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Sonowal asks sports bodies to identify sports talents in grass root level

Dispur, March 9 : Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal who is also the President of Assam Olympic Association today held a meeting with District Sports Association, Majuli and its affiliated bodies and asked them to revamp their activities to spot local sports talents.

The meeting held at the conference room of DC office, Majuli observed that since state government is planning to hold Grammaya Buniyad Olympic Competition at the district level, the sports bodies need to revamp themselves to organise the event and give platform to the sports enthusiasts as well the budding sports talents to showcase their sporting acumen and get noticed at the higher level. Sonowal also asked the sports bodies to register 175 clubs in Majuli district and use them as the launch pad to groom sports talents.

Sonowal said that the 21st century is an age of competition and therefore, the sports bodies need to imbibe competitive mentality in them to help the sports talents to develop competitive spirit. Regarding the dearth of qualified coaches in Majuli district, he asked the member secretary of State Level Advisory Committee for Students and Youth Welfare Lakhya Konwar to take immediate steps to address the issue. Lakhya Konwar in turn asked the Sports Bodies to identify five persons from the district as SLAC will send them to Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports, Patiala on its own expenditure to train them modern modules of coaching. With regard to the absence of full time sports officer in Majuli, Sonowal asked DC Majuli Vikram Koiree to give the charge of sports to any Assistant Commissioner to look after the affairs of sports in Majuli. He also asked the DC to coordinate with DSA and other sports bodies to develop good infrastructure of sports in the district.

Office bearers of Assam Olympic Association, District Sports Association, Majuli were present during the meeting.

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