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CM attends Krishak-Swahid Divas at Patharughat

Govt. to set up 'Smriti Kshetra' to commemorate peasant's uprising of Patharughat: CM

Dispur, January 28: The Assam Government in a bid to commemorate the sacrifice and patriotism of the martyrs of the historic uprising of the peasants at Patharughat in Darrang district would set up a 'Smriti Kshetra' at the site where the peasants sacrificed their lives while protesting against the increased land tax levied by the British.

The Chief Minister said this while speaking at the observation of 'Krishak-Swahid Divas' organized by the Department of Agriculture, Government of Assam in association with the Darrang district administration and local people at Patharughat today.

Chief Minister Sonowal on the occasion urged the youth to imbibe the values and ideologies of the martyrs of the peasants' uprising to be good citizens of the country.

The Chief Minister also asked the Agriculture Minister to take necessary steps for opening a branch of Assam Agricultural University at Patharughat so that farmers of the area could gain knowledge on modern agricultural techniques.

Underlining the importance of agriculture for building an *Atmanirbhar* Assam, Chief Minister Sonowal urged the farmers of the State to adopt scientific practices to increase production and to be economically self-sufficient. Sonowal said that due to the Central and State government initiatives in the agriculture sector, youth have taken up farming in large numbers and even exported their produce to various international destinations.

Chief Minister Sonowal said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi with a view to double farmers income by 2022 introduced several schemes including soil health card, PM Fasal Bima Yojana, KCC, Kisan Samman Nidhi etc. He further informed that the State government has been implementing schemes like CM Samagra Gramya Unnayan Yojana, Krishi Sa-Sajuli Yojana, loan relief scheme, setting up rice mill etc. to increase farmers' production in Assam. The Chief Minister also urged the farmers to engage in organic farming to realize Prime Minister's call for transforming the region as an organic hub of the country.

Earlier, Chief Minister paid respectful tribute at the martyrs' column of the historic peasants' uprising and inaugurated an Integrated Training and Skill Development Centre at Patharughat, besides a 3-day training programme for farmers. The Chief Minister also felicitated several farmer groups for their contribution in the field of agriculture in the State. He also released a souvenir which was published to commemorate the observation.

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While Commissioner & Secretary of Agriculture Akashdeep delivered the welcome speech, the meeting was also addressed by Agriculture Minister Atul Bora, MLAs Binanda Saikia and Gurujyoti Das. Chief Minister's legal Adviser Santanu Bharali, MLA Ashok Sarma, chairman of State Minority Development Board Mominul Awal, deputy commissioner of Darrang Dilip Kumar Bora were present among others in the meeting.

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