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CM Dr. Sarma Attends 57th Sammelan Divas of Assam Gorkha Sammelan at Sonitpur

Gorkhas Integral Part of Assamese Society, States CM

**Current Dispensation Committed to Fulfilling Hopes, Aspirations of Gorkhas of Assam:
CM**

**From Now Onwards, Assam Gorkha Sammelan to Have Authority to Issue OBC
Certificates to Gorkhas: CM**

Will Build Mini Stadium, Police Outpost at Garpal: CM

Dispur, April 21: Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma on Friday attended as Chief Guest the 57th Sammelan Divas of Assam Gorkha Sammelan held at Garpal in Sonitpur district.

Addressing the occasion, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma lauded the role of Assam Gorkha Sammelan as the torch-bearer of inalienable rights of the Gorkhas of Assam as sons-of-the-soil. Assam Gorkha Sammelan, since its inception, has been relentlessly working towards uplift of the members of the Gorkha community of Assam, the Chief Minister remarked. The Chief Minister also added that the Gorkhas are an integral part of the greater Assamese community.

The Chief Minister stated that ever since him taking over the reins of the State administration in the 2021, sincere efforts have been made at fulfilling the hopes and aspirations of the members of the Gorkhas of Assam. The current dispensation in the State has put an end to the harrasment of Gorkhas of Assam in the name of identification of foreigners, the Chief Minister said. Chief Minister Dr. Sarma also spoke about numerous initiatives such as conferment of "protected class" to Gorkhas, among others, aimed at socio-economic empowerment of the community members. The Chief Minister further declared that from now onwards, Assam Gorkha Sammelan would have the authority to issue Other Backward Classes (OBC) certificates to eligible members of the Gorkha community. The Chief Minister also stated that steps shall be taken to issue "Gorkha Certificates" through dedicated portals and that this initiative would prove helpful for the Gorkha youths of the State getting enrolled into the Indian armed forces.

Chief Minister Dr. Sarma also appealed to the Gorkha civil society organisations to work towards developing a progressive mindset among the Gorkha youths. He said Gorkhas must walk hand-in-hand with members of the other communities of the State in making best use of the opportunities a new and resurgent Assam and India is offering.

He further appealed to the Gorkhas of Assam not to dissociate themselves from their roots and work towards preserving their glorious saga of valour.

The Chief Minister also declared that a state-of-the-art mini stadium and a police outpost would be built at Garpal area, which he referred to as one of the most important places in the State linked to Assam's Gorkhas.

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Today's event was also attended by Darjeeling Lok Sabha constituency Member of Parliament Raju Bista, MP (Tezpur Lok Sabha constituency) Pallab Lochan Das, Rajya Sabha MP and Political Secretary to the Chief Minister - Pabitra Margherita, Members of Assam Legislative Assembly Pramod Borthakur, Ganesh Limbu, Gobinda Basumatary, among others.

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