

PRESS RELEASE

Nilay Dutta Inter-University Cricket Tournament, a first-of-its-kind T-20 cricket tournament organised by Assam Cricket Association in loving memory of renowned International Umpire, Former President of Assam Cricket Association and much-celebrated legal luminary, Late Niloy Dutta, commenced on February 13, 2022 at the Tezpur University Ground, Napaam, Sonitpur and Assam Agricultural University Ground, Jorhat respectively. It must be mentioned here that both the aforementioned grounds have been newly developed by Assam Cricket Association in its ambitious and far-reaching endeavour to develop the game of Cricket in every nook and cranny of the State and provide the right platform to the budding cricketers to improve their game.

Nine prestigious universities from all across Assam have participated in the Nilay Dutta Inter-University Cricket Tournament. They are - 1) Tezpur University; 2) Gauhati University; 3) Bodoland University, Kokrajhar; 4) Bhattadev University, Bajali; 5) Royal Global University; 6) Dibrugarh University; 7) Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat; 8) Assam Kaziranga University; and 9) Cotton University. The final match of the tournament is scheduled to be held on February 20, 2022 at the Tezpur University Ground, Napaam, Sonitpur.

In Tezpur, the Opening Ceremony of the said tournament was attended by Professor Vinod Kumar Jain, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Tezpur University; Shri Bhupesh Chandra Das, ACS, Deputy Commissioner, Sonitpur; Shri Devajit Saikia, Secretary, Assam Cricket Association and Shri Tridib Konwar, Treasurer, Assam Cricket Association among others.

In Jorhat, however, while the Assam Agricultural University Ground was inaugurated by Dr. Bidyut Chandan Deka, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat in presence of Shri Porikshit Dutta, Vice-President, Assam Cricket Association, the tournament was officially set in motion by Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa, Hon'ble MP, Rajya Sabha in the presence of the office-bearers of Jorhat District Sports Association and other dignitaries.

Speaking at the Tezpur venue, Shri Devajit Saikia, Secretary, Assam Cricket Association said that the commencement of the Inter-University Tournament was a red-letter day in the cricket history of Assam, for it would pave the way for many young talents to rise up the echelons of the game of Cricket. He informed that Assam Cricket Association would closely monitor the performance of the participating players in the tournament, and would surely select them to represent the State in different age-group tournaments if they were able to impress the selectors through their stellar performances with the bat and ball.

Professor Vinod Kumar Jain, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Tezpur University and Shri Bhupesh Chandra Das, ACS, Deputy Commissioner, Sonitpur, in their respective speeches, lauded the unprecedented determination and grit of Assam Cricket Association to take up such initiatives that would make far-reaching and meaningful contributions to the game of Cricket in Assam.

Addressing the gathering in Jorhat, Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa, Hon'ble MP, Rajya Sabha praised the present Apex Council of Assam Cricket Association. He said that Assam Cricket Association was earlier mired in controversies and corruption, but the present Apex Council has made a clean break from all the negativities and been able to stir a revolution in the sphere of Cricket through its myriad game-changing initiatives.

Dr. Bidyut Chandan Deka, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat thanked Assam Cricket Association in his speech for taking up the initiative to develop the ground, and expressed hope that the ground would be of great benefit to the cricket-loving students of the University.

Shri Porikshit Dutta, Vice-President, Assam Cricket Association said that the Nilay Dutta Inter-University Cricket Tournament would set the stage for many talented players of Assam to make a name for themselves at the higher levels of the game.

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