

Governor inaugurates 118th Ramdia Raas Mahotsav

Guwahati, November 11: Assam Governor Prof. Jagdish Mukhi inaugurated the 118th Ramdia Raas Mahotsav in Hajo today.

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor said, “Raas Leela is not just about dancing and singing. It is about unity and trust that all the Gopis have in Lord Krishna. The Gopis feel secured with Lord Krishna shower hymns of adulation on him”.

He also said that the main character of Raas Lila is Lord Krishna. The dance performed by hundreds of *gopis* centering round Lord Krishna is known as “Raas Krira”. Raas Krira symbolises the meeting ground of human soul with divinity. In the raas krira, *gopies* symbolise the human and Lord Krishna symbolises the divine soul. This theory of human and divine soul is the basis of raas krira.

He further said that now a days people are so busy with their daily chores that they get very less time to spend with fellow mates. Raas is the festival where people from all walks of life come together and celebrate the festival with joy and happiness. It helps to create the bond among all caste, creed and religion.

Prof. Mukhi stated that if the people on earth posses pure heart and soul and selflessly deliver their services for their fellow beings they do not have to search for *Biakuntha*, they themselves can transform their place into *Biakuntha*. The Governor hailed Ramdia Hitsadhini Sabha for organising the Raas Festival and he said that the festival will really stand out as a true symbol of unity in the midst of diversity in the society.

MLA Hajo Constituency Suman Haripriya, Deputy Commissioner Kamrup, Kamal Baishya along with a host of other dignitaries and devotees of Ramdia Rash Mahotsav were present in the inaugural function.

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