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Assam Cricket Association Officially Launches the Assam Premier League (APL)

Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma Unveils the Official Logo, league's Trophy and Participating Teams

Assam Cricket Association (ACA) today marked a historic milestone in the state's sporting journey with the official launch of the Assam Premier League (APL) at the 91 Yards Club Auditorium, ACA Stadium, Barsapara, Guwahati on 21st June, 2026.

The landmark occasion was graced by Chief Guest Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam, who formally unveiled the league's official logo, trophy, and team identities of the competing teams in the esteemed presence of Guest of Honour Shri Devajit Saikia, Honorary Secretary, Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) along with Shri Taranga Gogoi, President, Assam Cricket Association; Shri Sanatan Das, Secretary, Assam Cricket Association; other officials, administrators, franchise owners, and members of Assam's cricketing fraternity, which the association described as the beginning of a structured, home-grown competition for cricketers in the state.

The programme commenced with a welcome address by Shri Rajdeep Oja, Chairperson, Assam Premier League, who outlined the vision behind the league and emphasized its role in creating a professional and sustainable platform for emerging cricketers while elevating the standard of domestic cricket across the state.

The launch of the Assam Premier League marks a significant milestone in ACA's vision to give the state's domestic players a regular competitive platform at home and to widen the talent pool that feeds Assam's white ball tournament and age-group sides.

The matches of the inaugural edition of the Assam Premier League will be broadcast live on Star Sports and streamed on JioHotstar, taking Assam's premier T20 competition to cricket fans across the country.

A major highlight of the ceremony was the unveiling of the identities of the eight participating franchises that will compete in the inaugural edition of the league:

- Jorhat Stallions
- Tezpur Titans
- Dibrugarh Warriors
- Barak Legends
- Nagaon Rangers

- Barpeta Braves
- Guwahati Royals
- Charaideo Sunrisers

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam, said: "Cricket occupies a special place in the hearts of the people of Assam, and the launch of the Assam Premier League represents a defining moment for the sport in our state. This initiative will provide a dedicated platform for talented young cricketers to showcase their abilities and pursue their aspirations at the highest level. This league belongs to the people of Assam, and I am confident it will grow into one of the impactful state leagues in the years to come."

Sri Devajit Saikia, Honorary Secretary, BCCI, said: BCCI has always encouraged the growth of strong domestic cricket, and a professionally managed state league like the Assam Premier League adds significant depth to the cricketing structure. Assam possesses immense cricketing potential, and a platform of this nature will help talented players gain valuable competitive exposure. I congratulate the Assam Cricket Association on this important initiative and extend my best wishes for the successful inaugural season of the league."

"I extend my gratitude to Chief Minister Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma for his vision and leadership, which have helped

transform Assam into an emerging destination in India's sporting ecosystem."added Saikia.

The unveiling of the APL logo, league's trophy, and participating franchise identities represents the first major milestone in the lead-up to the league's inaugural edition. Further announcements regarding the player auction, tournament schedule and other details will be made in the coming weeks.

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