

Sonowal woos investors in Kolkata, launches roadshow

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KOLKATA, Nov 27: As a prelude to the first ever Global Investors' Summit slated to be held at Guwahati in February next year, Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today launched a road show at a city hotel in Kolkata to elicit participation from industrialists and prospective investors.

Business delegates from as many as 60 countries across the world participated in the event which was organised to present the inherent potential, prosperities and possibilities of Assam. A powerpoint presentation

was given to make the foreign industrialists aware of Assam and the business opportunities and geo-strategic location that the State enjoys to become the gateway to the ten South East Asian countries. As part of the global investors' summit, Chief Minister Sonowal held one-to-one discussion with industrialists and investors to woo investments in the State.

The business-to-business discussion was held in a congenial atmosphere where Sonowal apprised the industrialists of the State's turnaround to a growing economy, with the prom-



ise to expedite economic growth potential to social empowerment. The Chief Minister drew the attention of the investors to Assam's pro-business and investment-friendly climate like ease of doing business and creation of land bank for development of industries etc. Seeking to infuse confidence among investors, Sonowal informed them that ever since the new dispensation came to power in Assam, there has been accumulated investment to the tune of Rs 6,500 crore in the State.

The discussion specifically fo-

cussed on sectoral developments with special emphasis on tea, food processing, handloom and textile, tourism and hospitality, health, agriculture and allied industries, bamboo, jute, plastic industries etc. Sonowal also said that the law and order situation in the State has improved considerably which is conducive to investment. He also said that he had requested the Union Civil Aviation Ministry to extend the ambit of UDAN scheme so that flight connectivity between Assam with other ASEAN countries in-

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