

Award winning Assamese films to be screened at the Nehru Centre in London

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During celebration of India's 60th independence, Nehru Centre (the Cultural Wing of the High Commission of India) is going to screen Jahnu Barua's Kushal Konwar - The great martyr of Assam on 27 August, 2010. Quit India Movement in Assam is a saga of patriotism of such martyrs as Kushal Konwar, whose birth centenary falls this year.

Multi National Award winner, Jahnu Barua's films have won over 20 awards at international film festivals including Silver Leopard at Locarno. His films brought Assamese cinema and culture to the international audience.

On 13 August, 2010 - Basundhara : The earth written and directed by Hiren Bora will be screened. The film is about conflict between man-elephant in the forested area of Sundarpur, revealing the ecological disaster wrought by the loss of habitat for the elephants due to illegal trafficking of wood, an unlicensed stone quarry and uncontrolled poaching.

“Basundhara-The Earth” has won much critical acclaim. The film has had an impressive showing at the Kolkata Film Festival and the “Third Eye Asian Film Festival” in Mumbai. It was the first Assamese film to be released in 2010. It also won nine state awards.

Hiren Bora, stage actor turned film maker, story & script writer, depicts the socio-economic development issues through celluloid. It has been organised by Rini Kakati, NRI-Co-ordinator for UK.

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