

Gulab Chand Kataria sworn in as the new Governor of Assam

Guwahati, February 22: Gulab Chand Kataria has been sworn in as the 31st Governor of Assam at a swearing in ceremony held at Srimanta Sankardeva Kalakshetra in Guwahati today. Chief Justice Gauhati High Court Justice Sandeep Mehta administered the oath of office to the new Governor.

The Governor said, “It is an honour to take oath of office of the Governor of a beautiful State like Assam at a place named after the greatest Vaishnavite Saint Srimanta Sankardev who is greatly responsible for the socio-cultural and spiritual opulence of Assam. I have sworn to serve the ideals of the Indian Constitution and dedicate my life to serving and promoting the interests of the people of Assam. I will certainly carry out my responsibilities in accordance with the Constitution with utmost honesty and sincerity. I hope the people of the State will render their maximum support to the office of the Governor to aid to the all-around growth of the State. I convey my heartfelt gratitude to the Hon'ble President Smt. Droupadi Murmu ji and Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji for choosing me for this cardinal position to serve the people of Assam.”

It may be noted that Shri Gulab Chand Kataria hails from Udaipur, Rajasthan. He was the former Home Minister of Rajasthan and a leader of opposition in the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly prior to his appointment as the Governor

Some of the notable achievements credited to him are, he was the Home Minister in the Government of Rajasthan from 31st May 2004 to 8th December 2008 and again from 2015 to 2018. He was a senior leader of BJP from Rajasthan and was also a member of the central working committee of the party. He hails from Udaipur and has represented it in 9th Lok Sabha, from 1989-1991. He was also the Leader of Opposition in the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly from 24th August 2002 to December 2003, again from 21st February 2013 to 10th December 2013, and from 17th January 2019 to 2023 till his appointment as the Governor.

Kataria also served as the Education Minister of the State from 1993 to 1998. He also served as Public Works Department Minister from 8th December 2003 to 30th May 2004. Panchayati Raj and Rural Development, Disaster Management and Relief Department Minister from 2013 to 2015.

Gulab Chand Kataria was born to Late Hukmi Chand Kataria and Late Lahari Bai on 13th October 1944. He did his Masters in Geography from Mohanlal Sukhadia University, Udaipur. He studied Law also from Mohanlal Sukhadia University, Udaipur. He is married to Smt Anita Kataria and has 5 daughters. He also received the Excellent Teacher Award by Jiwanmal Nahata Memorial Trust, New Delhi on 5th September, 2006.

Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma attended his swearing-in ceremony and congratulated Kataria on assuming the highest constitutional post of Assam and wished that under his leadership the State Government would accelerate the growth momentum from all sections of the people. First Lady of Assam Anita Kataria, Speaker of Assam Legislative

Assembly Biswajit Daimary, Union MoS for Social Justice and Empowerment Ramdas Athawale, and other ministers of the State Government which include Health and Family Welfare Minister Keshab Mahanta, Panchayat and Rural Development Minister Ranjit Dass, Agriculture Minister Atul Bora, Finance Minister Ajanta Neog, Power Minister Smt. Nandita Gorlosa, Tourism Minister Jayanta Malla Baruah, Forests Minister Parimal Shuklabaidya, Handloom and Textile Minister U.G.Brahma, Cultural Affairs Minister Bimal Bora, Member of Parliament Queen Oja, BTC Chief Pramod Boro were also present at the swearing in ceremony. Besides, Chief Secretary Paban Kumar Borthakur and a number of senior officers of the administration both civil and police were present at the swearing in ceremony.

Before taking charge as the Governor of the State Shri Kataria visited Kamakhya Temple and offered puja to goddess Kamakhya for the welfare of all sections of the people of the State.

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