

## Tribute to Dr Bhupen Hazarika



The Sabha president Dr. Saikia addressing the gathering on the occasion

Sabha's former president, Bharatratna Dr Bhupen Hazarika was paid rich tribute at a solemn function held as a central programme of the Sabha at Ambikagiri Banikanta Bhavan in Barpeta on last November 5, 2021, on the occasion of the death anniversary of the cultural icon of Assam. The day-long programme was organised in association with Barpeta Sahitya Sabha began with its president Dr Kamal Krishna Das hoisting of the Sabha flag which was followed by lighting of the lamp by Shri Jagannath Adhikary, Satradhikar, Sundaradiya Sattra. Then noted writer Akshay Kumar Mishra lit the lamp in front of Dr Hazarika's portrait as a mark of tribute.

The memorial meeting that followed began with Barpeta Sahitya Sabha members presenting the Sabha's opening song, '*Chira Chenehi Mor Bhasha Janani...*'. Presided over by the Sabha president Dr Kuladhar Saikia, the meeting, at the very beginning, saw Sabha's general secretary Jadab Chandra Sharma and Dr Kamal Krishna Das briefing the purpose of assembly and presenting welcome address respectively. In his opening speech, president Dr Kuladhar Saikia appealed to the new generation to follow the work culture and extremely dedicated efforts towards creative pursuits of Dr Bhupen Hazarika. He apprised the gathering of Sabha's publication of a collection of Dr Hazarika's a series of lyrics into Manipuri language.

Sabha's cultural sub-committee working president D N Basumatary and its co-convenor Mrinmoy Nath, Ramdhenu sub-committee convenor Manik Ahmed, spokesperon Dr Sanjiv Kumar Sharma, were others who attended the programme.

In the function, a batch of invited singers, such as, Rupam Bhuyan, Vidyasagar, Trishna Devi, Krantika Shandilya, and local artists Mukut Hazarika, Kabin Das, Mrinmoymamata, Rubul Kalita and others a number of immortal numbers penned and rendered by Dr Hazarika.