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DR. BHUPEN HAZARIKA BIRTH CENTENARY COMMEMORATION

Raj Bhavan, Tamil Nadu proudly commemorates the birth centenary of Dr. Bhupen Hazarika, recipient of the Bharat Ratna, in collaboration with the South Zone Cultural Centre (SZCC), Thanjavur and Kalakshetra Foundation, Chennai under the aegis of Ministry of Culture Govt of India. The celebrations, scheduled **from 14th to 16th November 2025**, will commence with an inaugural function led by Dr. L. Murugan, Union Minister of State. **The valedictory event on 16th November at Rugmini Arangam, Kalakshetra Foundation, will be presided over by the Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, Thiru R.N. Ravi.**

Celebrated as the “Bard of Brahmaputra,” Dr. Bhupen Hazarika profoundly redefined Indian music and culture by bringing Assamese and Northeast Indian folk traditions to the national stage. His compositions express universal themes of humanity, unity, spirituality and social justice, celebrating the sanctity of nature, the devotional divinity of human compassion and the eternal harmony of oneness. These ideals transcend linguistic and regional barriers, resonating deeply across India’s rich cultural landscape.

This centenary celebration will feature cultural programmes highlighting Dr. Hazarika’s transformative contributions to music, cinema, society and the nation. This initiative is part of Raj Bhavan’s ongoing endeavour to preserve and promote India’s rich cultural heritage by fostering cultural dialogue and national integration in the spirit of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat through diverse art forms.

Raj Bhavan, Tamil Nadu extends a heartfelt invitation to all art lovers and citizens to join this celebration of Dr. Bhupen Hazarika’s illustrious legacy, which unites hearts through music and humanity.