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Sonowal presents State Science Awards

Science and Technology to be force multiplier in state's human resource development: CM

Dispur, March 5: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal said that considering the vast human resources available in the state, State government is drawing a roadmap for judiciously using science and technology as force multiplier for state's human resource development.

Speaking on the occasion of the State Level Function of National Science Day 2019 at Assam Administrative College here today, Chief Minister Sonowal said that for a prudent utilization of the State's verdant human resources an optimum use of technological solutions can go a long way in achieving the desired results. He also said, "Science gives us light and in search of light we should all seek the knowledge of science".

Referring to the theme of this year's Science Day which is 'Science for people and people for science', Chief Minister Sonowal stressed on the need for taking science nearer to the people so that people in general generates love for it (science). He also said that his government ever since has come to power has taken several steps for popularizing science. He also said that State government has introduced science stream in several government schools across the state for enabling students to pursue science in their higher secondary level. He also said State government considers it to be its fundamental duty to popularize science and find out solutions to several problems using science and technology.

He also said that science can play an important role in State government's pursuit of skill development. He also informed that science and technology combined with skill based training can help the state in churning its human resources and catapulting the growth of the state at a never before speed. He also declared that for the promotion of science and technology entire state has been divided into five zones and representatives from each zone will be sent to exposure tours and the cost will be borne by the government.

Chief Minister Sonowal synchronizing with the occasion also presented State Science Awards. He presented Life Time Award to Climate Scientist of international repute who is known for his discovery of the 'Indian Ocean Dipole Mode' Dr. Bhupendra Nath Goswami, Young Scientist Award to Dr. Manashita Borah, an Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering of Tezpur University who was chosen for her contribution in the field of biomedical implementation, automated waste water treatment, etc. The CSIR-North East Institute of Science and Technology (formerly RRL-Jorhat) has been chosen for the award of the Best Scientific Organisation for promotion of science and technology for the benefit of society.

Chief Secretary Alak Kumar, Director of Assam Science Technology and Environment Council Dr. Arup Kumar Misra also spoke on the occasion.

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