba Kumar Doley, Tezpur MP Pallab Lochan Das also spoke on the occasion. Media Adviser to the Chief Minister Hrishikesh Goswami was also present at the programme among other dignitaries.

Later, the chief minister also inaugurated a gamosa and traditional attire manufacturing industry set up by Kanayaka at Chariduar. He also interacted with the weavers of the industry.

Inaugurating the industry, Sonowal said that Mahatma Gandhi once remarked that Assam’s weavers could weave dreams in their looms and it highlighted the skill and talent of the state’s weavers. He also urged the state’s weavers to increase the production of gamosa for

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stopping the import of the item from other states and he assured of all help from state government in strengthening the industry.

The chief minister also ceremonially launched a website of Kanayaka in today's programme.

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