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Sonowal inaugurates Mission Assam QualiTea
Distributes cheques under new plantation scheme 2018-19

Dispur, February 27: Chief Minister Sarbandna Sonowal inaugurated Training of Small Tea Growers on Tea Quality titled 'Mission Assam QualiTea' at a function held at Assam Agricultural University in Jorhat today. He also distributed cheques to Small tea growers under new plantation scheme 2018-19 at the same programme.

It may be noted that since 2016-17 as per budgetary promise, State government has been giving financial incentives to small tea growers under new plantation scheme. Rs. 5000 is given for every bigha of land with higherst allocation for a land of 20 bigha. In first pahse 3397 tea growers were benefitted and in the second phase which has been launched today a total of 1099 tea growers will be benefitted.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Sonowal said that since taking over the reign of power in 2016 State government has taken several welfare schemes for the equal development of all sections of the people of the state in all 33 districts. For transforming Assam into a front ranking state the small tea growers must work dedicatedly to produce quality tea to capture world market. Stating that the 200 year old tea industry of late has faced tremendous challenges Chief Minister Sonowal has asked the tea growers to improve quality of tea using the latest technology. He also appealed to the small tea growers not to confine themselves within the four boundaries of the state and venture into the world to showcase their class and supremacy. The present State government hiked the allocation for every bigha of land from Rs. 1 thousand to five thousand per bigha, setting up of Small Tea Grower's Office at Jorhat and allocation of Rs. 1 crore for the same are some of the steps that were taken for the promotion of small tea growers.

Commerece and Industry Minsiter Chandra Mohan Patowary who also spoke on the occasion said that considering the immense role played by small tea growers, the present State government has taken this revolutionary steps for empowering small tea growers.

Minister of State (i/c) for Power Topon Kumar Gogoi also spoke on the occasion. MP Kamakhya Prasad Tasa, Director Toklai Tea Research Centre Anup Kumar Baruah, President of All Assam Small Tea Growers Association Rajen Bora, also spoke on the occasion. MLAs Jogen Mohan, Kushal Duori, and a host of other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

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