

## PRESS RELEASE

Sports Authority of Assam

Dated : 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2020.

Sports Authority of Assam has conducted a Webinar on the occasion of National Sports Day on 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2020 at 11:30 am. The topic of discussion was “Development of Sports in Assam - Way forward”.

Some of the speakers on the occasion are Shri Onkar Kedia, Director General, Sports Authority of Assam, Shri Lakhya Konwar, Member State Level Advisory Committee & General Secretary, Assam Olympic Association, Shri Bhogeswar Baruah, Arjuna Awardee, Shri Dharma Kanta Mili, Director, Sports & Youth Welfare, Shri Subhash Basumatary, Regional Director, Sports Authority of India, Smti. Hima Das, Arjuna Awardee, Smti. Monalisa Barua Mehta, Arjuna Awardee, Shri Jayanta talukdar, Arjuna Awardee, Smti. Shivangi Sarma, International Swimmer and others from Sports Journalism, Physiotherapy, Psychology, Sports nutrition, Sports medicine, etc. The moderator for the Webinar was Shri Pranoy Bordoloi. The Webinar was live on Facebook page of Sports Authority of Assam [@sportsauthorityofassam](https://www.facebook.com/sportsauthorityofassam) .

In a message during the webinar, the Assam Chief Minister and President of Sports Authority of Assam, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal said that his Government has taken steps to make Guwahati the sports capital of the country. Towards this end, Assam has successfully hosted several major sports events in recent times. In this regard, the support received from different parts of the country has been very encouraging. He also paid rich tributes to Major Dhyanchand, stating that the Hockey wizard inspired generations of Indian athletes. He expressed the hope that the webinar organized by the Sports Authority of Assam will help prepare a roadmap for future growth of sports in the State.

Among other things, the participants suggested creating basic sports infrastructures at grassroot level, organising inter school competitions, upgrading the skills of local coaches, integrating sports with education, promoting use of sports science, creating a Gujarat Khel Maha Kumbh type event in Assam, early identification of sports talent especially from villages for creating a sports ecosystem, utilizing services of Ex-sports person and providing modern sports equipments.