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CM felicitates Lovlina Borgohain

Lovlina will always remain a source of inspiration for state's youth: CM

Dispur, August 12: Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma today felicitated first Assamese sports person to win an Olympic medal Lovlina Borgohain at a programme organised by Sports and Youth Welfare Department at Srimanta Sankardev Kalakshetra. Appreciating her feat of winning the bronze medal in boxing at Tokyo Olympics 2020, the Chief Minister handed over a cheque of Rs. 1 crore, a certificate, *seleng chadar, xorai, japi* and muga shawl.

Speaking at the programme, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma said that Lovlina's achievement at the Olympics has made the people of Assam proud and it will be a source of inspiration for all aspiring sports talents in the state to aim higher and achieve big at the world stage. The Chief Minister formally invited the boxer to join Assam Police in the rank of DSP and announced that the state government would provide Rs. 1 lakh every month to the pugilist till next Olympics so that she can prepare well.

The Chief Minister also informed that a sports complex would be set up at Lovlina's native Sarupathar for Rs. 25 crore which will include a boxing academy so that budding sports talents can develop themselves following the footsteps of Lovlina. A road in Guwahati would also be named after Lovlina and five coaches who helped in the development of Lovlina as a world class boxer would be provided Rs. 10 lakh each for their contributions, he informed.

The Chief Minister reiterated that every Assamese has been given a sense of pride by Lovlina's success which has come after 125 years. Her feat will keep inspiring the young generation of the state and he hoped that Lovlina will continue to soar higher in her career. The Chief Minister also mentioned other sports persons like Arjun Bhugeswar Baruah, Dr. Talimeran Ao, Dipankar Bhattacharya, Shiva Thapa, Hima Das etc. who have contributed immensely in the development of sports in the state.

Minister of Sports and Youth Welfare Bimal Bora and Lovlina herself also spoke in today's programme. Speaker of Assam Legislative Assembly Biswajit Daimary, Arjun Bhugeswar Baruah, Lovlina's father Tiken Borgohain and many other dignitaries were present on the occasion. Several other organisations and sports bodies also felicitated Lovlina at today's programme.

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