

Siblings of Munin Barkotoki and their families:

Parents: Durgadhar Barkataki and Kamalini Devi

Siblings in order of age: Premalata, Satyen, Pritilata, all older.

A: Premalata Barua (1910-1991) eldest child of Durgadhar Barkataki and Kamalini Devi.

Husband: Basanta Kumar Barua (1889--1967) educationist, translated books: *Booker Washington, Wagner Sadhu, Amar Desh*. Textbook: *Prabesika Bharat Buranji*. Basanta Kr. Barua belonged to the renowned Barua family (Dr. Hem Barua, the first principal of Assam Medical College, was one of his uncles) of Nagsankar. He served as head master of Cotton Collegiate, Ghy, Lakhimpur Boy's School before retiring from Tezpur Govt Boys School. He married Premalata in 1917.

Children: (i) Usha Bezbarua (1921--1984) Educationist, Principal Tezpur Government Girls' H.S. School, Assistant Editor, *Banhi*, a prominent member of the first all-women orchestra in Assam;

Husband: Madhab Chandra Bezbarua (1912--1946), Lakshminath Bezbarua's nephew, one of the pioneers in establishing Guwahati University, fondly remembered as Deka Bez, edited the famous literary magazine *Banhi* after the demise of Lakshminath Bezbarua.

They have a son Rana Pratap Bezbarua (1941--)

(ii) Prasanta Kumar Barua (1923--2011) Advocate, Gauhati High Court; wrote poems and composed lyrics; translated Maupassant's stories into Assamese.

Wife: Preeti Barua (1930--2015) writer and Sahitya Akademi Award winning translator; founder Secretary of the Asom Lekhika Sangsthan; Principal, Handique Girls' College.

Children: (a) Santanu Barua (1959 --) Radiologist; Wife: Basobi Barua, dermatologist;

Children: Krishanu Barua (1989 --) Advocate, Supreme Court of India;

Ishanu Barua (1997 --) Businessman

Devanu Barua (1999 --) Ph.D. scholar

(b) Nandini Barua Khataniar (1968 --) school teacher; husband Dibaranjan Khataniar, Professor of English, Gauhati College;

Children: Pragyan Khataniar (1998 --) advocate, Gauhati High Court

Pratyasha Khataniar (2003 --) Assam Don Bosco University

(iii) Mihir Kumar Barua (1925—2008) Professor of History, Sibsagar College, wrote some plays and has few books to his credit.

(iv) Purabi Barua (1928—2025) Matron, Girls' Polytechnic Guwahati

(v) Jayanta Kumar Barua (1933--1984) renowned lyricist, worked in the sericulture dept. Govt. of Assam; wife: Putuli Barua (died 2020) also worked in the sericulture dept.

(vi) Chitralkha Barua (1940--1986)

B. Satyen Barkataki (1 September 1908 – 1984) [there is also a Wikipedia site on him https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Satyen_Barkataki]



In the photo above, one sees the complete family of Satyen Barkataki with Padma Barkataky (back): Tonmoy(Nilu) back(left); Monmoy (Muana) front; Satyen Barkataky and wife Labanya(middle); Rita (Lulu) left; Bonti (Bonu) right; Jyotirmoy (Mizo) right; and Mrinmoy (Bhaity) extreme right; and their dog, taken almost certainly in Shillong.

Satyen Barkataki's wife Labanya (Barua) was from Golaghat. After retirement, Satyen Barkataki lived in Melamati in Titabor.

They had 6 children, all of whom are dead now: Tonmoy (Nilu), Mrinmoy (Bhaity), Rita (Lulu), Bonti (Bonu), Jyotirmoy (Mizo) and Monmoy (Muana)

None of their 4 sons ever got married.

Rita (Lulu) married Amrit Khanna and lived most of her life in Kolkata. Her children are Radhika and Ashish. Ashish went missing round about 2013 and was never traced. Radhika married Sudhir Jaggi and lives in Kolkata. They have a daughter named Natasha and a son named Kabir. Kabir lives in Germany, Natasha lives in Delhi, is married with twins Jaiveer and Veera.

Bonti married to Romendra Prasad Barooah, a tea planter and lived near Jorhat; They had three children, Rajib, Reema and Rohit. Rajib died in 2025. Rohit died much earlier. Reema is married to Abhijit Kalita and lives in Tezpur.



This photo shows Satyen Barkataki with his family and others in Aizawl around 1950 or so (photo obtained from Willem van Schendel). Perhaps the youngest son Muana was not yet born then.

C. Pritilata Debi married to Nabin Chandra Sarma, a renowned playwright;

Pritilata's children: Ila Goswami, Dr Sheela Borthakur, Prabin Sarma (Habul), Neelima Bhattacharyya (Khuki) and Sikha Sarma

1. Ila married Mukhyadhar Goswami.

Children: Moromi, Rajita and Namita

2. Sheela married Saranan Barthakur

Children: Sanjib

Dr Sheela Borthakur

B. Music (First class first in Sitar) from Bhatkhande college of Hindustani music, Lucknow.

Teacher in Tezpur Govt. Girls School, then Professor of Philosophy at Darrang College.

Founder of Lekhika Xamaroh. Recipient of Padmashree.

3. Prabin (Habul) married Sabita Kotoki

Children: Diganta and Alpana

4. Nilima married Hemanta Kr. Bhattacharyya, who taught Chemistry in Cotton College

Children: Barnali and Arindam

5. Sikha married Abala Kanta Sarma, who worked for Oil India Ltd.

Children: Debojit and Monjit

Sikha Sarma worked as a teacher in TC Girls' HC School;

Abala Kanta Sarma is also Munin Barkotoki's brother-in-law.



Nabin Sarma with wife Pritilata, Pritilata's brother Munin (standing), and two daughters Ila and Sheela