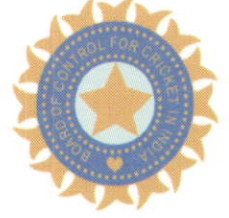




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PRESS RELEASE

Rajasthan Royals inaugurates Cricket Academy in Guwahati's ACA Stadium, Barsapara

As part of its commitment to harnessing potential, and grooming young talent across India, Rajasthan Royals, in partnership with the Assam Cricket Association, today announced the launch of the State Cricket Academy, Assam powered by Rajasthan Royals in Guwahati in presence of Shri Romen Dutta, President, Assam Cricket Association; Shri Devajit Saikia, Secretary, Assam Cricket Association; Shri Porikshit Dutta, Vice-President, Assam Cricket Association; Shri Tridib Konwar, Treasurer, Assam Cricket Association; Shri Kamakhya Saikia, Joint Secretary, Assam Cricket Association; Shri Tapash Chakrabarty, Member, Apex Council, Assam Cricket Association; Shri Naba Konwar, Member, Apex Council, Assam Cricket Association; Miss Runumi Barkotoky, Member, Apex Council, Assam Cricket Association; Shri Ganesh Dutt Chugh, Technical Director, State Cricket Academy, Assam; Shri Ranjit Barthakur, Executive Chairman, Rajasthan Royals; Mr. Mike Fordham, Chief Executive Officer, Rajasthan Royals; Shri Rajiv Khanna, Vice-President, Rajasthan Royals; Shri Rohit R, General Manager, Rajasthan Royals; Shri Manish Pandey, Consultant, Rajasthan Royals; Miss Shuchi Kulshrestha, Head, Women's Cricket Development, Rajasthan Royals and Shri Riyan Parag, playing member of the IPL Franchise Rajasthan Royals at a formal function held at the ACA Stadium Premises, Barsapara, Guwahati-18.

The IPL franchise has announced their first academy in the North East, which is in line with their vision of discovering, nurturing, promoting and providing a platform to young talent. The Academy is based in Guwahati's ACA Stadium, Barsapara and will cater to young cricketers (men and women) across Assam and other north-eastern states. The Royals, through this academy will also help develop an elite group of Assam Cricketers through a complete training and education programme including both on and off the pitch essentials, ensuring their all-round development. The academy will also see knowledge and training imparted by the RR expert coaching team to the coaches of the Assam Cricket Association to aid them in improving the overall value chain of coaching.

Commenting on the partnership and the opportunities it brings to all parties, Rajasthan Royals Chairman, Shri Ranjit Barthakur said: "Development has always been the essence of the Royals' Cricketing operations and this partnership with the ACA is yet another step in the right direction. After having successfully launched and run youth programmes in Jaipur, setting up academies across the country was something that was always on the cards for us. I'm delighted to start our North East journey by setting up this academy in Guwahati. With our partnership with ACA, we aim to keep the

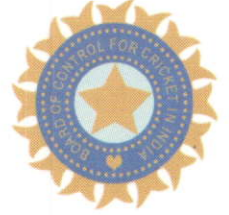
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whole of the North-east in mind, wherein we aim to bring in around 1000 cricketers through the system, who will be capable of playing at the highest level with inputs from the RR team.”

The Royals, through this partnership, will create a detailed plan and layout of the academy functioning - providing quality control and support for the players and the coaching staff. The academy will be the nucleus for cricket development in the entire North East. The plan will then move on to be implemented in further academies to be set up across India including one to be launched in the near future in Rajasthan.

The Jaipur-based franchise will set-up development pathways for elite players through participation opportunities in matches against the RR youth sides and through involvement in the RR practice sessions. The top elite players will also have the opportunity to be part of the Rajasthan Royals trials ahead of the next auction.

The Assam Cricket Association will be in charge of the day-to-day operations including the management of the resources. The ACA will also build the infrastructure for the academy which will include the ground and the other requisite facilities.

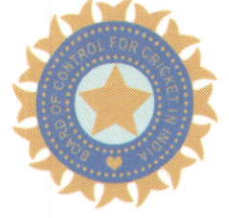
The Assam Cricket Association have expressed their delight at this partnership, Shri Romen Dutta, President, Assam Cricket Association said that the prized partnership would go a long way in producing quality cricketers from Assam. He also shed light on the various ambitious infrastructural projects being taken up by Assam Cricket Association across the State for the development of the game.



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Shri Devajit Saikia, Secretary, Assam Cricket Association said "ACA-RR tie up is going to boost our skill development programme for budding as well as frontline cricketers of Assam as RR's youth development and talent search programme is a success story. Hope boys of Assam and the entire North East will reap major benefits from this endeavour of ACA."

The landmark occasion came to a successful culmination with a friendly 1 over cricket match played between Shri Devajit Saikia, Secretary, Assam Cricket Association; Shri Ranjit Barthakur, Executive Chairman, Rajasthan Royals; Shri Ganesh Dutt Chugh, Technical Director, State Cricket Academy, Assam; Mr. Mike Fordham, Chief Executive Officer, Rajasthan Royals and Mr. Rajiv Khanna, Vice-President, Rajasthan Royals.

Regards,

(SUJIT KAKATI)
Chief Executive Officer,
Assam Cricket Association