

Dr. Bhumidhar Barman passes away



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Former Chief Minister of Assam and senior Congress leader Dr. Bhumidhar Barman is no more. He was 91. The octogenarian political leader passed away today evening after a brief illness. He was also former health minister during the chief ministership of late Hiteswar Saikia from 1991 to 1996. After the demise of Saikia, Dr. Barman was elevated as the chief minister of the state for a brief while.

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KOKRAJHAR, October 14, 2026 — Two Assamese translations of Chinese literary works were released at Bodoland University in Kokrajhar on Tuesday, highlighting the role of translation in bringing international literature and revolutionary history to Assamese readers.

Published by Jagaran Prakashan, Guwahati, *The Song of Youth* (গুণগান গুণগান, Volume II) and *Defend Yan'an* (যান'অনৰ প্ৰতিৰোধৰ বাবে যুঁজাওঁতা হওঁ) are the fifth and sixth books translated by noted translator Deepa Bezbaruah. The books were released in collaboration with the university's Department of Assamese.

A lecture programme was also organised on the theme “The Mindset of Today's Youth Under the Influence of Neoliberalisation”. Dr A. Ibemcha Chanu, Head of the Department of Commerce at Bodoland University, delivered the lecture.

The event brought together university faculty members, research scholars, writers and literature enthusiasts for discussions on the literary significance of the books and the historical background of the Chinese Revolution.

Among those present were Dr Prahlad Basumatary, Registrar of Bodoland University; Dr Ratul Deka, Head of the Department of Assamese; Rupjyoti Debnath, publisher of Jagaran Prakashan; and noted writer Moina Goswami, who attended from Mirza.

Progressive writer Lakheshwar Ray presented summaries of the two books, while Dr Indira Boro, a Sahitya Akademi Award recipient and Head of the Department of Bodo at Bodoland University, spoke on translation literature.

Dr Hillol Jyoti Singha, Head of the Department of Zoology at the university, was among the other distinguished guests present at the programme.

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