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CM inaugurates newly constructed building of historic Sootea PS

Dispur, July 27: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today inaugurated the newly constructed building of historic Sootea Police Station at Sootea, Biswanath. The police station, which was established in 1913, is steeped in memories of Indian freedom struggle and it is restored by Archeology Department, Govt of Assam, keeping its heritage value intact. The Chief Minister also laid the foundation stone of PWD Inspection Bungalow at Sootea.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that the people of Gohpur, Sootea, Dhekiajuli areas fought valiantly against the British during the independence movement and that is why, the state government was working towards preserving the heritage buildings and monuments to inspire the young generation with the glorious history of the state. He also directed the Minister of Archeology Department Keshab Mahanta to take steps for digitizing the important historic documents in the police station.

Assuring the people of Sootea that more government offices would be set up in the town along with a new stadium, Sonowal thanked Assam's people for diligently fighting situations like COVID-19, flood, erosion, storm, Baghjan oil well fire etc at the same time. He urged the public to point out any lapses in administration by the state government.

Speaking at the programme, Minister of Archeology Department Keshab Mahanta informed that the state government was sincerely working to preserve the important monuments and landmarks bearing significance for various communities and for these efforts, Central Government has taken steps to develop the *maidams* at Charaideo in Sivasagar district as iconic sites with an expenditure of Rs 25 crore. He also said that Dhekiajuli and Sootea police stations have been preserved by keeping their heritage value intact following the direction of the Chief Minister.

Handloom and Textiles Minister Ranjit Dutta, MP Pallab Lochan Das, Sootea MLA Padma Hazarika, Biswanath MLA Pramod Borthakur and Gohpur MLA Utpal Bora also spoke on the occasion. The programme was attended by several other dignitaries.

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