

State Government declares pension for journalists



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The Government of Assam Sunday declared [Journalist](#) Pension to twenty senior [journalists](#) of the [state](#) for the first time under the Assam Pension Scheme for [Journalists](#).

The selected journalists are: Benoy Bhusan Sen (Dhubri), Rama [Sankar](#) Rai (Kamrup Metro), Prema Dhar Sarma (Kamrup Metro), Garga Ram Barman (Kamrup Metro), Naren [Hazarika](#) (Kamrup Metro), Probodh Ch. Bordoloi (Kamrup Metro), [Krishna](#) Ch. Kalita (Kamrup Metro), Ratneswar Talukdar (Barpeta), Amal Kumar Gupta (Kamrup Metro), Devendra Kumar Pandey (Lakhimpur), Ajit Kr. Patwary (Kamrup Metro), Goverdhan Prashad Atal (Jorhat), Nirupama Borah (Lakhimpur), Pramod Kumar Singh (Jorhat), Dharani Kalita (Kamrup Metro), Bhakti Ram [Roy](#) (Kamrup Metro) and Geetarth Pathak (Kamrup Metro).

It is mentionable that the pensioners will receive a sum of Rupees 8000/- per month during their lifetime. The Pension Scheme will come into force immediately with effect from April 1, 2017. Under the scheme benefit of the pension will be extended to the widow or widower or minor children of the journalist at the rate of 50% of the pension amount after his or her demise. In case of physically challenged or mentally [disabled](#) children they will continue to get pension at the rate of 50% till the time they do not get employment.

The Assam Pension Scheme for [Journalists](#) covers retired [journalists](#) who has attained the age of sixty and are domiciles of the [state](#) of Assam and has served as a [journalist](#) for a minimum of 20 years preceding his or her date of retirement.

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