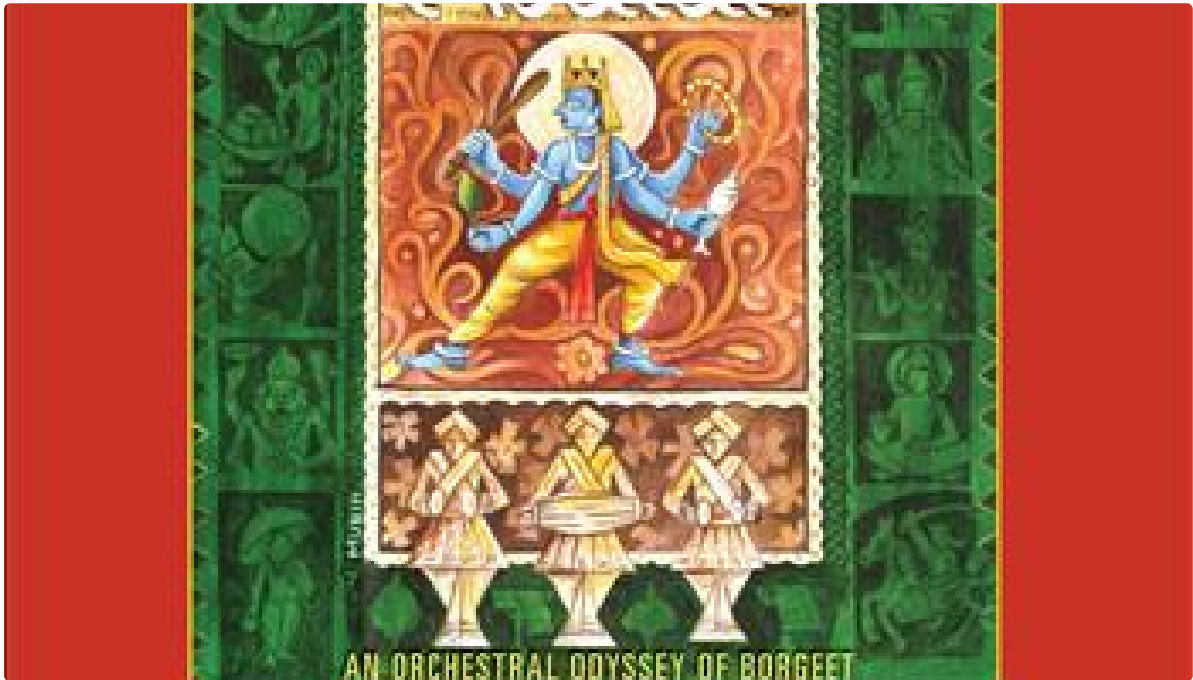


Seminar on Vrindavani Vastra, Dokho Avatar album launch in London



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Assam is a part of India which in somewhere is little known even in India itself because of its remote location. More importantly the relative neglect/absence of Sankaradeva in the history of the Neo-Vaishnavite movement in India, has long been a gap in knowledge waiting for recognition.

The much travelled, social reformer and fountain head of the great Neo - Vaishnavite movement and Sattriya institute of Assam in 15th century. Where there was division he brought union, where there was war he brought peace and brought together by Sankaradeva - the father of Assamese nation

The history of the Assamese people, the history of its national awareness is the life of Sankaradeva - he is the pulse of the people.

It is highly imperative that this great saint receives world attention. And also imperative that the life and philosophy and artistic creations of this great saint be brought to the notice of the wider audience.

On Friday, 29 June, 2012 - a seminar and illustrated talk on Vaishnavite faith and Sattriya culture of Srimanta Sankaradeva, with a power point presentation of Vrindavani Vastra will be held at The Nehru Centre (the cultural wing of Indian High Commission) . Initiative has been taken by Rini Kakati, NRI Co-ordinator for UK.

Speakers:

Richard Blurton, Head of the South Asian Section in the Department of Asia, British Museum

Dr Nicolas Sutton, Director of the Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies, University of Oxford

Dr Audrey Cantlie, author of the book "The Assamese" and Reader Emeritus in Anthropology at SOAS (School of Oriental and African Studies)

Dokho Avatar - An orchestral odyssey of Borgeet composed by Jayanta Pathak will be launch for global audience at this event. This is the first global instrumental album of 500 year old traditional melodies of Assam to the world in his ambitious project "Dokho Avatar". He is currently based in Atlanta, USA, busy at his studio - Chromatic. Jayanta is popularly known as "King of Remixes" in the Indian musical circle.

Sharodi Saikia - Renowned Sattriya dancer from Assam has been invited to perform "Dokho Avatar" at this prestigious event. At present She, is the Director of Srimanta Sankaradeva Kalakshetra, Guwahati (The Premier Cultural Institution of Assam)

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