Renowned Naga writer and academic Padma Shri Dr Temsula Ao, 80, died at a hospital in Dimapur Sunday night.

Ao had also served in several key positions, including the chairperson of the Nagaland State Commission for Women.

Ao was a famous literary figure in the northeast and the recipient of the Nagaland Governor’s Award for Distinction in Literature, Meghalaya Governor’s Award for Distinction in Literature, Meghalaya Governor’s Gold Medal, the Sahitya Akademi award, apart from the prestigious Padma Shri award.

Notable works: Laburnum For My Head