

6th plan boon for Assam youth

By Our Correspondent

GAUHATI, November 11: The Assam government proposes to take up a large-scale programme for training young people in various technical trades, to meet the manpower requirements of industrial units to be set up under the sixth plan.

Under the plan, Rs. 21.5 crores have been allocated for industrial development. The outlay for 1981-82 is Rs. 1.82 crores, including Rs. 21 lakhs for industrial development in the hill areas.

The Assam Industrial Development Corporation (AIDC) has prepared project reports in regard to the establishment of several industrial units during the plan period (1981-85). The Assam-Petro Chemicals Ltd., a state government undertaking, proposes to set up an additional methanol plant.

Two spinning mills, each with 25,000 spindles, will be set up to make use of the production of a polyester fibre plant being put up at Bongaigaon. The plant, with a production capacity of 30,000 tonnes of fibre a year, is expected to go into production next year.

Among other major industrial units to be set up in plan years are drug manufacturing unit, a cigarette-making unit, a brewery, a handloom and powerloom weaving complex, and textile and leather processing units.

AASU condition to attend talks

GAUHATI, November 11 (PTI): The All-Assam Students' Union today decided to participate in the next round of talks with the Centre on the foreigners issue provided the discussions are held in Gauhati.

This was the consensus at the meeting of the executive, which reviewed the situation following the denial of permission for holding a public rally by Assam agitation leaders here yesterday.

The executive also decided to request the Central officials to have the talks on November 20 and 21, Mr. Brighu Kumar Phukan, AASU general secretary, told PTI here.

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