

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

1. Lakshman Prasad Acharya sworn in as new Governor of Manipur while Om Prakash Mathur takes oath as Governor of Sikkim.
2. Security forces in Manipur continue search operations in sensitive areas to thwart any unwanted incidents; search operation in foothills of Tekcham Maning Ching of Thoubal district leads to recovery of arms and ammunition.
3. 6th session of 12th Manipur Legislative Assembly begins; Chief Minister, N Biren Singh presents Annual State Budget Estimate 2024-25.
4. Director General of Assam Rifles, Lt Gen PC Nair retires after nearly four decades of distinguished service.
5. Schools falling under Shillong Municipal Area in Meghalaya will remain closed on Friday in view of opening ceremony of Durand Cup, 2024 in Shillong.

GOVERNORS

Lakshman Prasad Acharya was sworn in as the new Governor of Manipur. The swearing in ceremony was held at the Raj Bhavan in Imphal yesterday morning. The oath of office was administered by the Chief Justice of Manipur High Court Siddharth Mridul. Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, cabinet ministers, MLAs, top civil, police and para military forces attended the swearing-in ceremony. Similarly, Om Prakash Mathur took oath as the Governor of Sikkim yesterday. He was administered the oath of office by Sikkim High Court Chief Justice Biswanath Somadder during a function held at the Raj Bhavan in Gangtok. Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang, Cabinet Ministers, and other dignitaries were present on the occasion. The Governor was given a ceremonial guard of honour by the Sikkim Armed Police.

OPERATIONS

In Manipur, security forces continue the search operations in sensitive areas to thwart any unwanted incidents. Manipur Police along with para military forces conducted a search operation in the foothills of Tekcham Maning Ching of Thoubal district and recovered arms and ammunition which include one sniper rifle with scope, one bolt rifle, one nine mm pistol, six hand grenades, one stun grenade and other war-like materials. On the other hand, Manipur Police arrested three cadres of insurgent outfit- PREPAK (Progressive) during a search operation conducted in and around Chingmeirong of Imphal East. They are involved in extortion activities.

ASSEMBLY SESSION

The 6th session of the 12th Manipur Legislative Assembly began yesterday. On the first day, the Leader of the House and Chief Minister N. Biren Singh who is also holding the Finance portfolio presented an Annual State Budget Estimate 2024-25 in the House. The new budget reflects the State's total receipts for 2024-2025 with an estimate of 34 thousand, eight hundred fifteen crore rupees, with revenue receipts of 27 thousand, seven hundred sixteen crore rupees and capital receipts of 7 thousand, ninety nine crore rupees. The State's own tax and non-tax receipts are estimated at 2 thousand, four hundred seventy crore rupees and 3 hundred crore rupees respectively. The Gross State Domestic Product for 2024-25 is estimated at 49 thousand, nine hundred thirty seven crore rupees. Presenting the budget, the Chief Minister emphasized on the significance of agriculture to the State's economy and acknowledged the challenges faced by farmers due to unrest and disasters in the State. Compensation has been paid to many affected farmers and more will follow. He also elaborated other key sectors in the budget.

DG ASSAM RIFLES

Director General of Assam Rifles, Lt Gen PC Nair, has retired after nearly four decades of distinguished service. His superannuation ceremony in Delhi included paying homage at the National War Memorial and National Police Memorial. Lt Gen Nair's career, spanning 38 years and 11 months, included 11 years with the Assam Rifles. As Director General since June 2021, he led the Force through significant achievements, including enhancing security in the North Eastern States and supporting the 'Act East Policy'. His tenure saw commendable performance during the Manipur crises, providing stability and aid despite adverse propaganda. He instituted initiatives like 'Veterans Day' to honor veterans and their families. In his farewell address, he expressed pride in his team's accomplishments and gratitude for support from colleagues and family. He also extended best wishes to his successor, Lt Gen Vikas Lakhera. Akashvani
