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**Sonowal inaugurates Birsa Munda stadium and unveils statue of Birsa Munda at Chapar**

**In contrary to previous government, present State government has been taking steps for development of tea communities: CM**

Dispur, September 28: In a move to tap the sporting potential of the youths in the tea garden areas, Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today inaugurated Birsa Munda stadium at Chapar Tea Garden in Dhubri district today. The stadium has been built as a part of the corporate social responsibility of Oil India Limited at an estimated cost of Rs. 97.72 lakh.

Speaking at a programme organised on the occasion, Chief Minister Sonowal said that the people belonging to Adivasi and tea tribe community are an integral part of the greater Assamese society. For the progress and prosperity of Assam, they have immense role. For the development of the people belonging tea tribe community, the present State government has been working with full commitment. Considering their potentials in sports, Sonowal said that his government has been organising Chief Minister's Cup Inter Tea Garden Football Tournament along with other sporting events to give sportspersons the opportunities to showcase their acumen. He also said that under Chief Minister's Samagra Grammya Unnayan Yojana, besides making 500 play grounds, Mangri Orang Archery Academy was set up at Sepon Tea estate.

Stating that the previous government did not do anything substantial for the development of the tea communities, Chief Minister Sonowal said that the present state government after assuming power has been taking steps for the sporting as well as other developments of the tea communities. He also said that his government has also formulated sports policy under which to acknowledge the medal winners in Olympic, Commonwealth, Asian Games and other national and international sports events monetary incentives and government jobs are being given. Apart from setting up of 100 high schools, steps have been taken for giving free ration, giving gas connection under ujjawala scheme, providing LED bulbs under Saubhagya scheme, giving shelter houses under Prime Minister Awas Yojana, giving monetary assistance to pregnant and lactating mothers to compensate their wage loss.

Chief Minister Sonowal also hoped that the stadium made under Birsa Munda will be able to hone the sporting talents in the district. He at the same called upon the youths in the tea garden areas to concentrate more on sports. To pay tributes to the great personalities belonging to tea tribe community, State government has already installed statues of Simon Singh Horo, Santosh Kumar Topno in Dibrugarh along with observance of Shramik Kalyan Divas annually in the memory of Santosh Topno, Sonowal added. The Chief Minister on the occasion also unveiled a statue of Birsa Munda at the stadium premises.

Member of Parliament Pradan Baruah, MLAs Ashok Singhi, Aswani Ray Sarkar, chairman Assam Tourism Development Corporation Jayanta Malla Baruah, DC, SP of Dhubri and a host of other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

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