

PRESS RELEASE

The Closing Ceremony of the International Exposure Series between BCB U-16 Team and Assam U-16 Team, that commenced on July 28, 2022, was held on August 13, 2022 with great aplomb at the idyllic Brahmaputra River Heritage Centre, Guwahati.

The event was graced by Hon'ble Dr. Shah Md. Tanvir Monsur, Assistant High Commissioner of Bangladesh in Guwahati as its Chief Guest. It was also attended by a host of other dignitaries including Shri Romen Dutta, President, Assam Cricket Association; Shri Devajit Saikia, Secretary, Assam Cricket Association; Shri Porikshit Dutta, VP, Assam Cricket Association; Shri Kamkhya Saikia, Joint Secretary, Assam Cricket Association; Shri Hasibul Hussain Santo, Former Bangladeshi International Cricket Player and Manager of the Bangladesh Cricket Board U-16 Team; and other members of the Apex Council of Assam Cricket Association.

Addressing the gathering, Shri Romen Dutta, President, Assam Cricket Association, asserted that the exposure series would do a world of good to the U-16 players of Assam, besides congratulating the BCB U-16 Team for their brilliant performance throughout the tournament.

Dr. Shah Md. Tanvir Monsur, Assistant High Commissioner of Bangladesh in Guwahati, delivered an impassioned speech. He said that Bangladesh and Assam are in close proximity to each other, and should therefore collaborate on a wide array of aspects more often. He, at the same time, spoke highly of the proverbial sports gene present among the Assamese youth, and the way many sportspersons from Assam have excelled in the highest echelons of different sports recently. Dr. Monsur also said that he was confident of Assamese cricket players cementing their place in the Indian National Team in the near future.

Earlier, Shri Devajit Saikia, Secretary, Assam Cricket Association delivered the welcome address. He informed that the International Exposure Series was supposed to start in 2020 itself, but couldn't be held due to the outbreak of COVID-19. Talking about the efficacy of the series, he said that since Bangladesh has had a strong and longstanding culture of producing brilliant junior level cricketers, Assam Cricket Association wanted to expose its players to the superior skills and techniques of their Bangladeshi counterparts, so that they can improve their game.

Shri Hasibul Hussain Santo, Former Bangladeshi International Cricket Player and Manager of the Bangladesh Cricket Board U-16 Team also spoke on the occasion. In his speech, he thanked Assam Cricket Association for its hospitality and conduct of the matches in a very professional way.

During the occasion, the Bangladesh Cricket Board (U-16) Team was feted for its emphatic victories, both in the Three-Day format and One-Day format.

The event was later given a Midas touch by the captivating and enthralling performances of a group of renowned artistes including Ms Sunita Bhuyan (Vocalist and Violinist), Mr. Ronojit Bhuyan (Pianist), Mr. Dibyajyoti Changmai (Tabla Player) and Mr. Moinul Hussain and his band.

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