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CM presents awards to winning teams of Assam Police Hackathon, 2020

CM urges youth to focus more on technological innovation

Dispur, November 11: "The youth population provides India an advantage over many other countries of the world. Our youth are full of ideas and innovation and there is a need to exploit their talent in the best possible manner to realize Prime Minister Narendra Modi's dream of making India a leader of the world". Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal said this while presenting awards to winning teams at the first Assam Police Hackathon 2020 in a programme held at Assam Administrative College in Guwahati today.

The Assam Police Cyber Dome organized the Hackathon at Special Branch Headquarters in the city from July to October, 2020 for exploring the young minds and their ideas for solving day to day problems of the society encountered by the Police through application of technology. The focus areas of the Hackathon included controlling cyber crime, anti-trafficking of women and children, safety of women, old & infirm, facial recognition software to track criminals, financial crimes etc.

The Hackathon drew more than 2.46 lakh responses with 2,286 individual registrations. Accordingly, 519 teams were formed and 246 teams submitted concept notes. Out of these, a total number of 139 teams were shortlisted and 72 teams made their final submissions. A team of experts after detailed study selected Team Agada from Sri Krishna College of Engineering and Technology of Tamilnadu, Team CodeBluff from Walchand College of Maharashtra and Team Cyberon from Amal Jyoti College of Engineering, Kerela for first, second and third positions respectively.

Team Agada won the prize for developing software application named 'Shecure', which is a smart solution for women safety; Team CodeBluff for developing 'Stockbook', a user friendly Inventory Management application available in multiple languages and Team Cyberon for development of '"Snimoz" to track vehicles passing between two points along with details like real-time movement, speed violations, restricted zone entry etc. The first three award winning teams were presented cash rewards of rupees 1.50 lakh, rupees one lakh and rupees fifty thousand respectively alongwith mementoes and certificates.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Sonowal said, "21st century is the age of science & technology and innovation & incubation. This is the time for increased focus on technology, learning, research and innovation". He also called upon the youth to focus more on technological innovation to take the country forward.

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Sonowal further observed that Hackathons are great opportunities for the youngsters to put their ideas into action through application of technology which gives the participants access to state of the art technology for the solution of global problems and provides them a platform to test their ideas and their innovative skills.

Further saying that Prime Minister Narendra Modi advocated 'Youth Led development' in the country, Chief Minister Sonowal urged the youth to work hard and contribute in building an Atmanirbhar Bharat.

Sonowal also appreciated the fact that the first three positions of the first Assam Police Hackathon were bagged by teams from southern and western states of the country and termed it an example of 'Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat'. Chief Minister Sonowal congratulated the winning teams and the participants for their willingness and energy.

While Inspector General of Police (Special Branch) Hiren Chandra Nath delivered the welcome address, Chief Secretary Jishnu Baruah and DGP Bhaskarjyoti Mahanta also spoke on the occasion. Chief Miniister's Media Adviser Hrishikesh Goswami, Commissioner & Secretary (Home) GD Tripathi, ADGP (L&O) GP Singh, ADGP (Security) Harmeet Singh, ADGP LR Bishnoi were present among other in the programme.

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