

## **15<sup>th</sup> Senior State Swimming Competition**

**Shillong 7<sup>th</sup> September 2019:** Chief Minister Conrad Sangma today said that the Government has initiated measures to improve sports infrastructure in the State.

The Chief Minister was speaking on the concluding day of the 15<sup>th</sup> Senior State Swimming Competition organised by the Meghalaya Swimming Association in collaboration with the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs at Crinoline Swimming Pool, Nongmalki Shillong.

Acknowledging the talent of young swimmers the Chief Minister said that measures are being taken to improve facilities in the State. 'The government is aware of the challenges that is being faced in the sport, we are looking at ways to improve and develop quality infrastructure across the State to support our athletes', he said.

The Chief Minister informed that the State is on the verge of being allotted an Olympic sized swimming pool as part of the initiative of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, GOI, to develop sports infrastructure for the differently able and said that such facilities can also be used by other sports association to develop and promote sporting talent in the State.

Lauding the efforts of Sports Associations the Chief Minister said that the Government has taken steps to extend necessary help and support to them.

The Chief Minister also informed that the prize money awarded by the State to sports persons winning gold at national championships has been increased to two lakhs from the earlier seven thousand adding that an Olympic gold winner will be entitled to a prize money of seventy five lakhs from the State.

