

Singer bats for State Sangeet Natak Academy



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Acclaimed Assamese music composer and singer Kula Barua emphasizes on a State Sangeet Natak Academy for the benefit of performing artistes and also the new generation who would study the Assamese culture in future. Attending the 'Guest of the Month' program at Guwahati Press Club on Thursday (2 November 2017), the soft spoken gentleman also insisted on relentless appreciation of Assamese music and songs.

Answering various questions raised by the participating journalists, Barua expressed concern that the lyrics have now been ignored by a section of present time singers. He remembered Dr [Bhupen Hazarika](#)'s contribution to modern Assamese lyrics and termed him as an emperor who used to create musical histories with his immortal songs.

Born in Silpukhuri, Guwahati (21 January 1938), Barua completed his initial schooling at Tezpur and later shifted to Cotton Collegiate School in the city. He studied at B Barua College, Guwahati. The soft spoken gentleman took retirement from his government [job](#) in 1996. A popular footballer at his young age, Barua used to perform Hawaiian-guitar, Congo and Bongo those days.

Barua's singing career started with Chemoniar Chora of All [India](#) Radio and later he was recognised as a radio artiste in 1968. He has sung in several Assamese movies like 'Paap Aru Praychitta', 'Srimati Mohimamoy', 'Sadori', 'Bristi', 'Sendur', 'Bishes Erati', 'Prabhati Pakhir Gaan', 'Banahansa' etc. Barua contributed for 'Srimoti Mohimamoi' and 'Sadori' as a music director too. Barua directed music for two television (Doordarshan) serials namely 'Lahar' and 'Namghariya'.

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