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CM inaugurates newly constructed Basistha Police Station

Sonowal underlines the need for closer police-public ties

Dispur, July 20: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today inaugurated the newly constructed Basistha Police Station under Mission for Overall Improvement for Responsive Image (MOITRI) scheme and expressed optimism that the newly built police station would be able to provide more people friendly services with its modernised infrastructure.

Saying that only infrastructure development would not suffice to improve the overall quality of policing, chief minister Sonowal urged the police personnel of the state to be more responsible and responsive towards public. The Chief Minister also appreciated the role played by Assam Police in unleashing remarkable anti-corruption drive and maintaining law and order in the state. He said that the state police have been successful in earning people's confidence and they must continue their efforts to sustain the same.

It is to be mentioned that under MOITRI scheme, state government has taken up initiatives to reconstruct the buildings of the Police Stations and develop infrastructure with improved public amenities. A total of Rs 2 crore 62 lakh has been spent for the reconstruction of Basistha Police Station. Government of Assam under MOITRI scheme has adopted a visionary programme of reconstructing 346 police stations with a financial outlay of Rs. 2 crore for every police station to be reconstructed and refurbished within 5 years. In the first phase 73 number of police stations were earmarked.

Underlining Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision to make the police forces across the country more efficient and competent, Sonowal referred to the meetings of Prime Minister Modi with DGPs from all over the country in the recent years where he emphasised on the improvement of the overall quality and efficiency of police forces to make smart police. He also appreciated the Assam Police for improving cordial relations with the public and urged them to continue to get closer to people while calling on the people to also cooperate with the police in maintaining peace and harmony in the society.

Saying that a strong police force was required to maintain discipline and rule of law in the society, Sonowal urged Assam Police to enable itself to face all eventualities and overcome challenges. He also informed about the plan of the state government to provide 1000 houses for the police personnel of the state during the first phase of housing scheme. Modern weapons, improved logistical support and cyber crime fighting facilities like Cyberdome were all being provided to the Assam Police, he said.

Elaborating on the objective behind MOITRI, Sonowal said that the Government of Assam aims to strengthen amity and unity amongst the people of Assam by bridging the gap between police and public. The scheme would alter the image of police stations among the public and

inspire confidence among them to come forward to seek police help during their times of need while also providing police personnel better work environment, he said.

Dispur MLA Atul Bora, MLA Tingkhang Bimal Bora, DGP Kuladhar Saikia, Kamrup Metro Commissioner of Police Dipak Kumar also spoke at the programme which was attended by Media Adviser to the Chief Minister Hrishikesh Goswami, Additional Chief Secretary of Home Department Kumar Sanjay Krishna among others.

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