

Tragic Death of Kaushik Das



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Friends of Assam and Seven Sisters (FASS) mourns the sudden death of Kaushik Das (Jipu) of Guwahati in an accident on railway in Guwahati on Jan 17. We wish that his soul may rest in peace. We offer our most heartfelt sympathies for the loss to the agieved family and convey that our thoughts would be with the whole family during this difficult time.

Kaushik Das (Jipu) was an unassuming individual who would like to keep a low profile for himself on the outside and high profile of his actions. He had practically dedicated his life to the welfare of the poor through his welfare projects 'Atma Nirbhar - Ek Challenge' and, 'Spreading Sunshine' FASS has been engaged in active dialogue for especially promoting '**The Blessing**' the guest house for volunteer tourism that he was constructing and discussing how we can attract volunteers from outside for the Guest House. It is a tragic irony that it was only on Jan 15th (that is just 2 days ago) that Jipu sent me the details of the programs for the **Blessings**.

It is really difficult to find such selfless dedicated person for the welfare of the disadvantaged and the under privileged in the community. His death will be a great loss to the community at large and a devastating blow to many who were looking upon him as a guiding star. We hope that the Atma Nirbhar will continue to carry on his legacy of dedicated selfless service to the poor.

Jipu's death, like that of his elder sister Mamata nobow some 19 years ago, is really sad, sudden, untimely and tragic. Such deaths, it seems, are for the great souls for which God has some other urgent design at hand. Such deaths reminds one of the American Poet Emily Dickinson who wrote, *"Because I could not stop for Death, he kindly stopped for me."*

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