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Chief Minister Dr. Sarma pays rich tributes to Lokapriya Gopinath Bordoloi on his death anniversary

State celebrates Karmachari Divas on Bharat Ratna Lokapriya Gopinath Bordoloi's death anniversary

Dispur, August 5: Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma today paid rich tributes to the first Chief Minister of Assam Bharat Ratna Gopinath Bordoloi on his 71st death anniversary at a programme organised at his *samadhisthal* here today by Kamrup Metropolitan District administration.

Synchronising with the occasion, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma also took part in an all-faith prayer meeting and remembered the rich contributions of Bharat Ratna Gopinath Bordoloi as an architect of modern Assam.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma said, "Considering the rich contributions of Gopinath Bordoloi, I urge the people of Assam to emulate his ideals and work for building an Assam of his dream. Gopinath Bordoloi played a key role in shaping the state's destiny, therefore, I, bow my head in reverence to this great soul on his 71st death anniversary".

Referring to State Cabinet's decision of honouring Bharat Ratna Gopinath Bordoloi and his great role in protecting Assam and making it an integral part of India and also to keep his legacy alive, Dr. Sarma said that the State is celebrating his death anniversary as 'Karmachari Divas'. He said that Assam would be ever-grateful and indebted to Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi for saving its identity which was about to be lost in the Grouping exercise. It is the humble effort of the government of Assam to honour Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi by observing Karmachari Divas on his death anniversary on August 5, the Chief Minister stated.

It was because of the staller role of Gopinath Borodoloi, Assam was not separated and it remained an integral part of India. He also said that because of COVID 19 pandemic, though as per the decision of the State government, his death anniversary could not be observed in the manner and magnitude that the State government thought of, from the next year the day would be observed in all districts and sub-divisions across the state in a befitting manner and honour the *karmacharis* in recognition to their contribution to public service, the Chief Minister added.

Chief Minister Dr. Sarma on the occasion also announced that in recognition to the immense role of Lokapriya Gopinath Bordoloi, State government will introduce a book at the Higher Secondary level to be compulsorily read by the students.

Principal Secretary to Home and Political Neeraj Verma, son of Lokapriya Gopinath Bordoloi Bolin Bordoloi and his other family members, Deputy Commissioner Kamrup (Metro) Biswajit Pegu and host of other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

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