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Sonowal distributes prizes at the valediction of 7th North East Zone Shooting Championship

Dispur, August 23: Chief Minister SarbanandaSonowal said that sports have the potential in developing human resources, as the State government has been working assiduously to promote sports and develop its infrastructure in the state.

Speaking at the valedictory cum prize distribution function of 7th North East Zone Shooting Championship at Assam Sports Shooting Range of 4th A.P.Bn Complex here this evening, Chief Minister Sonowal said that in the 21st century popularity of sports has been rising by leaps and bounds. Even Assam has to move towards that and blaze itself in the competition driven world. He also said that his government has taken a slew of steps for the promotion of sports in the state. He also urged upon the young sports persons of the state to become popular in their respective sports discipline by dint of sheer dedication, diligence and discipline. He also said that Government of Assam has notified Integrated Sports Policy of Assam, 2017-18 for all round development of sports and sportspersons in the state. The Integrated Sports Policy of Assam offers attractive cash incentives, special incentives to medal winners in Olympics, Asian Games, Commonwealth games and World Championships including direct entry into Class I and Class II government jobs. Besides, under Chief Minister's SamagraGramyaUnnayan Yojana, the government has already started steps for developing 500 playgrounds in the state. He also stressed on developing sports as an industry and harped on producing sports equipment in the state itself for occupying world market. He also said that sports have to be used extensively for removing superstitions.

Education Minister Siddhartha Bhattacharya, Member of Parliament Queen Oja also spoke on the occasion. MLA Dibrugarh Prasanta Phukan, Chief Minister's Legal Adviser SantanuBharali, DGP KuladharSaikia, Member Secretary State Level Advisory Committee for Students and Youth WelfareLakhyaKonwar, senior police officers and host of other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

On the side lines of the programme, Chief Minister Sonowal felicitated gold medal winner Pallabi Das in archery and TunulaiNarzary in shot put awarded in the recently concluded World Police and Fire Games. He also felicitated the players of champion team Assam and Runner up Manipur.

It may be noted that the 7th North East Zone Shooting Championship from 19 to 23 August which was participated by players from Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Nagaland, Mizoram and Services saw the participation of 261 players. Organised by Assam Rifle and Shooting Association, this championship was a qualifier for national tournaments.

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