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CM Reviews Science and Technology and IT Departments

Science must be taken closer to people: CM

Dispur, July 11: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today reviewed the Science and Technology and Information Technology Departments at his conference room at Janata Bhawan and discussed various issues pertaining to the function of these departments.

Saying that science and technology must be taken closer to the people for inculcating scientific temperament among the masses, chief minister Sarbananda Sonowal instructed the Science and Technology Department to involve parents and school teachers to instil scientific temperament in the children for removing superstitious beliefs from the society. Parents and teachers must take responsibility for nurturing the children with a scientific thinking process for making them change agents for the future, he said.

Stressing the need to make the young generation aware about the bio-diversity richness of the state and encourage them to sustain the environment along with flora and fauna, Sonowal urged the officials of Science and Technology Department to undertake awareness programmes at the grassroots. He also appreciated the innovations like setting up of solar cold storages of 5 metric tonne at Bongaigaon and Udalguri districts by the department and urged them build more such facilities for the farmers of the state.

Assuring of providing subsidy for the cold storage projects from Chief Minister Samagra Gramya Unnayan Yojna, the chief minister called on the Science and Technology Department to organise interactive sessions for the progressive farmers of the state with scientists and innovators for adopting latest technologies in farming. He also called for increasing usage of floating spv power plants for power generation.

The chief minister also instructed the Information and Technology Department to expedite the implementation of State Cyber Security Policy and the importance of inclusion social media usage guideline in the Policy was also discussed. Process of inviting bids for setting up village knowledge centres, status of Assam Fibernet Project, digitisation of pensioners' data, employment generation for state's youth in the science and technology sector were some of the other issues that came up for discussion in the meeting.

Minister for Science and Technology Keshab Mahanta, Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister Sanjay Lohia, Secretary of Information and Technology Department Vinod Seshan, MD AMTRON M.K Yadav were also present in the among others.

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