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CM Dr. Sarma announces Inter-District "Swachhata" Competition

CM Announces Results for Inter-Village and Inter-Tea Garden Cleanliness Competition Held at Khumtai Constituency

CM Declares Bortika as Village Micro Wildlife Sanctuary

Khel Moharan to be Held in the State to Hone Sporting Acumen of the Youth: CM

Dispur, March17: In a move aimed at spearheading the practice of cleanliness in the State, Chief Minister Dr. Himanta BiswaSarma said an inter-district Swachhata competition shall be held in the state encompassing all districts. The winning district in the competition shall be awarded a sum of Rs. 100 crores and the same would be utilised for developmental activities of that district.

Announcing this at a function today held at Khumtai constituency in Golaghat district, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma said as a mark of respect towards Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call for *swachhata*, or cleanliness, the inter-district cleanliness competition will be an endeavour to turn Assam one of the cleanest States in the country. He said a blue-print would be created for the smooth conduct of the competition.

It may be noted that Chief Minister Dr. Sarma visited three places of Khumtai constituency to announce results of the inter-village and inter-tea garden cleanliness competition for four Zila Parishad Constituency (ZPC) areas, namely Brahmaputra ZPC, Khumtai ZPC, Kothalguri ZPC and Dakhin Hengera ZPC. As part of the competition, five villages from each ZPC area and three tea gardens were chosen in recognition to their performance in cleanliness quotient. The first position holder village and tea garden are awarded with the amount equivalent to the construction of two kilometres of road, second position holders are awarded with cash prize of Rs. 20 lakh, third position is Rs. 16 lakh, fourth position is Rs. 10 lakh and fifth position is Rs. 6 lakh. Half of the amount will be provided by Member of Legislative Assembly Mrinal Saikia from the local area development fund at his disposal and the remaining half shall be borne by the Government of Assam.

The Chief Minister on the occasion also declared Bortika Area of Khumtai constituency as the village micro wildlife sanctuary and launched a plantation drive of banyan saplings in the area to achieve the government's aim of development in sync with nature.

Speaking on the occasion at three different functions held at Bortika, Adharsatra Senchowa Bapuji High school and Bhalukiting areas in the district, Chief Minister Dr.Sarma said the State government has been working towards creating a green and clean ambience in the State where people are able lead a healthy life. He said by launching a competition on cleanliness, Khumtai in Golaghat district set an example of cleanliness in the state. He said that with the clean villages, Khumtai will also attract visitors for its clean, serene and beautiful views and ambience. He also said that his government is going to introduce a



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programme wherein every village shall earmark a special day to celebrate the village day for which government will provide funds. He also said that every village will organise sports competition and winners in the competition will be participating in district-level competitions. Accordingly, the winners in the district-level competitions shall vie for positions in the state-level competition which will be known as *Khel Moharon*. Similarly, to promote the singing skills of the youth living in the village areas, singing competition, Bihu dance, and other traditional dance competitions will be arranged in the village, district and state level.

Earlier, the Chief Minister interacted with the students of Muhiram Hazarika High School. Talking to the bright students of the school and seeing their level of knowledge, Dr. Sarma expressed confidence the future of the State stands on very strong pedestal.

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