

CP Saikia memorial meeting at press club on Tuesday



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[Journalists](#) and well-wishers have decided to pay homage to Chandra Prasad Saikia, a renowned author-[journalist](#) of the region, at a function organized in Guwahati Press Club on August 8 on the occasion of his 11th death anniversary. Padma Bhusan CP Saikia mentored many journalists of Assam during his tenure as the editor of Natun Dainik, which heralded a new wave of modern journalism.

The illustrious editor-journalist was also credited for initiating the book fair movement in the State since 1984. As the secretary of State publication board, he not only edited Prakash, an Assamese literary magazine, but also took leadership to publish a number of invaluable books like Hasti Vidyarnava, Kautilyar Arthashastra, Prachya Shasanawali, Sattriya Nritya etc.

A freedom fighter, novelist, editor and commentator, CP Saikia (1927-2006) was honoured with prestigious [Sahitya Akademi](#) award for his novel Maharathi (where the author reinterpreted the role of great warrior Karna of Mahabharata) and also adorned the prestigious chair of Asom [Sahitya Sabha](#).

Stood firm against the [terrorism](#) in the turbulent days of Nineties with his strong editorials, CP Saikia enriched with a great sense of humour with his extraordinary personality. The participants will remember their very own CPS, as he was popularly known among fellow journalists, in the informal meeting starting at 3 pm on Tuesday.

Endorsed by [Manoj](#) Kumar Goswami, Rupam Barua, Biman Chandra [Hazarika](#), Subodh Mall Barua, Munin Bayan, Bitopan Borborah, Jayanta [Das](#), Tapan [Das](#), Uday [Borgohain](#), Santanu Kausik Baruah, Ranjit [Hazarika](#), Rajib Saikia, Mihir Deuri, Pranab Talukder, Jyoti Pathak, Haren Bora etc

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