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CM inaugurates Dibrugarh District Tennis Club

Sonowal terms sports as a great equalizer

Dispur, June 20: In a move to hone the tennis skills among the youngsters, Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated Dibrugarh District Tennis Club at a simple function held at Dibrugarh today. Chief Minister Sonowal said that the state-of-the-art tennis court, developed with an expenditure of Rs. 65 lakh, would be able to fulfill the long pending demand for a tennis court in Dibrugarh.

Terming sports as an automatic stabilizer and a great equalizer, Chief Minister Sonowal urged upon the youths to take sports as a career and urged the parents to imbibe love for sports among their wards. Reiterating state government's commitment to develop sport as an exhaustive discipline, Sonowal said that his government's step of setting up a sport university in Chabua is going on in full swing. He said that the Vice Chancellor as well as the Registrar have already been appointed and works are being undertaken on war footing to start the university.

He also said that as a part of his government's aim to make Guwahati the sports capital and Assam as a sports hub his government has been taking a slew of measures to develop sports infrastructure in the state alongwith organizing national and international level sports events in several sporting venues across the state.

He also called upon the youths of the state to promote love for sports. He said that the Dibrugarh District Tennis Club inaugurated today would be able to promote lawn tennis in upper Assam, specially in Dibrugarh. He also called upon the budding lawn tennis players to utilize the facilities in the tennis club to practice dedicatedly. Discipline, devotion and dedication shown towards their sports would help them to become competent lawn tennis player in the years to come.

Chief Minister Sonowal on the occasion also felicitated Pankaj Konwar, a lawn tennis coach who has been coaching the grassroots level players in lawn tennis and promoting the sports in the state. Chief Minister Sonowal also played lawn tennis with the budding players on the occasion.

Minister of State for Revenue and Disaster Management Jogen Mohan, Rajya Sabha MP Kamakhya Prasad Tasa, Chief Minister's Media Adviser Hrishikesh Goswami, MLAs Prasanta Phukan, Chakradhar Gogoi, Rituparna Baruah, Binod Hazarika, Bimal Borah, Teras Gowala, CEM of Sonowal Kachari Autonomous Council Dipu Ranjan Makrari, DC Dibrugarh who is also the president of Dibrugarh District Tennis Club were present on the occasion.

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