

Let the maestro live in bridge



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Patriotic People's Front Assam (PPFA) proposes the Dhola-Sadiya bridge [over](#) Lohit, a major tributary of [Brahmaputra](#) river, to be named after legendary personality Dr [Bhupen Hazarika](#). The 9.16 km bridge, connecting Assam with [Arunachal](#) Pradesh, is scheduled to be inaugurated by Prime Minister [Narendra Modi](#) on 26 May. Termed [as India's](#) longest bridge, constructed with rupees 950 crore budget, is expected to change the lives of thousands families in northeast [India](#). Moreover, it is understood to fulfill a vital requirement in terms of [India's](#) defence perspective [as](#) it is only 100 km away from the McMahon Line separating [India](#) with Tibet (now occupied by China).

The locality in southern [Arunachal](#) was also occupied by the aggressive Chinese forces along with few areas of Assam in 1962 Indo-China [war](#) before they were chased away by [New Delhi](#) with the help of the then nuclear power America's inherent support.

“Dr [Hazarika](#) visited the Kameng locality [soon](#) after the Chinese aggression and created his eternal song ‘Aji Kameng Simanta Dekhilo----’ to pay homage to the soldiers who sacrificed their lives in the [war](#). The legendary musician with an immortal voice also proposed for an energetic and watchful force at the border with China,” said a statement issued by PPFA.

The forum also argued that Bhupen da ([as](#) millions of Dr [Hazarika](#)’s fans prefer to call him) was born at Sadiya and he made the first film titled ‘Meri Dharam Meri Maa’ of the frontier State. The cultural icon can be identified [as](#) a man of assimilation who connected various big & small communities of the region like a golden thread. The PPFA urged both the governments at Dispur and [New Delhi](#) to review various aspects while naming the bridge in far eastern part of the country and finally appealed to the people of Assam and [Arunachal](#) Pradesh to come out with an aim to take the opportunity to honour a legend of our time.

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