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**Sonowal attends 89 annual session of SrimantaSankaradeva Sangha  
Announces Rs. 10 crore for corpus of SrimantaSankaradeva Sangha  
Releases Nepali version of Namghosa**

**Dispur, February 6:** Assam Governor Prof. Jagdish Mukhi said that SrimantaSankaradeva a polymath is an embodiment of all good virtues and is an ambassador of love, peace, wisdom, devotion and philosophy not only in Assam but across the world. Speaking at the 89<sup>th</sup> annual session of SrimantaSankaradeva Sangha at KazirangaSammanayaKshetra in Golaghat today, Governor Prof. Mukhi said that the social, cultural and spiritual identity of Assam owed their prominence to the unrelenting contributions of Sankaradeva.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister SarbanandaSonowal said that to propagate the philosophy of SarimantaSankaradeva across the globe, SrimantaSankaradeva Sangha has been plying a crucial role. To take *Gurujona's* teachings far and wide, State government would contribute Rs. 10 crore to the corpus of SrimantaSankaradeva Sangha. Sonowal said that Rs. 80 lakh, accrued as interest from the total capital would help SrimantaSankaradeva Sangha to promote and spread *Gurujona's* teachings transcending all boundaries.

The Chief Minister also said that the university set up in the name of SrimantaSankaradeva should transform itself into a centre of excellence and the State government would allot additional 300 bigha to the university authority. He also informed that his government for the first time has decided to celebrate the birth anniversary of SrimantaSankaradeva officially.

Stating that *Gurujona* has empowered the people of Assam from all aspects especially socially, culturally, spiritually and academically, Sonowal said that the teachings of *Gurujona* is a fulcrum around which the entire Assamese society is revolving. He also said that SrimantaSankaradeva's ingenuity in the fields of social, cultural and spiritual landscape has given a strong personality to the people of the state in 21<sup>st</sup> century. He also underscored the need to emulate the teachings of *Gurujona* and said that without that the endeavour of the people of the State to establish the state's supremacy over the national arena would not be possible. He also maintained, "*Gurujona* has taught us to march forward in life overcoming all obstacles".

Chief Minister Sonowal also said that moved by the teachings of *Gurujona*, the people of Assam should work hard and take a pledge to make themselves ideal citizens and win over hearts and minds of everybody. He also hailed the role of SrimantaSankaradeva Sangha which has been able to usher in a sense of awareness and regeneration among the people of the state with regard to spiritualism and humanism.

He also stated that the younger generation of the people should make themselves aware of the philosophy of SrimantaSankaradeva and advised them to lead an ideal life based on the teachings of *Gurujona*.

Synchronising with the occasion Chief Minister Sonowal released a Nepali version of '*Namghosa*'.

Presided over by the President of the literary sub-committee Dr. Suresh Chandra Bora the session was attended among others by Agriculture Minister Atul Bora, Water Resources Minister Keshab Mahanta, MLAs BhabenBharali and RamakantaDeuri, PadadhikarSrimantaSankaradeva Sangha Kamala KantaGogoi, Chief Advisor Bhabendra Nath Deka, Secretary Babul Bora.

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