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Union Home Minister presents President's Colour award to Assam Police

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Dispur, May 25: In recognition to the exceptional service provided to the state during the last 25 years, Union Home Minister Amit Shah presented President's Colour award to Assam Police at a solemn function held at Nehru Stadium. Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma was also present on the occasion.

Assam has become the 10th state in the country including Union Territory Delhi to have received the honour for exemplary performance in tackling insurgency, cross border infiltration, controlling crime of different manifestations, maintaining law and order and ensuring safety and security to all sections of the people of the state.

It may be noted that the states that have already received the award are Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Jammu and Kashmir, Tripura and Tamil Nadu. While Delhi also won this award while it was a Union Territory.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma while congratulating Assam Police on achieving this award said, "President's Colour, is a testimony to the dedication, and undying spirit of Assam Police that has a rich history of serving our people for nearly 150 years in various forms and manifestations".

Hailing the dedication and dutifulness of Assam Police personnel and paying tributes to those who laid down their lives in line of duty for maintaining peace in the state, Dr. Sarma said that the morale, grit and determination of the last personnel on the ground enabled the force to earn this unique distinction. He also said, "It is this spirit that even after losing so many precious lives from high ranking officers to the constabulary, the force marched ahead in its path of peace building". He also said that the award manifests the undying resolve of Assam Police for which peace has descended on Assam and the state is making steady progress in the path of development under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

Stating the Bodo Peace accord signed in 2020 and the Karbi Peace Pact signed in September last year, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma said that Prime Minister's visit to Karbi Anglong on 28 April has given a new momentum to the peace accord in the hill districts. Moreover, the fact that all the militant groups in Dima Haso have treaded the path of peace by abjuring violence and Central government's decision to withdraw Armed Forces Special Power Act from 23 districts of the state, are the indications Assam's improved law and order, the Chief Minister added. He also said that Assam police personnel have been contributing well to carry forward the development initiatives of the state. Moreover, Assam Police have been equally efficient

in controlling militancy, acting against drug menace and all other forms of crime in the state. He said that in the last one year, acting against drugs, Assam Police registered 2834 cases, arresting 4838 persons accused of drugs trade of peddling and confiscating drugs worth Rs. 550 crore. He also hailed the Assam Police for adopting 'zero-tolerance' against human and cattle traffickers.

Speaking on the steps that State government has taken for police modernization like constructing new buildings for police stations, police barracks, the under construction transit camps in Guwahati, Dr. Sarma said that State government is committed to provide an enriching environment for the physical and mental health of every personnel.

He also said that at present the State government is implementing a project to upgrade the Police Training Centre into an international standard academy. Moreover, to empower the police stations digitally, Assam Police has been implementing different schemes.

A colourful parade was also presented on the occasion, as the Union Home inspected the parade. Union Home Minister Amit Shah also spoke on the occasion.

Later, Union Home Minister along with Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Sarma also attended a Barakhana with senior officers and jawans of Assam Police on the occasion of President's Colour to Assam Police at Police Guest House here at Ulubari.

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