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CM Unveils Three Durand Cup Trophies Lauds Role of Indian Armed Forces for Being Patron to the 134-year old Football Fest

Government working on plans to revive lost glory of Bordoloi Trophy: Dr. Sarma

Dispur, July 21: Chief Minister Dr. Himanata Biswa Sarma unveiled the three Durand Cup trophies, namely Durand Cup, Shimla Trophy and President's Cup, at Guwahati today. The 134-year old Durand Cup football tournament will be hosted in Assam from coming August 17 to September 4, 2022 for the very first time as part of a Trophy Tour involving five cities.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister termed the holding of the matches for the tournament in Assam a historic event for the people of the state. The Chief Minister, lauding the armed forces for being patrons to the tournament, stated that the 131st edition of the Durand Cup is special in the sense that 20 teams, including 11 from the Indian Super League, will be participants.

Stating that football isn't just a game but an emotion for the people of Assam, Dr. Sarma said that the government has been nurturing talents so that the country become a sporting superpower in days to come. He further stated that all efforts are on to revive the glories of tournaments such as Bordoloi Trophy in the state.

Speaking on steps taken by the government of Assam for growth of sporting culture in the state, Dr. Sarma elaborated on measures such as construction of new stadiums, coaching camps, employment opportunities for sportspersons, sports pension, etc.

Today's event was also attended by Chairman of the Durand Organising Committee Lt. General K.K Repsawal, Chief Secretary Jishnu Barua, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief (101 Area) Lt. General KC Panchanathan and a host of other senior officials from the armed forces and the government of Assam.

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