NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

- 1. Manipur Speaker Mingma Norbu Sherpa presides over Assembly Budget Session 2024-25.
- 2. Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh tells state Assembly that more than six thousand Internally Displaced Persons are given skill development training.
- 3. Manipur State bade farewell to the outgoing Governor Sushri Anusuiya Uikey.
- 4. IIM Shillong and the State Institute of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Arunachal Pradesh signed a MoU on transformative initiative within the Panchayati Raj Institutions in Arunachal Pradesh
- 5. In Assam, normal life severally affected in Guwahati due to flash floods.
- 6. A new species of loach fish discovered in the caves of the South Garo Hills district of Meghalaya.

SESSION

The Sikkim Legislative Assembly Budget Session 2024-25 which commenced yesterday was presided over by Speaker Mingma Norbu Sherpa. Governor Om Prakash Mathur opened the session, highlighting a record voter turnout of 83.4% in the recent elections and the state's resilience despite challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic and the Lhonak Lake burst. The Governor noted Sikkim's top gains in NITI Aayog's SDGs assessment and achievements in health, education, tourism, agriculture, women empowerment, and environmental sustainability. The budget for 2024-25 emphasizes electricity, water, and roads, aligning with the National Agenda of Viksit Bharat 2047. Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang presented a budget of over14,490 crore rupees for Financial Year 2024-25, focusing on youth employability, healthcare, agriculture, tourism, MSMEs, and infrastructure.

TRAINING

Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh yesterday told the Manipur Legislative Assembly that under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana, more than six thousand Internally Displaced Persons are given skill development training out of which 91 of them have been employed outside the State. On the fourth day of the ongoing 6th Session of 12th Manipur Legislative Assembly, the Leader of the House and Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said that there is an interaction program being conducted in relief camps on every alternate day to assess the shortcomings of the IDPs. Doctors and nurses are visiting the relief camps twice every week and any required medicines are provided at free of cost. To overcome the challenges faced by IDPs regarding the availability of medicines, the government is also providing facilities through Pradhan Mantri Bharatiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana, he said.

FAREWELL

Manipur State bid farewell to the outgoing Governor of Manipur Sushri Anusuiya Uikey. In a ceremonial send off function held at the Raj Bhava in Imphal held yesterday, State Special Chief Secretary M.H. Khan, Additional Director General of Police (Intelligence) Ashutosh Sinha and other civil and police officers attended the ceremony. The General Salute was accorded to the outgoing Governor of Manipur by a contingent of Manipur Rifles and IRB personnel. Sushri Anusuiya Uikey was appointed as the Governor of Manipur in February, 2023 and she was replaced by Lakshman Prasad Acharya. Lakshman Prasad Acharya was sworn in as new Governor of Manipur 31st of last month.

IIM

IIM Shillong and the State Institute of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Arunachal Pradesh have officially signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to collaborate on a transformative initiative aimed at enhancing leadership and managerial capacities within the Panchayati Raj Institutions in Arunachal Pradesh. The MoU was signed by Prof. D.P. Goyal, Director, IIM Shillong and Dr. Sonal Swaroop, IAS, Secretary Panchayati Raj-cum-President Executive Council, SIRD&PR. This partnership represents a significant step towards strengthening the governance and operational efficiency of rural development and Panchayati Raj functions in the region. The primary objective of this MoU is to outline the terms for implementing a comprehensive Management, Leadership and Capacity Building Program.

FLOODS

In Assam, normal life severally affected in Guwahati due to flash floods caused by rains yesterday evening. Massive water logging has been reported at several areas in Guwahati. Vehicular movement was badly affected due to water logging. People had to wait for hours to reach home due to massive traffic jam. In view of the flash, all educational institutes including colleges, coaching centres will remain closed today within the Guwahati Municipal Corporation area.

SPECIES:

A new species of loach fish has been discovered in the caves of the South Garo Hills district of Meghalaya. Touted as "one-of-its-kind in the world" by researchers, the new species has been named Schistura sonarengaensis, after the place it was discovered. Khlur Mukhim said this fish is a one-of-its-kind in the world. Scanning the Sonarenga, Nakama, and Chiabol caves in the South Garo Hills from March 2022 before making this discovery, said Khlur Mukhim, the lead author of the research and principal of Lady Keane College, Shillong.
