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**CM pays tributes to Dr Bhupen Hazarika on 8<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary**

**People Must Realise the True Essence of Dr Hazarika's Songs: CM**

**Dispur, Nov 5:** "If we have to take forward Assam in 21<sup>st</sup> century and build a society based on moral values, then we must follow the ideals of Dr. Bhupen Hazarika. His songs spoke of humanity, brotherhood and peace. 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."

Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today said while taking part in the programme of 8<sup>th</sup> death anniversary of Dr Bhupen Hazarika organised by Cultural Directorate, Government of Assam at the premises of the late doyen's Samadhi Kshetra at Jalukbari in the city.

Urging the people to follow the ideals propagated by Dr. Hazarika in songs like "We're in the Same Boat Brother" and "Jilikabo Luitore Paar", Sonowal said that people must realise the true essence of Dr Hazarika's songs so that the Assam's true potential could be harnessed to propel it on the path of rapid development. It is paramount to leave narrow mindedness to excel in today's competitive world equipped with knowledge, he asserted.

"Transcending the boundaries of country and region, Dr Hazarika was able to establish Assamese identity on the global cultural map and introduced the world to the music and culture of the land. It was the dream of Dr Hazarika to build a greater Assamese society based on the humanitarian values and we must strive hard to realise his dreams following his ideals of universal brotherhood." Sonowal said.

Saying that many of Dr Hazarika's songs were imbued with spirituality and devotion, the Chief Minister stated that people must always be guided by conscience and morality to fulfil the idea of a just and humane society. He also urged the youth to take the responsibility of ushering in a period of development and growth for Assam through hardwork and dedication and he referred to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's untiring zeal to make India a top country as an inspiring example.

The chief minister called on the youth of the state to work for preserving the unity and harmony of the Assamese society in the face newer challenges. Dr. Hazarika's songs carried deeper meanings of life and they were not just mere words of literature, he said. Urging all sections of the society to join hands to sustain peace and harmony in the state, Sonowal said that it is important to leave behind all limitations to build a society on peace and happiness.

Minister for Cultural Affairs Naba Kumar Doley, Legal and Media Advisers to the Chief Minister Shantanu Bharali and Hrishikesh Goswami, MLA Ramendra Narayan Kalita, Director of Cultural Affairs Bishnu Kamal Bora were also present among others.

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