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## CM inaugurates newly built building of historic Dhekiajuli PS Sonowal unveils statue of martyr Birsa Munda at Dhekiajuli

Young generation must take inspiration from the great martyrs to develop Assam: CM Dispur, Jan 22: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today inaugurated the newly constructed and renovated building of historic Dhekiajuli Police Station. The historic police station has been restored and rebuilt by Archeology Department by keeping its heritage value intact. The department has spent an amount of Rs 1.50 crore for restoration of Dhekiajuli, Sootea and Gohpur police stations, which bear memories of independence movement.

Inaugurating the police station, Chief Minister Sonowal said that martyrs of 1942's Quit India Movement sacrificed their lives for the country's independence and they showcased the indomitable spirit of patriotism and love for the motherland. The young generation must take inspiration from the examples of these great martyrs to commit to the cause of the society with zeal and fervor, he said.

Saying that the state government has been working for inspiring the young generation with the ideals of the martyrs of freedom struggle and Assam Movement, Sonowal highlighted the efforts to restore the historic police stations and setting up of Swahid Udyan at Guwahati for making the outside visitors to the state aware about Assam's history and martyrs' sacrifices. He also recalled the immense contribution of great personalities of Tezpur like Jyoti Prasad Agarwalla, Bishnu Prasad Rabha, Dr. Bhupen Hazarika, Phani Sarma etc to the socio-cultural sector of the state.

Sonowal also informed that the state government has been working towards the goal of a smart police force through infrastructure development of police stations with schemes like MOITRI while facilitating delivery of people friendly services by the police. He called on the police personnel to perform their duties with honesty and dedication to earn respect of the public and he appreciated the Assam Police for its success in the fight against corruption.

ADG of Assam Police Harmeet Singh gave the welcome address in the programme where MP Pallab Lochan Das, MLAs Ashok Singhal, Ganesh Limbu also spoke.

Later, the Chief Minister also unveiled a statue of martyr Birsa Munda erected by Cultural Affairs Department, Government of Assam at Dhekiajuli. Speaking at the programme held on the occasion, Sonowal stressed on the need to emulate the ideals of the great martyr who sacrificed everything for the country and called for maintaining age old peace, unity and harmony among all communities of the state. He also reflected on the steps taken by the BJP led State Government for equal development of all sections of the society.

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