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CM Dr. Sarma attends closing ceremony of Rising Sun Water Fest 2022

Assam and Meghalaya to work jointly to transform Umiam lake into world class sports and tourist hub: CM

Dispur, November 5: Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma today said that the first ever three day Rising Sun Water Fest 2022 held at Umiam Sports Complex in Meghalaya has taken the water and adventurous sports altogether to a new height.

Speaking at the closing ceremony of the fest at Umiam in Meghalaya today, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma said that the fest has provided a unified platform to different clubs and sports persons to showcase their sporting skills. Thanking the organizer namely Eastern Command of Indian Army, Gajraj Corps and Red Horns Division for organising the fest, Dr. Sarma said that Umiam Lake where the fest held will be transformed into an attractive tourism hub.

The Chief Minister also said that in future also for the promotion and patronization of rowing and other aquatic sports, Assam and Meghalaya will have to take decisive steps. He also said that both the states will have to put in concerted efforts to promote water sports in the region. Seeking Meghalaya Government's support, Dr. Sarma said that the governments of both the states will work hand in hand with the help of the Indian Army to transform Umiam into a world class venue for aquatic sports. He also hoped that with the spread of this fest, the socio-economic and infrastructural development of the region will go to a different level. He also hailed the role of Indian Army on this occasion.

General Officer Commanding in Chief Eastern Command, Lieutenant General Rana Pratap Kalita, Air Officer Commanding in Chief Eastern Air Command Air Marshal Sujeet Pushpakar Dharkar, GOC 4 Corps Lieutenant General D.S. Rana, GOC 21 Mountain Division Major General S. Murugesan and a host of other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

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