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RGU remembers music maestro Dr Bhupen Hazarika



RONO HILLS, Nov 6: The Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) on Tuesday remembered the legendary music maestro 'Bharat Ratna' Dr Bhupen Hazarika on his 8th death anniversary by organizing a cultural exchange programme at the university campus here. "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 need 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 Tara said while attending the programme. Recalling the film 'Mera Dharam Meri Ma', he narrated the story of Bhupen Hazarika's composition of the famous Assamese song 'Akhom Aamar Rupohi', which was inspired from a local Nyishi song. We must strive hard to realise his dreams by following his ideals of universal brotherhood, Hali said while appealing the Assamese community to maintain the age-old fraternity between the two states. RGU Vice-Chancellor Prof Saket Kushwaha, in his speech, spoke of the cultural icon and lauded the contribution of Dr Hazarika in uniting not only Assam and Arunachal Pradesh but the entire Northeastern states. AAPSU vice-president (admin) Meje Taku said the people of Arunachal would remain ever grateful to Dr Bhupen Hazarika who dedicated his life to sing for humanity and brotherhood through his everlasting songs. "Bhupen Da is very close to our hearts. 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 leader said Hazarika has immortalised the mountains, hills, rivers and the people of Arunachal with his songs. Calling for harmony and peaceful co-existence between the two 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. RGU Research Scholars Forum general secretary Prem Taba said that the intent of the programme was to realize the real meaning of Dr Hazarika's dream of Assam-Arunachal fraternalism and to strengthen their mutual relations. The event was 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 organized by the RGU Assam Students' Forum and RGU Research Scholars' Forum. Apart from cultural programmes from both states and performance of popular songs of Dr Hazarika, RGUASF's souvenir 'Bolungar Pora Biswa Darbaroloi' was also released on the occasion. Among others, RGU Registrar Prof Tomo Riba and Joint Registrar Dr David Pertin also attended the programme.

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