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CM inaugurates 'Sahodar 2020-21' at Majuli

'Sahodar' programme strengthens unity among ethnic communities: CM

Bollywood actor Vivek Oberoi to make movie on Lachit Borphukan

Dispur, February 21: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today said that Assam government's 'Sahodar' programme immensely contributed in strengthening unity and harmony among various ethnic communities and as a result no incident of ethnic violence took place in the State since 2016.

Chief Minister Sonowal said this while inaugurating 'Sahodar 2020-21', a cultural exchange programme of different ethnic communities of the State at Jengraimukh in Majuli district today. The programme organized by the State Level Advisory Board for Sports & Youth Welfare was participated by youths from 39 ethnic communities of the State.

Stating that just after three months of coming to power in 2016, the State government organized the 'Sahodar' programme in Guwahati with participation of representatives of 70 ethnic communities, Chief Minister Sonowal said that the event gave a major boost to unity and harmony among various ethnic communities of Assam. He said that initiative led to greater bonhomie among the communities and as a result no incident of ethnic violence took place in Assam since the present government came to power.

The Chief Minister further said that the State government by utilizing the experience of the event has been working to raise dignity and self-esteem of the ethnic communities. He also observed that harmonious co-existence of the communities would immensely help Assam to climb the growth ladder to be one of the most developed States of the country.

Chief Minister Sonowal said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's principle of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Viswas' and his initiatives for transforming India as 'Viswa Guru' gave a major impetus to harmonious development in the country. Sonowal also said that Prime Minister's sincere steps for development of north east enhanced faith and self-confidence of the people of the region.

He also urged the youth to commit themselves for realizing the call given by the Prime Minister for building an atmanirbhar Bharat. He also called upon the youth to strengthen peace and harmony by following the ideals of Mahapurush Srimanta Sankardeva. He also urged popular actor of Indian cinema Vivek Oberoi to speedily realize his planning for making a movie on Lachit Borphukan.

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Bollywood actor Vivek Oberoi while speaking on the occasion appreciated Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal for his initiative to make Majuli a carbon neutral district. Saying that he was mesmerized by the natural beauty of Majuli, Oberoi observed that the steps taken for maintaining the natural ambience of the island would set an example for the country. The actor also informed that under I-30 programme which is launched for grooming students for competitive examinations, steps would be taken to open around 30 centres in Assam. He also said that a movie in the life of great Ahom general Lachit Borphukan would be made by him with around seventy percent artists from Assam.

Union Minister of State for Food Processing Industries Rameswar Teli and MP Kamakhya Prasad Tasa also spoke on the occasion.

While Member Secretary of SLAC for Sports & Youth Welfare Lakhya Konwar delivered the welcome speech, the programme was also attended by Chief Executive Members of Deuri, Thengal Kachari and Mising Autonomous Councils, popular singer Debojit Saha, noted folk artist Dulal Manki, satradhikars of Majuli and other dignitaries among others.

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