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SIKKIM RIFLE ASSOCIATION HOLDS ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING; HONOURS TEACHERS' CHAMPIONS AND THREE NATIONAL-LEVEL SHOOTERS

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The Sikkim Rifle Association, affiliated with the Sports and Youth Affairs Department, Government of Sikkim, successfully convened its Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) on 22 November 2026 under the leadership of its President, Mr. Sanjay Budhathoki, recognised as the Founder of Shooting Sports in Sikkim.

The meeting was attended by executive members and representatives of district-level Rifle Associations from across the state. Discussions focused on reviewing the Association's achievements, organisational activities, financial records and future plans for strengthening shooting sports in Sikkim. Members also deliberated on improving district-level functioning, developing training infrastructure, identifying young talents and providing athletes with greater exposure to state, national and international competitions.

A major highlight of the programme was the Prize Distribution Ceremony of the 1st All Sikkim Teachers Shooting Talent Championship 2026, which witnessed an encouraging participation of 82 teachers, comprising 62 male and 20 female participants from across Sikkim. The winners and position holders in their respective categories were felicitated with medals in recognition of their performances. The initiative was appreciated as an important step towards expanding shooting sports beyond conventional sporting communities.

The Association also felicitated three shooters who qualified for the 69th National Shooting Championship 2026:

1. Miss Anu Chhetri – 10 Metre Air Pistol.
2. Mr. Laxuman Adhikari – 10 Metre Air Pistol, Master Men.
3. Miss Tshering Yangden Bhutia – 10 Metre Air Rifle.

The President congratulated the athletes for their dedication and achievements and wished them success in representing Sikkim at the national championship.

The AGM further included a review of the Association's income, expenditure, budget and financial transactions, with members emphasising transparency, accountability and responsible financial management. The future roadmap focused on strengthening district associations, organising more competitions, improving shooting facilities, encouraging school and college participation and strengthening coordination with the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI).

Addressing the gathering, President Mr. Sanjay Budhathoki thanked all executive members, district representatives, coaches, athletes, participating teachers and well-wishers for their continued support. He emphasised that the Association's progress is a collective achievement and called upon all members to work with unity, dedication and transparency to take shooting sports to greater heights in Sikkim.

The meeting concluded on a positive note, reaffirming the Association's commitment to promoting shooting sports, nurturing emerging talent and creating opportunities for Sikkim's athletes to excel at higher levels.

The vision remains clear: To promote shooting sports, create opportunities, nurture champions and place Sikkim firmly on the national and international shooting sports map.