



Chaolung Sukapha

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Recently, the union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways led a vibrant celebration of Assam Day and paid rich tributes to Chaolung Sukapha.

About Chaolung Sukapha

He was a visionary 13th-century ruler who founded the Ahom kingdom that ruled Assam for six centuries.

He is widely referred to as the architect of “Bor Asom” or “greater Assam”.

It was in Charaideo that Sukapha established his first small principality, sowing the seeds of further expansion of the Ahom kingdom.

Administration of Chaolung Sukapha

He divided the kingdom into territorial units called khels or phoids, each under an officer responsible for supplying a fixed number of paiks

Paiks are the able-bodied male population who owed labour and military service to the state.

Every adult male between sixteen and fifty was registered as a paik and served the king for part of the year in agriculture, construction, or war. In return, he was allotted land for personal cultivation.

He emphasized guerrilla tactics suited to the terrain of rivers, jungles, and hills

Why is Chaolung Sukapha Important?

Sukapha's significance — especially in today's Assam — lies in his successful efforts towards assimilation of different communities and tribes.

He adopted a policy of conciliation and assimilation rather than annihilation.

Sukapha developed very amiable relationships with the tribal communities living in Assam — especially the Sutias, the Morans and the Kacharis