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**CM Dr. Sarma attends Purvottar Swabhiman Utsav**

**Remembers freedom fighters and soldiers responsible for freedom and upholding sovereignty of the nation**

**Dispur, November 21:** Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma attended the celebrations of Purvottar Swabhiman Utsav organised by Eastern Command of Indian Army as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav at Sarusajai Sports Complex here today.

It may be noted that the programme was organised to celebrate the contributions of India's Northeast in nation building. This event was also organised to provide a unique opportunity to deliberate on the role played by the NE region for the growth of Indian nationhood and how Northeast is emerging as the driving force to India's rise in the socio-political and economic front in the global landscape. He congratulated the Eastern Command of Indian Army for this remarkable initiative, which aimed at celebrating the contributions of India's Northeast in nation building.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma paid his rich tributes to all the freedom fighters of the region who played a stellar role to lend might to the freedom movement to free the country from the foreign dominion. He also remembered soldiers from the Northeast and the *veer naris* who have always been on their toes to protect the nation and uphold its sovereignty and territorial integrity. He said that the programme like this also helps in exhibiting the spirit of North East and a civil and army fusion.

He on this occasion, also paid his tributes to Lachit Borphukan who is primarily responsible for strengthening the edifice of resilient Assam. On the occasion of the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Veer Lachit Barphukan being celebrated on 24 November, 2022, the Chief Minister appealed to the people of the state to light at least one earthen lamp as a mark of respect and tribute to this great soul.

Chief Minister Arunachal Pradesh Pema Khandu, GoC Eastern Command Indian Army Lieutenant General Rana Pratap Kalita also spoke on the occasion.

Culture and Information Minister Tripura Sushanta Chowdhury, MP Kamakhya Prasad Tasa and host of other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

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