

Balen Hazarika passes away



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Noted cultural activist, educationist and brother of music maestro Dr. [Bhupen Hazarika](#) breathed his last at a private hospital in Guwahati on Saturday. Late Hazarika, ex-music secretary of Cotton College, was a retired professor of Saint Anthony College, Shillong. He was also associated with Indian People's Theatre Association (IPTA) along with elder brother late Dr. Hazarika. He was also instrumental in establishing 'Madhuchayanika', a cultural organization of 1960s.

Condoling his demise on behalf of Dr. [Bhupen Hazarika](#) Foundation, Secretary Dipanka Hazarika said that his demise is a great loss to the cultural field in the [state](#). 'He was a uniting force among people of Assam and [Meghalaya](#) and lived permanently in Shillong,' said he. Born in 1938 [Prof.](#) Hazarika completed his matriculation from Sonaram High School (now Higher Secondary). After completing graduation in Botany from Cotton College he did M.sc from Gauhati University. Later he joined in Cotton College [as](#) a demonstrator of Botany Department. After a few days he joined in Saint Anthony College [as](#) a professor. His last rites will be performed tomorrow at Navagrah. Tez Hazarika, son of Dr. [Bhupen Hazarika](#) also condoled at his demise.

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