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CM inaugurates new building of Agia Police Station

Improved infrastructure of police stations should inspire people friendly services: CM

Dispur, Nov. 20: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated the newly constructed building of Agia Police Station in Goalpara district today. The new building has been constructed under MOITRI scheme.

Chief Minister Sonowal while speaking on the occasion said, "Moitri means friendship and cordial relations. That is why the State government under MOITRI scheme envisages to improve police-public relationship and has taken up steps to augment infrastructure of police stations which would offer more friendly services to the people."

He said that the State government has taken up construction of 344 new buildings of police stations across Assam, out of which 73 in first phase. The police stations will be equipped with all modern facilities and people friendly services so that it gives the police personnel more enthusiasm and generates friendly environment encouraging people to approach police.

The Chief Minister said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi accords top priority to smart police and smart police stations considering the role police plays in maintaining law and order in society. He also urged the police to be more committed and serve people with dedication and honesty.

The Chief Minister said that the State government, with a view to reign in crime against women, took steps for setting up fast track courts as a result of which many perpetrators were put behind bars. He also mentioned about the fast track courts set up for protection of wildlife and said that altogether 13 poachers were convicted due to speedy trial so far.

Stating that the State government is guided by the principle of *sabka saath*, *sabka vikas and sabka viswas*, Chief Minister Sonowal said that Assam government is working towards ensuring equal development of all communities in the State. He also urged the people to maintain peace and harmony in the district.

Further, taking strong note of public complaints over encroachment at Urpad *beel* located at Agia, Chief Minister Sonowal directed the DC and SP of Goalpara to take immediate steps for eviction of encroachments from the site.

Coinciding the occasion, Chief Minister Sonowal felicitated renowned social worker Birubala Rabha, noted farmer Upendra Rabha, national award winning teacher Parameswar Das and theatre personality Royonti Rabha.



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DGP Kuladhar Saikia and retired teacher of Agia JN Memorial HS School Joychandra Nath also delivered speech.

While Goalpara SP Sushanta Biswa Sarma delivered the welcome speech, CEM of Rabha Hasong Autonomous Council Tankeswar Rabha, MLA Dudhnoi LAC Dipak Rabha, DC Goalpara Varnali Kalita, Chairman of Minority Development Board Mominul Awaal, senior police officers and several other dignitaries were present in the programme.

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