

Dr Bhupen Hazarika's birth day celebrated



The Sabha president Dr Saikia and vice president Smti Mrinalini Devi lighting the tribute lamp and paying floral tribute in front of the portrait of Dr Bhupen Hazarika.

Along with innumerable functions held all over Assam on the occasion of celebration of 95th birth day of India's one of the music icons Bharatratna Dr Bhupen Hazarika, Asam Sahitya Sabha too organised a solemn function on September 8, 2021, in which befitting tribute was paid to the maestro who also happened to be a past president of the Sabha. The programme was held at the Guwahati Administrative Office premises of the Sabha with its president Dr Kula Saikia in the chair.

Beginning with the presentation of Sabha's opening song '*Chira Chenehi Mor Bhasha Janani...*' the programme saw the Sabha's cultural sub-committee working president D N Basumatary's welcome address. Presenting the opening lecture, president Dr Saikia said in brief the multi-disciplinary creative genius in Dr Bhupen Hazarika. Sabha's vice president Smti Mrinalini Devi, in her speech remarked that of Dr Bhupen Hazarika should be evaluated as a genius in the greater socio-cultural-literary and music arena of Assam. Sabha's spokesperson, Dr Sanjeev Kumar Sarma, in his speech laid stress on creating a chair in the name of Dr Bhupen Hazarika in some of the prestigious universities of India.

Three singers paid tribute to Dr Bhupen Hazaria by presenting three of his immortal numbers. They are: Trishna Devi (*Mor Gaan Haak...*), Krantika Shandilya (*Manuh Jodi Manuhare Hoy Antaray...*) and Moloya Bharali (*Shankare Siche Naamar Kothiya...*).

Sabha's Sachib Chandan Sarmah proposed vote of thanks and the programme finally concluded with presentation of the Asom Sangeet '*O Mor Aponaar Desh...*'. Others who were also present on the occasion include Bishnu Deka, Hemaprabha Devi, Manik Ahmed, Debajit Bora, Haren Gogoi, etc.

Earlier, before the meeting, Dr Saikia, Smti. Mrinalini Devi and Shri Basumatary lit the tribute lamp and offered floral tribute in front of the portrait of Dr Bhupen Hazarika.