

# *Sonowal seeks investors' cooperation for success of Global Investors' Summit*

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**GUWAHATI, Nov 14:** Assam chief minister Sarbananda Sonowal said that the state government has been in constant touch with the Centre for opening Consulates of 10 ASEAN countries in Guwahati to ease connectivity with those countries from Guwahati.

Speaking at an interactive programme with the industrialists of Assam and other parts of the country at Assam Administrative Staff College in Guwahati on Tuesday to elicit suggestions from the industry fraternity before the upcoming Global Investors' Summit to be held in Guwahati on February 3 and 4, 2018, Sonowal said that in view of the Act East Policy the foreign consulates in Guwahati would augur well in spearheading a new paradigm of development in Northeast.

Sonowal also said that considering the huge population of 10 ASEAN countries along with Assam which stand at nearly 80 crore, a good network of connectivity between Assam with other

ASEAN countries would open up new doors of business between South East Asian Nations and Northeast. He said that the new Act East Policy has given impetus to development of the region and the state government is striving for rapid industrialisation and a good network of air connectivity coupled with roadways and waterways would make Guwahati a hub of business. Notably, the proposed Global Investors' Summit titled Advantage Assam- India's Expressway to ASEAN has been envisaged for promoting investment in potential sectors in the state. Sonowal said that with the help of science and technology the state government vowed to embark on a journey to bring back business confidence and revive the investment cycle in the state. He sought the support of all the investors, entrepreneurs and industry players to make the upcoming Investors' Summit a grand success.

“Our state's core strength lies in its vast natural resources, human resources and *(Contd on pg-2)*