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Governor condoles the demise of the 'Father of Assamese Mobile Theatre'

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Shri JP Rajkhowa has condoled the demise of Shri Achyut Lahkar, the pioneer of the Assamese theatre movement.

Deeply saddened by the passing away of the 'Father of Assamese Mobile Theatre' after prolonged illness, the Governor in his condolence message said that Late Lahkar was the pioneering dramatist, veteran actor director and producer who staged numerous memorable plays in mobile theatre. He founded the Nataraj Theatre, the first mobile theatre or Bhramyman Mancha in Assam way back in 1963.

The Governor recalling the contributions of Late Lahkar said that the Doyen of Assamese Mobile Theatre movement and the winner of the Kamal Kumari National award in 1997, Late Lahkar will always remain in the hearts of the people and his legacy will live on through his noted works and plays such as Arena, Ajoya Vietnam, Usha, Black Money, Doctor Babu, Ami Henu Manuh Nohoi etc. and many other mobile theatre enterprises which have not only earned name and fame through the staging of numerous dramas, plays etc. which apart from providing entertainment to the people in the areas unreached by cinema halls, theatre halls etc. have also been providing opportunities to young talents from all over Assam to showcase their skills and provide productive employment to thousands.

While conveying his sincere condolences and profound sympathies to the members of the bereaved family and praying to the Almighty to give them enough mental strength and courage to bear the irreparable loss, the Governor said that the Assamese theatre will, without doubt, miss his commanding and endearing presence as the towering theatre personality.

I join my wife Smt Rita Rajkhowa and those millions of admirers and people of Assam and North Eastern Region, in offering our respectful homage and prayers for the eternal peace of the departed soul, the Governor said in his message.

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