

Raw deal for Assam; no Bharat Ratna for Bhupen

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Much to a major disappointment for Assam and its people, the Centre has announced Padma Bibhushan for legendary maestro Dr Bhupen Hazarika along with four other eminent scholars a day before the Republic Day.

Dr Hazarika would posthumously receive the second highest civilian award for his exceptional and distinguished service in vocal music. For the last couple of years the state has been urging the Centre to confer the Bharat Ratna for the legendary maestro. The cry of Bharat Ratna gathered momentum when the maestro passed away on November 5 in Mumbai.

The Assam Legislative Assembly in its winter session also unanimously passed a resolution for the country's highest civilian award to Dr Hazarika. This is the second highest civilian award the Centre announces on the eve of the Republic Day every year.

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