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Concluding Ceremony of the Birth Centenary Celebration of Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhupen Hazarika

The concluding ceremony of the birth centenary celebration of Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhupen Hazarika was organised at Dudhnoi College on 8 September 2026. The programme was organised to commemorate the life, contributions, music and enduring legacy of the legendary artist, musician, lyricist and cultural icon of Assam, popularly revered as Sudhakantha Dr. Bhupen Hazarika. The programme commenced with a floral tribute and ceremonial lighting of the lamp in front of the portrait of Dr. Bhupen Hazarika. As a mark of collective homage, all the participants joined together in singing the iconic song “Manuhe Manuhor Babe”, expressing their respect and admiration for the great cultural figure. The programme was graced by Dr. Praneswar Nath, Retired Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Jawaharlal Nehru College, Boko, as the Chief Invited Speaker. Dr. Nath, a scholar and prolific writer on music who has written extensively on the works, music and ideology of Dr. Bhupen Hazarika, delivered a detailed and insightful speech. He elaborated on the multifaceted contributions of Dr. Hazarika and highlighted the depth of his artistic vision, humanistic philosophy and commitment to society and humanity. Dr. Lalit Ch. Rabha, Principal, Dudhnoi College, and Mr. Debo Kr. Sarma, Vice Principal, Dudhnoi College, also addressed the gathering. In their speeches, they highlighted the unparalleled contribution of Dr. Bhupen Hazarika to Assamese culture and music and emphasised the relevance of his humanistic ideals for the present generation. The programme was anchored by Ms. Bondita Borbora, Assistant Professor, Dudhnoi College, who conducted the proceedings and coordinated the different segments of the ceremony. Adding a musical dimension to the celebration, Mr. Hargobinda Deka, Head of the Department of History and an A-grade artist of All India Radio, along with a number of students, performed several songs composed and popularised by Dr. Bhupen Hazarika. Their performances created an atmosphere of remembrance and cultural celebration and further enriched the programme.

A good number of faculty members and students of Dudhnoi College participated in the programme. Their enthusiastic participation reflected the deep respect and affection for Dr. Bhupen Hazarika and his timeless contributions to Assamese music, literature, culture and social consciousness. The concluding ceremony served as a meaningful tribute to Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhupen Hazarika, celebrating not only his extraordinary artistic legacy but also his enduring message of humanity, compassion, unity and social responsibility. The programme concluded with a renewed appreciation of the timeless relevance of his works and ideals among the younger generation.



