

Assam boy participates at Hong Kong International Kungfu Festival



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Gome a typical Gorkha name and Thapa a popular Gorkhali surname the combo Gome Thapa is no known face of Assam till toady. A resident of Durgasarbar Hill side of Guwahati, Gome has been playing this sports for the last 15 years. On Friday he was flown from Guwahati to New Delhi to participate at the prestigious Hong Kong International Kung Fu festival. He is a member of five-member Indian squad to the competition. It is for the third time that he has been selected for such international competition but he could not join the former two, due to financial constraint.

Financially weak Gome had dropped the dream of participating at the competition for which the expenses (travel & joining fees) comes around Rs.80,000/- only. Some of his sources asked him to approach AAGSU at Nepali Mandir office for financial help. On his approach the apex organization of Gorkhas AAGSU came to rescue. The donation drive started from Assam Sports Minister Bharat Narah who reluctantly made a contribution of Rs.5000/-, which is still under process. On request to consider this case by Kamrup Dist. Advisor of AAGSU Pitamber Joshi, Narah replied that it was too late to allot fund for the player while the state cabinet are busy due to hectic schedule on visit of AICC General Secretary Rahul Gandhi. Even former MP and President Assam Gorkha Sammelan Mani Kr. Subba did not come to rescue. However on several requests by AAGSU he has promised to pay Rs.20,000/- on his return thereby Pitamber Joshi has drawn a loan of Rs.20,000/- from a trader to make Gome's dream true. AAGSU had to exchange heated words at the Regional Passport Office to get his passport issued in time. AAGSU has bore all the rest of his expenses a noble gesture. Speaking to this correspondent at the LGBI Airport in Guwahati, Thapa emotionally thanked All Assam Gorkha Students' Union, donors and well-wishers. He promised to live up the expectations of people back home and embrace his nation with a international medal. We wish him all the very best.

Wishes and greetings to Gome Thapa may contacted at

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However a week (from 21st- 26th July 2009) stay in Hong Kong would cost him another Rs. 20,000/-. GOME THAPA FUND RAISING sub committee of AAGSU requests to make possible contributions to Gome Thapa in his State Bank of India account no. 10242819837.

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