

Dr Bhupen Hazarika no more



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Pride of Assam Dr Bhupen Hazarika is no more. He was 85. The end came at 4:30pm on Saturday at the Mumbai-based Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital where he was undergoing treatment.

Hazarika was born in 1926, at Sadiya in Assam. He did his Intermediate in Guwahati in 1942, and went on to Banaras Hindu University to complete his B. A and completed his M A in Political Science in 1946. Soon after, he did PhD from Columbia varsity in New York in Mass Communication. He also received the Lisle Fellowship from Chicago University, USA to study the use of educational project development through cinema.

Dr Hazarika was also ranked amongst the leading film makers of the nation. It was he who dared to propagate the cinema movement with unputdownable contribution which is why, he was awarded dada Saheb Phalke award. He was also a legislative Assembly as an Independent member from 1967 to 1972. In this period, he did everything possible to set up the first government film studio named after Jyoti Prasad Agarwalla.

He earned reputation of a notable film maker with Era Batar Sur, Shakuntala, Pratidhwani, Lotighoti, Chick Mick Bijuli, Mon Projapati and Siraj. In 1992, he presided the Assam Sahitya Sabha in its Sivasagar session. Last year, he was given the Assam Ratna award.

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