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## Inauguration of the B Division Club League Foot ball State government is prioritizing the overall development of the sports sector by implementing various initiatives: Chief Minister

The Chief Minister, Professor Dr. Manik Saha, emphasized that there is no shortage of talented athletes in the state. To advance sports in the region, modern sports infrastructure is essential. He made these remarks while addressing reporters after inaugurating the B Division Club League Football tournament, organized by the Tripura Football Association, at Umakanta Mini Stadium last evening. He highlighted that sports contribute to both the physical and mental development of athletes and promote discipline. Moreover, sports play a crucial role in fostering a healthy society by keeping the younger generation away from addiction. The state government is actively working to enhance athletes' skills by implementing several programs aimed at improving sports infrastructure. The recent addition of night games under floodlights has further encouraged athletes in the state.

The tournament began yesterday with a match between Ekatan Yuba Sangstha and Skylark Club. Before the match started, the Chief Minister greeted the players from both teams and formally inaugurated the competition by kicking off the ball. Also present at the stadium for the occasion were Bimbisar Bhattacharjee, Director of the Information & Cultural Affairs Department; S.B. Nath, Director of the Youth Affairs & Sports Department; and Pranab Sarkar, President of the Tripura Football Association, among others.