Shri Tarun Gogoi, was born on 1 April 1936 in the Jorhat district of Assam. After completion of Bachelor’s degree from Jaganath Baruah College, Jorhat, he took the degree of LLB from Guwahati University. Shri Gogoi commenced his career as a lawyer and parallely emerged into socio-political activities. Late Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in 1971 entrusted him with the responsibility of organizing the youth in the State. In that year itself, Shri Gogoi was elected for the first time to the 5th Lok Sabha. In 1976, he became the Joint Secretary of All India Congress Committee and was re-elected to the 6th (1977) and the 7th Lok Sabhas in 1983. He became the General Secretary of All India Congress Committee in 1985. During 1986–90, he served as the President of Assam Pradesh Congress (I) Committee and for the 4th time, he was elected to the 10th Lok Sabha in 1991. From 1993 to 1995, he held the portfolio of Food Processing Industry as the Union Minister of State (Independent Charge). Shri Tarun Gogoi assumed the office of Chief Minister, Assam on 18 May 2001 and has since been reelected in the 2006 and 2011 Election. Shri Gogoi assumed the office of Chief Minister, Assam for the second term on 14 May 2006 and for the third term on 18 May 2011.