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Sonowal attends traditional boat race at Ulabori in Nalbari
Boat race of Ulabori is a catalyst to peace and friendship: CM

Dispur, August 23: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal said, “In six-thousand-year-old civilization of India, Janmashtami has a special significance because on this day the great social creator and reformer Sri Krishana was born who showed the human civilisation the path of truth and honesty. Therefore, the platinum jubilee celebrations, of the boat race competition organised by *Hitsadhini Library* in the culturally rich district Nalbari synchronising with Krishna Janmashtami held immense importance. This boat race will help to maintain our rich legacy and take it forward for the younger generation to practise, preserve and appreciate”.

Speaking on the platinum jubilee celebrations of the boat race, Chief Minister Sonowal said, “The civilization of Assam has grown along the Brahmaputra and its 121 tributaries and Barak and its 11 tributaries. Therefore, our traditions which emanated from our proximity with the rivers should be strengthened and sustained. The boat race organised at *Ulabori* in Nalbari will be a force multiplier to strengthen our bond of friendship and camaraderie and will be a catalyst to fortify our harmonious co-existence in the society”.

Stating that all competitions give directions towards positive approach of life, Sonowal said that the traditional boat race competition at *Ulabori* in the Pagladia river will give a dimension to the younger generation to go forward embracing truth, honesty, dedication and diligence as the tenets of their life. Emphasising that ‘Work Culture is the edifice of Krishna Culture’, the chief minister said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the last five years has wiped out the ills of mis-governance perpetrated by the Congress and brought before the public the doctrine of transparency and credibility while keeping public at the crux of all schemes of things. He, therefore, urged upon the people of Assam to cooperate unrelentingly to aid state government’s mission of making the state stronger. Sonowal also said that the Member of Parliament of Guwahati and MLA of Borbhag have unleashed a united effort to bring about paradigm shift in the development of Borbhag and asked everybody to complement and supplement government’s efforts in championing the cause of people’s welfare.

The programme which started off with the welcome speech given by MLA Borkhetri Narayan Deka, MP Queen Oja, MLA Dibrugarh Prasanta Phukan, Chairman, Assam Khadi and Village Industries Board Dr. Kamala Kalita also spoke on the occasion. Minister of State for Revenue and Disaster Management Bhabesh Kalita, Chief Minister’s Legal Adviser Santanu Bharali, Vice Chairman AIDC Jitu Talukdar, veteran social worker Ganesh Tamuli and a host of other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

Earlier, Chief Minister Sonowal also witnessed the Boat Race as a spectator and handed over trophies to two best teams in the competition. He also released a souvenir on the occasion.

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