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Guwahati, July 8: Assam Governor Gulab Chand Kataria conferred the 15th Raseshwar Saikia Barbayan Sattriya Award on Sri Shashadhar Acharya and Sri Karuna Borah for the year 2023 at an event held at Srimanta Sankardeva Kalakshetra in the city today.

The programme was organised by Sangeet Sattri, Guwahati in collaboration with Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India and Indian Council for Cultural Relations. It may be noted that Sangeet Sattri has been working for the promotion of dance and music for almost five decades and has been instrumental in giving national recognition to Satriya dance.

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor hailed the role of the founding fathers of Sangeet Sattri and said that because of their dedication the institution is in a position to create positive vibes in the society. He also paid his respect to Dr. Maheshwar Neog, the great scholar of Assam, who provided the intellectual capital for the establishment of Sangeet Sattri and Barbayan Raseshwar Saikia took up the baton to promote Sattriya dance in the state and elsewhere.

Attributing the socio-cultural prosperities of the state to Vaishnava giants Srimanta Sankardeva and Madhavdeva, the Governor said that these two great souls contributed greatly to the progress of Assamese society. They had as much influence in religion and spirituality as in dance, drama, song, painting and gave a special identity to the Sattriya tradition.

Both the great men not only imparted spiritual knowledge by establishing "Namghar" and "Sattri", but also did the incomparable work of tying the society together. Srimanta Sankardeva acquired the essence of religion by doing pilgrimage all over India. He integrated Assam culturally and spiritually into the mainstream as an important part of the Bhakti movement.

The Governor said that there is a need to make the youth aware of the glorious traditions and Sangeet Sattri. This institution has had a high status since its inception. It is a matter of pleasure that Sangeet Sattri has been honoring the stalwarts of Sattri dance and other classical dances with the prestigious Barbayan Raseshwar Saikia Award since the year 2009. "I extend my heartiest congratulations and best wishes to the awardees Karuna Borah and Shashadhar Acharya," the Governor added.

The Governor also assured all support for the development of the institution.

