

## A Very Good Evening to all of you,

I am happy to come here and be a part of the 1st North East India Open Championship organised by Racquets and Balls Tennis Association in collaboration with Kreeda Bharati and Sports Authority of India from 29th October-3rd October 2017 at Sports Authority of India, Guwahati.

I consider this to be a noble initiative for maintaining the legacy of Late Ranjit Dutta the former State tennis player Ranjit Dutta who represented the State team in several national championships during 90s. He was State champions from 1993 to 1997 and organizing this kind of event is very essential.

The motto of this tournament is "North East as a hub of tennis, Tennis for all." Which purely signifies that it is meant for all classes of society.

I feel. Sports is important in everyones's life and it imbibes certain qualities which is essential to lead a complete life. It makes you mentally strong and physically fit. Sports and games are very beneficial to us as they teach us punctuality, patience, discipline, teamwork and dedication. Playing sports help us in building and improving confidence level. If we practice sports on regular basis, we can be more active and healthy. Being involved in the sports activities help us in getting protected with numerous diseases. It teaches us to go ahead in life by removing all the weaknesses. It makes us bold and gives the feeling of happiness by reducing the occurrence of anxiety and angry.

I am happy to know that last year RBTA had the honour to organize the tournament and this year too they are successful in organizing the 1st North East India Tournament in the name of the legendary figure of Assam. As the Chief Minister has already said that Guwahati should be the Sports Capital of the country and hope this association contributes in making the dream successful.

Racquets and Balls Tennis Association has been working since 2009 and has undertaken the role of promoting youngsters of the North Eastern Region. I wish the organizers as well as the participants all the best for their respective endeavour in the ongoing 6 day event.

Jai Hind and thank you..