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Sonowal launches Khelo India Youth Games 2020 torch relay

State Government to hold Village Olympic Talent Hunt:CM

Reiterates to bring about overall development of Assam through Education, Culture and Sports

Dispur, December 29: Chief Minister SarbanandaSonowal launched the Khelo India Youth Games 2020 torch relay at a function held at Sarusajai Sports Complex in Guwahati this evening.

The torch will be carried to all district headquarters to elicit participation and cooperation of all sections of the people in general and sportsmen in particular for the success of Khelo India Youth Games 2020 which will inaugurated in Guwahati on January 10, 2020. In the same programme, Chief Minister Sonowal presented cash awards to the medal winners of South Asian Games 2019-20 held in Kathmandu, Nepal. He also presented cash incentives to the medal winners under Integrated Sports Policy of Government of Assam. He also presented cash awards of Rs. 50 thousand to the medal winners from Assam Olympic Association.

Chief Minister Sonowal also presented the cash awards to the medal winners of Assam in the 12th South Asian Games held in Guwahati in 2016.

Speaking on the occasion Chief Minister Sonowal announcing his government's emphasis on sports said that his government is drawing a broad road map using Education, Culture and Sports as foundation stones for the development of human resources and growth of the state. He said that a perfect balance among Education, Culture and Sports will be a force multiplier for the development of state and its human resources. He also said that Education, Culture and Sports are the tools for individual and social empowerment.

Chief Minister Sonowalalso said that sports has several facets and with utmost concentration and dedication, a sportsman can realise the inherent beauty of sports. He also urged upon the 633 sportspersons from Assam participating in the 3rdKhelo India Youth Games 2020 to work hard and play to bring laurels to the state. He at the same time appealed to the players from the state to be dedicated, disciplined and determined to be successful in the national and international sports events. He also said that Government of Assam is always with the sportspersons and their good performances in different competitions would encourage the government to announce more incentives for them.

Chief Minister Sonowal for a coherent and comprehensive development of sports in Assam has also announced Village Olympic Talent Hunt in six categories in the state.

Agriculture Minister Atul Bora also launched Khelo India Youth Games 2020 Video Song and spoke on the occasion.

Member Secretary State Level Advisor Committee for Students and Youth Welfare LakhyaKonwar while speaking on the occasion gave a brief snapshot of different initiatives that the State government has been taking for the encouragement of sports.

The players who were presented financial assistance in the programme are Shiva Thapa (Boxing), Ms. Hasina Begum (Kabaddi), Manash Jyoti Changmai (Archery), Jayanta Talukdar (Archery), Vinit Rai (Football), HalicharanNarzary (Football), SabitaRamchiary (Taekwondo), MridulBorgohain (Lawn Bowl), Ananda Narzary (Lawn Bowl), Bangita Hazarika (Lawn Bowl), Tania Choudhury (Lawn Bowl),Nayan Moni Saikia(Lawn Bowl),SurajitChangmai (Weightlifting), Siddhant Gogoi(Weightlifting), Abhishek Gogoi(Para Ahtlete),Anantyam Rajkumar (Para Swimmer), AshmitaChaliha, Shivangi Sharma (swimming), Rodali Baruah (Taekwondo), Harsha Singha ((Taekwondo),Kabinta Devi (Fencing).

Sandip Pradhan, Director General of Sports Authority of India, OnkarmalKediaDirector General of Sports Authority of Assam, Veteran Sports Journalist PremadharSarma, CEO Khelo India Youth Games 2020Avinash Joshi and a host of other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

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