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CM attends closing ceremony of Khelo India Youth Games

Sports is an enabler of disciplined life growth of youth power: Sonowal

Dispur, January 22: The curtain of 3rd Khelo India Youth Games was put down today, as Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal while speaking on the valedictory ceremony said that the games have generated a ray of plentifulness in the larger landscape of the sports in the country.

Chief Minister Sonowal speaking at the Indira Gandhi Athletic Stadium in Sarusajai Sports Complex this evening said that the youths who participated in the games proved that through devotion, dedication and diligence one can reach the zenith of success. From now onwards everybody's target should be Olympic.

Sonowal said that through Khelo India Youth Games, the participants have illuminated the identity of Guwahati and put India on a higher pedestal in the world of sports. He also thanked the participants including players, support staff and technical staff for making 3rd Khelo India Youth Games a grand success. Referring to Prime Minister Narendra Modi who wants to take the country forward through Fit India Movement, he urged upon the young generation to devote themselves in Fit India Movement. Chief Minister Sonowal also thanked the people of Assam for rendering all possible help to provide hospitality to the participants of 3rd Khelo India Youth Games and making the event a huge success. He at the same time thanked sports organisers, Olympic association, different sports bodies, journalists for the help and support. He also reiterated that sports is a tool with which the bond of friendship and camaraderie can be strengthened. He also expressed his gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Minister of State (i/c) Youth Affairs and Sports Kiren Rijiju for their help in giving Guwahati a chance to host the 3rd Khelo India Youth Games. He also said that the 3rd Khelo India Games are a testimony that games are active enabler of youth development.

Health and Family Welfare, Finance etc Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma while speaking on the occasion said that the 3rd Khelo India Youth Games held in Guwahati will be worth remembering as the participants will be going to their respective states taking love, affection and hospitality of the people of Assam. Congratulating all the youths especially the medal winners on their superior show in the event, Dr. Sarma said that they would have to practise in tandem if they want to carry forward their personal glory. He also said that the government of Assam is making relentless efforts for the development of Sports and its infrastructure in the state.

Union Minister of State (i/c) Youth Affairs and Sports Kiren Rijiju thanked Government of Assam, people of the state for making 3rd Khelo India Youth Games a

success. He said that the games played in an environment of sportsmanship spirit will be a force multiplier for the growth of sports across the country.

Union Minister of State for Food Processing Rameswar Teli speaking on the occasion stated Prime Minister Narendra Modi's personal interests in making the Khelo India Youth Games a success. He also said that the Prime Minister is giving importance to Khelo India Games to trace out sporting talents in rural areas.

On this occasion Maharashtra was given the Champion's Trophy for securing the top position in the medal tally. Haryana was given the first runner up, while Delhi was adjudged the second runner up. Chief Minister Sonowal also released a souvenir synchronising with the occasion.

Several ministers, MPs, MLAs, representatives from Sports Authority of India and different federations, senior officers and sports enthusiasts were present on the occasion.

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