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'Bhupen Hazarika - volume I' released in Kolkata

Dr. Hazarika's songs spoke of humanity and universal brotherhood: Hrishikesh Goswami

Dispur, December 1: Eminent actor George Baker and Chameli Memsaab famed actress Binita Borgohain today released the anthology of articles named 'Bhupen Hazarika - volume I' on life and works the legendary singer in the presence of Media Advisor to Chief Minister Hrishikesh Goswami at a programme held at Assam House, Kolkata. The anthology has been edited by Utpal Mena and Bhairabanan Borah.

Speaking at the book release programme, Media Advisor Hrishikesh Goswami said that Dr. Bhupen Hazarika's songs acted as a voice for the voiceless against the tyranny of powerful rulers while spreading the message of humanity and universal brotherhood. Dr. Hazarika sang for all classes of the society as he had a deep understanding about the culture and rituals of different indigenous communities of Assam, he said.

Saying that this compilation of articles would provide the readers an insight about different facets of the legendary singer's life and works, Goswami also recalled the memories of his association with Dr. Hazarika and shared anecdotes of the Bard of Brahmaputra's encounters with personalities like Paul Robson, Balraj Sahani etc. and his associations with Kolkata Book Fair among others.

Eminent artiste George Baker, while speaking on the occasion, shared about his emotional connection with Assam and he said this connection was possible because of Assamese peoples' love towards him, pristine natural beauty of Assam and its rich cultural heritage. He also said that this connection was because of Dr. Bhupen Hazarika while remarking that Dr. Hazarika should have been awarded with Noble like Bob Dylan.

Many eminent artistes, litterateurs, journalists and several other dignitaries from both Assam and West Bengal were present in today's programme.

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