## Assam governor attends North East Cycling Awards 2023

**Guwahati, November 4:** Assam Governor Gulab Chand Kataria, attended the North East Cycling Awards 2023 at a city hotel here today. The event was organized by "Paddle for Change," a non-governmental organization. Their noble mission revolves around the advocacy of cycling, walking, and the widespread utilization of public transportation, all underpinned by the overarching goal of mitigating the harmful impacts of climate change.

The primary objective of the event was to encourage individuals and organizations who have displayed firm dedication to the promotion of cycling in the North East region. In this light, Governor Shri Kataria extended his commendations to "Paddle for Change" for organizing the event.

He underscored the profound significance of cycling, not only for enhancing individual well-being but also for bolstering the national economy. "This sustainable endeavor is a potent contributor to the preservation of our environment, aligning perfectly with the imperative duty of safeguarding our climate, a responsibility that rests squarely on the shoulders of each and every one of us" he added.

The Governor also said that cycling emerges as a proactive and noble means to champion a collective commitment to a greener and a healthier future.

Shri Kataria also lauded the government's commendable initiative to provide bicycles to female students. This initiative has not only facilitated their access to education but has also seamlessly integrated them into the broader realm of learning, breaking down barriers and fostering inclusivity.

Furthermore, Governor Shri Kataria expressed the importance of adopting public transport over private vehicles emphasizing its capacity to usher in positive societal changes.

Minister of Forest, Parimal Suklabaidya, CEO of Pratidin Groups, Rishi Baruah, and a host of dignitaries attended the event.

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