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Sonowal takes stock of SAG preparation



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Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports ([/taxonomy/term/34](#)), Sarbananda Sonowal, Saturday visited the 12th South Asian Games Guwahati Secretariat at Nidhi Bhawan and took stock of the preparations for the upcoming Games. The 12th South Asian Games are scheduled to be held from February 5 to 16, ([/taxonomy/term/1961](#)) 2016 ([/taxonomy/term/1961](#)) in the stadia across Guwahati and Shillong respectively. This is the first international multidiscipline sporting event to be conducted in North East ([/taxonomy/term/2419](#)) India ([/taxonomy/term/2367](#)) by the Organizing Committee of the South Asian Games (OC-SAG).

The Minister during his visit met all the 16 Functional Area (FA) heads involved in the run up for the Games. Injeti Srinivas, CEO of the Guwahati Games Secretariat briefed Sonowal the developments in place. The FA heads hashed out all issues pertaining to the preparation of the Games with the Minister who is the Chairperson of the Organizing Committee.

In the meeting, the Minister gave particular importance to the issues of the Volunteers, Venue Development ([/taxonomy/term/2310](#)) and Communications Functional Areas. He emphasized that proper representation of youths from all the ([/taxonomy/term/2164](#)) 8 ([/taxonomy/term/2164](#)) northeastern states should be seen amongst the Volunteers of the Games and suggested that the FA give specific attention in this direction.

He opined that the Organizers involve and represent the student ([/taxonomy/term/2404](#)) community ([/taxonomy/term/2084](#)), both boys and girls ([/taxonomy/term/2288](#)) of all the important colleges of Upper Assam, Lower Assam including Barak ([/taxonomy/term/2317](#)) Valley and Meghalaya in the Volunteer force of the Games.

The Minister personally met the workforce and FA Heads of the Games Secretariat to encourage them for the upcoming Games. Expressing confidence in the ongoing preparations he said, “All the preparations are on the right track, and everybody is working sincerely for the success ([/taxonomy/term/2080](#)) of these Games so that we can witness a great and successful Games in the North East ([/taxonomy/term/2419](#))”.



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