

## Stress on technological advancement



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Assam education minister Sarat Borkataky has called for having grassroots-[level](#) innovation in technology to help solve real local problems in a meaningful manner.

Addressing a function in Guwahati on Friday, he said to make the [state](#) an enterprising one, every household must adopt and use technology. He said there is a dire need for grassroots-[level](#) innovation in technology that will help solve real local problems in a meaningful manner. The exposition aims at enabling and empowering the Northeast through information and communication technology.

Borkataky said the [state](#) was ready for the next IT revolution with large number of private engineering colleges along with the existing government engineering colleges that have come up during last [10](#) years.

In his speech, forest minister Atuwa [Munda](#) dwelt at length the benefits of IT in forest department. He said the forest department uses GPS and camera trapping methods to track and monitor wildlife.

Parliamentary secretary Mansing Rongpi said IT is a necessity and not a luxury and is relevant to areas in Northeast where there is no connectivity in far flung areas.

BJP [leader](#) Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma said that it was high time for the region to join hands instead of squabbling [over](#) petty issues to become a vibrant economic zone.

The legends comprised Pradip Kumar Sarmah, founder of Rickshaw Bank, from Assam, Hekani Jakhalu, lawyer turned social worker from [Nagaland](#); Ragesh Keisham, founder of CC Team, for empowering people of his [state Manipur](#) and Anwaruddin Choudhury, Lalthanzami, a survivor of domestic violence who now runs safe homes for women in Mizoram; H.H. Mate from [Manipur](#), for contribution to literature,

education, science and social work; Charles Born Rapthap, for showing the way for horticulture farmers in a [Meghalaya](#) hamlet, Birubala Rabha, a crusader [against](#) witch hunting in Assam, Chandrakanta Murasingh, a poet who contributed to the development of Kokborok language, of [Tripura](#); Chekrovolu Swuro, Arjuna awardee archer from [Nagaland](#); Tapi Mra, first Everester from [Arunachal](#) Pradesh and Madhusudan [Das](#), an artist who works with street children and prisoners, from Assam.

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