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Year-Long Celebration of 400th Birth Anniversary of Lachit Barphukan Concludes in New Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi Attends Closing Ceremony as Chief Guest

Celebration of Lachit Divas in Delhi to Ensure the Great General's Saga Spread Far and Wide: PM

Lachit's Motto of Nation First Inspire Us At All Times: PM

CM Dr. Sarma Deserves Praises For This Attempt at Making Lachit a Household Name Across India: PM

Grateful to PM Modi for His Continued Support in Our Endeavour for Assam: CM Dr. Sarma

Hopeful Lachit Would Be Accorded His Rightful Place in Historical Discourses: CM Dr. Sarma

Grateful to People of Assam for their wholehearted co-operation: CM Dr. Sarma

Dispur, November 25: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday attended as Chief Guest the closing ceremony of the year-long celebration of the 400th birth anniversary of 17th century Ahom Army General Lachit Barphukan held at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi.

Congratulating Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma for successful conduct of the 3-day celebration in the national capital, the Prime Minister exuded confidence this would prove decisive in ensuring Lachit Barphukan's saga of courage, valour and patriotism don't remain limited to the boundaries of Assam alone but spread across lengths and breadths of the nation.

The Prime Minister stated that for ages, there has been a conscious attempt from certain quarters at portraying the history of India as that of defeat and surrender. Attempts at celebrating the saga of unsung heroes such as Lachit Barphukan is going to prove fruitful in undoing the harm the distorted history-telling has caused to the pride of the Indian citizens, the Prime Minister asserted. Suppressing the self-esteem of the Indians were an agenda of the colonial British regime and distortion of history was one of the means to further it, the Prime Minister said, adding all must now come together to ensure history is presented in its truest sense.

Referring to Lachit as the greatest patriot of his era who continue to inspire all to dedicate their lives towards protection of national honour, the Prime Minister said Lachit's motto of



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"nation first" is exactly the motto on which the "New India" (Naya Bharat) is being administered.

Expressing his gratitude to the Prime Minister for his continued and never-ending support in the Government of Assam's endeavours for the State and its residents, the Chief Minister said his presence today would be extremely helpful in transforming Lachit into a household name across the country, like that of Chatrapati Shivaji. The Chief Minister exuded confidence Lachit would be accorded his rightful place in historical discourses in days to come, as more and more people are introduced to the valour of the great army general.

The Chief Minister stated that had it not been for Lachit, the present geo-political and cultural identity of not Assam alone but that of the entire Southeast Asia would have been very different from what they are today. The Chief Minister expressed hope the 400th birth anniversary celebration of the great mediaeval era warrior in the national capital would be a significant step towards drawing the attention of the current generation intellectuals and historians towards Lachit.

The Chief Minister also expressed his gratitude towards the people of Assam for their wholehearted support and co-operation in the year-long celebration culminating in its conclusion today.

Assam Governor Jagdish Mukhi, Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal, Assam Minister of Information & Public Relations Pijush Hazarika, Assam Legislative Assembly Speaker Biswajit Daimary, Members of Parliament Ranjan Gogoi and Tapan Gogoi were also present at the event.

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