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Organized by Hockey Arunachal, the thrilling tournament showcased the immense potential and talent present in the hockey landscape of the state.

The closing ceremony, which took place at the Sangay Lhaden Sports Academy (SLSA) Complex, Chinpu near here, witnessed the esteemed presence of Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein and Talitha MLA Nyato Dukam. Later, the chief guest (Mein) and guest of honour (Dukam) gave away the prizes to the winners.

Addressing the gathering, the Dy CM extended congratulations to Hockey Arunachal for successfully organizing such a mega tournament.

The Dy CM also took a moment to remember and pay tribute to late Pasang Wangchuk Sona, after whom the maiden edition of the State level tournament was named. Reflecting on their shared contemporaneity, he praised late Sona as an exceptional leader.

The MLA shared his valuable insights into how games and sports including hockey can grow in the State, underscoring the significance of sports in shaping the careers of youth. Expressing his delight at the successful conduct of the hockey tournament, he said how it revitalized a sport that had once been on the brink of extinction. *Contd. on P-2*

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Describing Arunachal as a hub of sports, he highlighted the tremendous potential of hockey to flourish in the State. He called upon every individual to take responsibility for popularizing hockey and other sports and informed about the government's steadfast commitment to promoting sports and harnessing the power of the youth.

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State Assembly Speaker and Chief Patron, P D Sona expressed heartfelt gratitude to Chief Minister Pema Khandu and all others who provided invaluable support in organizing the mega tournament.

Sona emphasized that the championship was not only a memorial event but also an important initiative that would significantly boost the growth of hockey in the State.

Stating that hockey is the national game which needs promotion and encouragement, Sona called upon everyone to support Hockey Arunachal in its mission of popularizing hockey across the State.

Among others present on the occasion were MLA and Patron Hockey Arunachal Hayeng Mangfi, Vice Chairman SAA Sanjeev Tana Tara and Secretary Sports & Youth Affairs Abu Tayeng.

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Pasang Wangchuk Sona State Level Memorial Hockey C'ship

Papum Pare, Kra Daadi emerge winners

CHIMPU, 23 Jun: Papum Pare and Kra Daadi emerged the winners of the first Pasang Wangchuk Sona State Level Memorial Hockey Championship in the men's and the women's category, respectively, at the Sangay Lhaden Sports Complex here on Friday.

Organised by Hockey Arunachal, the championship's closing ceremony was attended by, among others, Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein and Taliha MLA Nyato Dukam. The duo gave away the prizes to the winners.

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ing, the DCM highlighted "the tremendous potential for hockey in the state," and urged everyone to "take responsibility for popularising hockey and other sports."

The DCM also paid tribute to late Pasang

Wangchuk Sona, after whom the tournament is named. Dukam in his address underscored the significance of sports in shaping the careers of youths.

Legislative Assembly Speaker PD Sona, who is

also the chief patron of the championship, said that "the championship is not only a memorial event but an important initiative that would significantly boost the growth of hockey in the state." (Contd. on P-5)

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