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Varsity remembers Hazarika



RONO HILLS, Nov 6: The Rajiv Gandhi University on Tuesday remembered the musician and singer, Dr Bhupen Hazarika, on his eighth death anniversary by organising a cultural exchange programme. “To build a society based on moral and ethical principles we must follow the ideals of Dr Bhupen Hazarika. His songs speak of humanity, brotherhood, and peace in volumes, which needs to be practiced by us in present times. He considered the whole world his home. Empathy for fellow human beings was the strongest quality of his character and we all must imbibe those humanistic values,” Doimukh MLA Tana Hali said while attending the event. Recalling the film Mera Dharam Meri Ma, he narrated the story of Bhupen Hazarika’s composition of the famous Assamese song ‘Akhom Amar Rup’ which was inspired by a local Nyishi song. “We must strive hard to realise his dreams following his ideals of universal brotherhood,” Hali said while appealing to the Assamese community to maintain the age-old fraternity between the two states. Appreciating the university for organising the event, Hali assured to render all possible help to the Assamese community in RGU and his constituency whenever required. RGU vice-chancellor, Prof Saket Kushwaha, lauded the contribution of Dr Hazarika in uniting not only Assam and Arunachal Pradesh but all the north-eastern states. AAPSU vice-president (admin), Meje Taku, said the people of the state would remain ever-grateful to Hazarika who dedicated his life to sing for humanity and brotherhood through his everlasting songs. “Bhupen da is very close to our heart. Some lines of our AAPSU flag song also has been taken from his work,” Taku said. Recollecting the life and works of the music maestro, the AAPSU VP said Hazarika has immortalised the mountains, hills, rivers and the people of Arunachal with his songs. Calling for harmony and peaceful co-existence as neighbouring states, Taku also urged the Assamese students pursuing higher studies in RGU to take home good memories and spread the same in their respective communities so that there is a healthy narration of the Arunachalee people in Assam. Rajiv Gandhi University Research Scholars Forum General Secretary Prem Taba said the agenda of the program was to realize the real meaning of Dr Hazarika’s dream of Assam-Arunachal fraternalism and to strengthen their bilateral relations. The event has been organized so that the younger generation could keep alive the culture amongst them which Bhupen da has contributed towards the society, he added. The cultural exchange programme was organised by the RGU Assam Students’ Forum and RGU Research Scholars’ Forum. Apart from cultural showcases from both states and performance of popular Bhupen

Hazarika songs, the annual souvenir of the RGUASF 'Bolungar Pora Biswadarbaroloi' was also released on the occasion.

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