

Sonowal reiterates commitment to tea community

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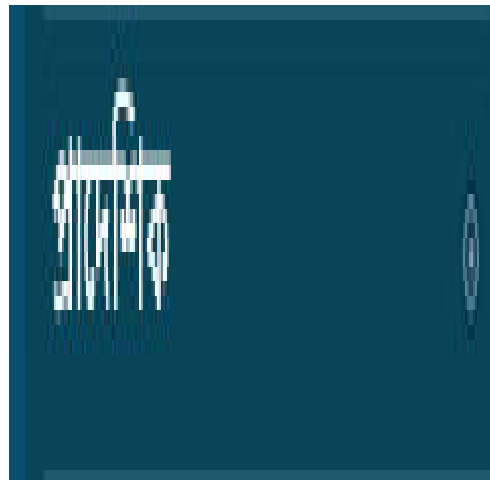
DIBRUGARH, Oct 3: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal on Monday reiterated his government's commitment to work for economic and social security of the tea community including the small tea growers, as they constitute a sizeable human resource which can be exploited for giving impetus to the development of the State. Speaking at the 20th Annual General Conference of All Assam Small Tea Growers Association at DDR College, Chabua on Monday, Sonowal said the State government is committed to bolster all-round development of the tea community including small tea growers. Calling upon them to work hard to stimulate development of the State, Sonowal said even the State government is also working to create a conducive atmosphere so that the tea tribe community can work to their optimum potential. Lauding small tea growers for their role in the State's economy, the Chief Minister pointed out that out of the total tea production in Assam, 50 per cent is contributed by small tea growers. "The government will take steps so that small tea growers get the right price for their produce," he said.

Acknowledging the contribution of small tea growers, Sonowal announced that the government would give Rs 1 crore for the ongoing construction of STG Head Office at Jorhat.

The Chief Minister also stressed on setting up more organic industries in Assam as it can carve a niche in the growth trajectory of the country through organic endeavour.

State Industry Minister Chandra Mohan Patowary, Labour Minister Pallav Lochan Das, MP Rameswar Teli, Dibrugarh MLA Prashanta Phukan, Lahowal MLA Rituparna Baruah, Chabua MLA Binod Hazarika, Tinsukia MLA Sanjay Kishan, Tingkhong MLA Bimal Bora and Dulaijan MLA Teros Guwala were also present in the felicitation programme.

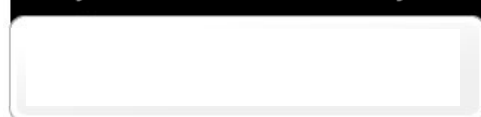
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