



# Neelmani Phukan



## Why in news ?

**N**oted Assamese poet and Jnanpith awardee Nilamani Phukan has passed away.

## Life Introduction



- Phukan was born on 10 September 1933 in Dergaon, Golaghat district of Assam.
- He obtained a master's degree in history from Gauhati University in 1961.



## Achievements

- Shri Phukan was the most respected poet of Assam and was awarded the country's highest literary award Jnanpith Samman for the year 2021 in Guwahati on 11 April 2022.
- His major works include Juria Henu Naami Aahe E Nodiyadi, Kabita and Gulapi Jamur Lagna.

## Achievements



- He was also awarded the Sahitya Akademi Award in 1981 for his poetry collection Kabita.
- The Government of India honoured Shri Phukan with the Padma Shri in 1990.
- In addition, he was honoured with the 'Sahityacharya' honour by the Assam Sahitya Sabha.