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CM unveils statues of Simon Singh Horo and Santosh Kumar Topno

Dispur, July 14: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal unveiled life size statues of founding president and secretary of Assam Tea Tribes Students Association (ATTSA) Simon Singh Horo and Santosh Kumar Topno in the campus of *Chah Janajati Sanskritik Kendra* at Chaulkhowa in Dibrugarh district today. Coinciding the programme, he also inaugurated a memorial park. This project was implemented with an expenditure of Rs. one crore under untied fund. The statues were created by sculptor Shiva Prasad Marar who is working as an artist in the Information & Public Relations Department of the State Government.

While speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Sonowal said that both the leaders worked for socio-cultural upliftment of the community and took strong steps for removing ignorance and superstition from society. He said that their contributions would always be remembered by the people and called upon people to follow their ideals.

Further urging the district administration to ensure proper upkeep of the memorial park, he directed to take steps for setting up a library in the cultural complex and assured to provide financial assistance for the initiative from untied fund. He also suggested bringing out books reflecting the life and works of both the leaders so that their contributions continue to inspire the generations to come.

The Chief Minister also appreciated the steps taken by ATTSA for taking forward the community in every sphere and urged them to extend help in successful implementation of government schemes.

Water Resources Minister Keshav Mahanta, Union Minister of State for Food Processing Industries Rameswar Teli, Minister of State (i/c) for Tea Tribes Welfare Sanjay Kishan, MP Pallav Lochan Das and Kamakhya Prasad Tasa, president of Assam Chah Mazdoor Sangha Paban Singh Ghatowar, MLA Rituparna Baruah and several office bearers of ATTSA delivered speech on the occasion.

MLAs of Dibrugarh, Duliajan, Moran, Tingkhong and Chabua, CEM of Sonowal Kachari Autonomous Council Dipu Ranjan Makrari, DC Pallab Gopal Jha, several chairmen and vice-chairmen of boards and corporations, social worker Prahlad Goala, representatives of ATTSA, AASA, ACMS, Moran Students Union and family members of Simon Singh Horo and Santosh Kumar Topno were present in the programme.

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