



Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal Confers Sons of the Soil Award to Five Emerging Achievers from Assam

Five Distinguished Personalities of Assam Receive Lifetime Achievement Recognition from Shri Sarbananda Sonowal

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The **Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW), Sarbananda Sonowal** conferred the '*Sons of the Soil Emerging Achievers Award*' to five young talents from Assam at the 5th Biennial Son of the Soil Awards Assam 2025, hosted by Care Luit here today. The event celebrated outstanding contributions across diverse fields and honoured individuals who reflect Assam's evolving potential and rising profile in India's development journey.

The Emerging Achievers Award was presented to **Sukrita Baruah** (*Media & Communication*), **Sanghamitra Kalita** (*Entrepreneurship*), **Isharani Baruah** (*Sports*), **Himjyoti Talukdar** (*Art & Culture*) and **Dr. Debjani Borah** (*Conservation*). These awardees were recognised for demonstrating excellence, dedication and innovation in their respective fields.

Speaking at the ceremony, Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal said the award represents the powerful spirit of aspiration that drives the youth of Assam. *"The spirit of excellence and resilience has always defined the people of Assam. These young achievers represent the aspirations of a progressive and confident generation committed to contributing to nation-building. Their success is a testament to what determination, courage and disciplined effort can achieve,"* Shri Sonowal said.

Calling upon the youth of Assam and the Northeast to draw inspiration from the award recipients, the Minister added, *"Each of today's awardees has shown what is possible when one believes in their dreams and works tirelessly. I urge the youth of Assam to let their achievements ignite motivation and hope. Let us take inspiration from their discipline and perseverance and channel it into building a strong, capable and self-reliant society."*

Shri Sarbananda Sonowal further linked this spirit of progress to the national vision under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, stating, *"Our dynamic Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji has given the nation a guiding philosophy — 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas'. This vision reminds us that development is meaningful only when everyone participates and benefits. It is through collective effort, trust, unity and shared progress that India*

today stands proudly as one of the world's leading economies. I call upon every young citizen to take this message to heart and contribute with integrity, talent and hard work for the service of our great nation."

Sarbananda Sonowal also honoured the recipients of the Lifetime Achievement Awards — **Arun Nath** (Art & Culture), **Ravi Shankar Ravi** (News-Media), **Mainuddin Ahmed** (Sports), **Lakhimi Baruah** (Entrepreneurship) and **Simanta Das** (Public Service) — recognising their enduring contributions and leadership that shaped generations. Sonowal congratulated **Dr. Alaka Sarma** and **Akshar Foundation**, recipients of the Social Sector Development Award, for transformative work in education and community empowerment.

Instituted in 2016, the Son of the Soil Awards organised by Care Luit celebrate individuals and organisations whose dedication, innovation and service reflect the pride and heritage of Assam. Shri Sonowal commended the initiative for fostering inspiration and strengthening identity. *"Recognising excellence inspires more excellence. Such recognition builds confidence and creates a culture of aspiration that empowers the next generation to dream big and achieve bigger,"* **Sarbananda Sonowal** said.

Concluding his address, Shri Sonowal reaffirmed commitment to supporting talent development and strengthening Assam's role in national progress. *"With collective effort and vision, Assam will continue to rise. Together we will build a stronger India,"* he said.













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