

1st Bhupen Hazarika Award to Jahnu Barua.



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Internationally Acclaimed film Director, Jahnu Barua has been conferred with the 1st Bhupen Hazarika National award in recognition to his contribution to Indian cinema.

The award, instituted in the memory of the late musical icon Dr. Bhupen Hazarika, by Pune-based Sarhad, was presented to the Assamese filmmaker at a ceremony here on Sunday Evening, 2nd December, 2012 by former Assam chief minister Prafulla Kumar Mahanta, in a function held at S M Joshi Hall, Pune.

An alumnus of the prestigious FTII here, recalling his early days in Pune back in 1971, Barua said, “the time I spent in Pune were one of my best days of life”, also spoke how he managed to learn Marathi. Later he added on the speech as “Pune is my second home”. Being the member of Governing Council of FTII, "Barua said he was touched to get the award which is named after Bhupen Hazarika, as he considered Hazarika his 'guru'.

A recipient of the Padmashree, Barua has won nine national awards for his films. He has directed a number of Assamese and Hindi films. Along with Bhabendra Nath Saikia, is one of the pioneers of Assamese Art cinema.

'Maine Gandhi Ko Nahin Mara', a film directed by him won the prestigious Fipresci (The International Association of Film-Critics) award in 2005. His Assamese film "Baandhon" opened the Feature Film section of the Indian Panorama at the just concluded 43rd IFFI in Goa.

Sarhad president Sanjay Nahar said the award is an effort to enhance people-to-people contact and provide a boost to development in the northeast.

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