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Assam Governor interacts with Farmers, Artisans, Weavers, and Entrepreneurs of BTR at CIT

## Requests them to contribute to the journey of self-reliant Assam and BTR

**Guwahati, February 17:** Assam Governor Shri Lakshman Prasad Acharya who was in Kokrajhar to address the historic Assam Assembly Session for the first time held outside Guwhati in Kokrajhar on Sunday held an interactive meeting with farmers, artisans, weavers, and entrepreneurs at the Central Institute of Technology on Sunday in Kokrajhar.

Governor Shri Acharya lauded the individuals for their remarkable contributions in the fields of weaving, entrepreneurship, and organic farming. He said that their contribution towards the prosperity in agriculture and allied sectors plays a vital role in the economic development of Assam.

Highlighting India's rich heritage which is predominantly an agrarian economy with adequate emphasis on micro and small enterprising activities, the Governor said the role and services rendered by the farmers, weavers, artisans and entrepreneurs for making the state and BTR self-reliant has been exceptional. He also asked them to become role model to the next generation entrepreneurs to enable Assam and BTR curve a niche in the entrepreneurial ecosystem in the country.

The Governor also underscored the relentless efforts of the Central Government, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, along with the State and Council Governments, in supporting farmers through various welfare schemes. He asked everyone to take advantage of these initiatives to establish themselves as role model in the sector. Encouraging sustainable agricultural practices, he stressed that organic and systematic farming have the potential to transform farmers into employment generators. Shri Acharya, therefore, called upon all present to inspire others to take up modern farming like natural farming and climate resilience crop cultivation to ensure greater self-reliance and growth.

Moreover, the Governor appealed to everyone to listen to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Mann Ki Baat, describing it as a source of inspiration that offers new ideas to enhance their standard of living.

As part of the event, the Governor ceremoniously handed over essential goods to the District Commissioner of Kokrajhar under the Governor Assam Amrit Sarovar Sadbhavna Sangat Protsahan Yojana for him to hand over the same to the beneficiaries.

The program was attended by BTC Chief Executive Member Pramod Boro, Principal Secretary BTC Akashdeep, Padma Shri Awardee Dr. Mangal Singh Hazowary, and Dr. Anil Kumar Boro and a host of other dignitaries.

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