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Chief Minister Sonowal attends closing function of the 7th Mising Youth Festival

Assures to transform the festival venue into a techno-cultural village

Dispur, March 8: The 7th Mising Youth Festival which started on 5 March came to an end today at Majuli where Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal said, 'The festival is a glaring example of the colourful cultural heritage of the Mising community'.

Speaking at the closing function of the festival today at Jengraimukh in Majuli, Chief Minister Sonowal said that in the 21st century when information technology calling the shots of every activities of the modern life, Mising Youth Festival has shown the people's inherent ties with their culture. He also said that witnessing the spontaneous participation and overwhelming success of the Festival, Sonowal assured that the venue of the festival Simorguri, Jengraimukh would be turned into a techno-cultural village.

Chief Minister Sonowal also said that Mising community is known worldwide for its diligence as he called upon the people belonging to the community to work hard and help the state to sustain its forward march. Paying rich tributes to the legends of Mising community like late Taburam Taid, Kamala Miri, Tarun Chandra Pamegam, Indira Miri, Chief Minister Sonowal urged upon the youths of the community to follow their footsteps and work for progress of the community as well as the state.

Referring to the State government's commitment to the development and enrichment of the literature, culture and language of the ethnic groups of the state, Sonowal said that under *Bhasa Gaurav achoni* steps have been taken to grant financial help to all indigenous communities. He also called upon the youths to work hard and not to fall prey to drugs and other narcotic substances and tread the path of success.

Cultural Affairs Minister Naba Kumar Doley and MP Pradan Baruah also spoke on the occasion. MLAs Bhuban Pegu, Ranoj Pegu, Debananda Hazarika, Chief Executive Member of Mising Autonomous Council Paramananda Chayengia, CEM Deuri Autonomous Council Madhab Deuri and host of other dignitaries were present. Synchronising with the occasion, Chief Minister Sonowal felicitated veteran bollywood singer Usha Mangeshkar.

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