

Noted astronomy activist UN Deka passes away



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Noted astronomy activist of NE and secretary of Pragjyotish Amateur Astronomers Association, Guwahati Planetarium Uday Narayan Deka breathed his last in the ICU in International Hospital, Guwahati today at 12.20 am. He had been suffering from kidney related ailments for last twenty days. He was born on September [8](#) in 1944. He had been working in [RBI](#) in Mumbai for twelve years till his joining in [RBI](#) Guwahati branch [as](#) a Manager. During his stay in Mumbai, he was elected [as](#) the Hony. Treasurer of Bombay Amateur Astronomers Association. In 2002 he was elected [as](#) the secretary of the Pragjyotish Amateur Astronomers Association, Guwahati Planetarium. He was responsible for organising village [level](#) astronomy workshops in Assam [as](#) well [as](#) in other states in NE. He was also closely associated with Assam Science [Technology](#) & [Environment](#) Council, (ASTEC), Guwahati, Assam Science Society and Regional Science Centre, [Khanapara](#). He was instrumental in arranging more than two hundred astronomical telescopes given to [Aryabhatta](#) Science Centres in Assam by ASTEC. He was cremated in Nabagraha crematorium this afternoon. Dr. [Arup](#) Kumar Misra, Director, ASTEC; [Prof.](#) Anil Kumar Goswami, former Director, ASTEC; Dr. Chandrarekha Mahanta, Vice president, [PRAAG](#); [Babul Bora](#), Curator, Guwahati Planetarium etc had attended the funeral and offered floral tribute to late [UN](#) Deka who leaves behind his wife and two daughters.

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