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### Govt to set up Farmers' Development Corporation



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Assam government is mulling setting up a Farmers' Development Corporation and Rs 1,000 crore will be allocated for taking up various farmers' oriented schemes.

Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi said during an interactive programme with 100 farmers from different parts of the state on Friday.

Gogoi said that his government has all along been giving emphasis on the agriculture sector and has taken up a slew of schemes aimed at raising the income of the farmers.

“Ours is an agrarian economy and the development of the state hinges on agriculture and allied sectors. That is why our government has accorded top priority to the agriculture sector and has taken up a slew of schemes towards this end,” he added.

The chief (/taxonomy/term/2020) minister while declaring 2015 as ‘Year (/taxonomy/term/2063) of Agriculture’ said the government has put emphasis on farm mechanisation and the farmers have to adopt modern farming to raise the agriculture production, thus boosting their income.

Gogoi said the government would provide assistance to farmers who have done exceedingly well in their respective fields and asked the Agriculture Department to draw a list of 100 selected farmers.

Speaking on the occasion, minister for agriculture, Rakibul Hussain, said the thrust of his department is to shift from single to multiple cropping in a year to augment the income of the farmers. Hussain said his department has already initiated the process for timely distribution of potato seeds from October this year.

Listing out the achievements on the agriculture front, Hussain said the State has attained self-sufficiency in rice production in 2010 and has done well in production of pulses.

The minister said the concept of an interactive programme with the Chief Minister is a unique one aimed at giving the farmers the recognition they richly deserve as well as giving them the opportunity to share the problems afflicting them.

Later, the chief (/taxonomy/term/2020) minister released a crop (/taxonomy/term/2070) calendar wherein vital inputs are being provided as to what crops must be sowed throughout the year. Gogoi also had light refreshments with the farmers and exchanged pleasantries with them. The farmers also presented vegetables sowed in their fields to the Chief (/taxonomy/term/2020) Minister.



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