

Anjan Dutta's demise jolts Assam Congress



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The Assam Pradesh [Congress](#) Committee (APCC) [President](#) Anjan Dutta breathed his last at the All [India](#) Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) on Thursday. He died due to cardiac [failure](#). He was undergoing treatment at the Department of Pulmonary Sciences. The [Congress President](#) Sonia [Gandhi](#) and other senior party [leaders](#) have condoled the untimely demise of the popular [leader](#) from Assam.

Anjan Dutta was born on 13 April 1952 in the Sibsagar district of Assam. [As](#) a minister of transport, Dutta revived the almost defunct and dying Assam State Transport. He had received great accolades far and wide for doing so. [As](#) an industry minister, Anjan Dutta brought life and vigour in the Assam Tea Corporation. He set benchmarks for his colleagues and other [ministers](#). Anjan Dutta was married to Ananya Dutta . The couple is blessed with three daughters including Ankita Dutta, who unsuccessfully contested the recently held Assembly elections in Assam.

He represented the Amguri constituency from 1991-96, from 2001-2006 and again in 2011 till [2016](#). He also served [as](#) the chairman of the Employment Review Committee of Assam Legislative Agency. Dutta also served [as](#) a member of the Assam Agricultural University. He was in the State Cabinet in November, 1992 till May 1996 He held the portfolio of Minister of State (Ind) Town and Country Planning Public Enterprises, Irrigation & Hydro-Carbon [Development](#), Assam. In 2001, he was elected MLA from 103, Amguri LAC for the second term. For the second term, when he joined in the council of [ministers](#) in 2001, Dutta was Minister Transport, MAD, GOD, Industry and commerce & Public Enterprises etc. and worked in this position till 2006.

Anjan Dutta was an avid reader. He contributed write-ups and news stories in various newspapers and magazines. He was the Editor of his monthly magazine Mahekiya Anubhuti. His political and literary shades

enriched the [Assamese](#) life. He will be missed by the [Assamese](#) for a long time.

The [Congress](#) party in Assam was jolted by Anjan Dutta's demise. At a personal [level](#), it was a great loss for former Chief Minister [Tarun Gogoi](#) [as](#) he lost a trusted colleague. The loss of power in the Assembly elections and the passing away of a senior [leader](#) Anjan Dutta has come probably too [soon](#) for the Assam [Congress](#). The mantle of Assam [Congress](#) Chief will hopefully pass on to an able and deserving [leader](#) who can resurrect the fortunes of [Congress](#) before 2019 Lok Sabha polls.

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