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CM attends 36th Shapawng Yawng Manau Poi

Singphos can play a vital role in forging ties with SE Asia: CM

Dispur, Feb 14: “The initiatives taken by the government to bolster ties with South East Asian countries can be augmented by the Singpho community as Singphos are residing not only in Northeast region but in various countries of SE Asia like Myanmar, Thailand etc. Members of this community are easy going and very strong spiritually and culturally.” Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today said while speaking as the chief guest at the Singpho ethno-cultural festival 36th Shapawng Yawng Manau Poi at Margherita.

Saying that the Singpho community had been enriching the cultural identity of the greater Assamese society shaped by Swargadeo Cholung Sukapha, the Chief Minister highlighted the vivacity and exuberance of Singpho traditional dances and songs as indication of the cultural wealth of the community. He also urged the Singphos to play active role in taking forward the State in all spheres.

Announcing an amount of Rs 25 lakh for the socio-economic upliftment of the Singpho community, the Chief Minister said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi led Central Government had been taking steps to bring rapid development to Assam and Northeast by forging close ties with SE Asia through Act East Policy. He called upon the young generation to work hard and acquire knowledge and skills to increase their viability to capture opportunities in the global forum. He also termed Margherita as the melting pot of various tribes and communities and underlined the importance of the place as a border town.

The Chief Minister also released a souvenir on the occasion.

Union Minister of State for Food Processing Rameswar Teli, Minister of State (independent) of Tea Tribes Welfare and Labour Welfare Department Sanjay Kishan, MLAs Bhaskar Sharma, Suren Phukan, Bolin Chetia, Arunacahal Pradesh MLAs Somlung Mossang, Chief of Singpho community Dichanong Singpho, Member Secretary of State Level Advisory Committee for Students and Youth Welfare Lakhya Konwar were present at the programme among others.

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