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BHUPEN HAZARIKA'S DEATH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATED THROUGH ARUNACHAL-ASSAM CULTURAL PROGRAMME



RONO HILLS, Nov 6: Rajiv Gandhi University remembered the legendary musician and singer, Bharat Ratna Dr Bhupen Hazarika on his eighth death anniversary on November 5 last by organizing a cultural exchange programme. "To build a society based on moral and ethical principles we must follow the ideals of Dr. Bhupen Hazarika since his songs speak humanity, brotherhood and peace in volumes, which needs to be practiced by us in present times," remarked Doimukh MLA Tana Hali while attending the programme as chief guest. Recalling the film *Mera Dharam Meri Ma*, he narrated the story of Bhupen Hazarika's composition of the famous Assamese song 'Akhom Amar Rupi' which was inspired from a local Nyishi song. We must strive hard to follow his ideals of universal brotherhood, Hali said while appealing all to maintain the age-old fraternity between Arunachal and Assam. Appreciating the University for organizing the event, Hali further assured to render all possible help towards the Assamese community in RGU and his constituency whenever required. RGU Vice-Chancellor Professor Saket Kushwaha lauded the contribution of Dr Hazarika in uniting not only Assam and Arunachal Pradesh but the entire Northeast. Also attending the event as guest of honour, AAPSU Vice-President (Administration) Meje Taku said that people of Arunachal would remain ever grateful to the legend who dedicated his life to sing for humanity and brotherhood through his everlasting 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 narrative of the Arunachalee people in Assam. RGU Research Scholars' Forum General Secretary Prem Taba said the agenda of the programme was to realize the real meaning of Dr Hazarika's dream of Assam-Arunachal fraternity. The programme was organized jointly 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 RGUASF 'Bolungar Pora Biswadarbaroloi' was also released on the occasion. RGU Registrar Professor Tomo Riba, Joint Registrar Dr David Pertin, faculties, staff and students attended the event.

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