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**CM reviews functioning of Assam Skill Development Mission**

**Country's first ITI for Divyang at Dibrugarh to start from 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

**Dispur, August 30:** Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today reviewed the functioning of Assam Skill Development Mission and the Directorate of Employment and Craftsmen Training at his conference room at Janata Bhawan.

Stressing on the need of imparting soft skills to youths of the state along with other skills, the Chief Minister said that lack of liasioning skills hampered the career prospects of the state's youth as they faced problems in acquiring necessary finances for starting their enterprises after skill training. Ability to express oneself adequately and in a convincing manner was an important trait in finding better opportunities in life, he asserted.

Instructing the Directorate of Employment and Craftsmen Training to take steps to start the classes in the ITI for Divyang at Barbarua, Dibrugarh on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2019 coinciding with International Day of Disabled Persons, the chief minister said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi central government was giving a lot of emphasis on the all round development of Divyangs and the first ITI for Divyangs in India at Barbarua would be a shining example of state government's commitment to the cause.

Emphasising on the importance of ensuring dignity of labour for skilled workers, Sonowal said that unless respect was not given to fitters, masons, plumbers and other such skilled workers than youth would not come forward to receive skill training in the skill development centres set up by the government. He also said that farmers needed to be given respect for bringing agricultural development in the state. He also suggested changing of nomenclature of skilled jobs to make them appealing for the youth.

Asking the Assam Skill Development Mission to aggressively target finding placement for 2 lakh skilled youths by 2019-20, the chief minister directed for renovating the Employment Exchanges in the state to make them appealing to the youth and present a fresh image. He also said that civil aviation sector in the country was growing at a fast pace and skilled manpower was needed to support the growth.

Media Adviser to the Chief Minister Hrishikesh Goswami, Legal Adviser to the Chief Minister Shantanu Bharali, Commissioner and Secretary of Skill, Employment and Entrepreneurship Department Ashutosh Agnihotri, Mission Director of Assam Skill Development Mission A.P Tiwari, Director of Employment and Craftsmen Training Mrigesh Narayan Barua were also present in the meeting.

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