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RASESHWAR SAIKIA BAYAN MOKTAR

I present to you, Madam, Shri Raseshwar Saikia Bayan Moktar.
Shri Raseshwar Saikia was born in 1928. At the age of six he was admitted to the celibate order of the Kamalabari Satra at Majuli, where he received training in the Satriya tradition of dance and music from Shri Bapu Kanta Mahanta. He later learnt Bargeet from Shri Bapuram Bargayan and dance and khol playing from Shri Maniram Dutta Bayan Moktar. In 1952 Barbayan, the highest position and honour, was conferred on him by Kamalabari Satra, the oldest in Assam.

Shri Raseshwar Saikia has to a great extent been responsible for bringing Satriya music and dance outside the Satra enabling others to learn these arts. For some years now Shri Raseshwar Saikia is Principal of the Sangita Satra, an institution for imparting training in Satriya dance and music, at Gauhati.

For his eminence in the field of dance and his contribution to its enrichment, Shri Raseshwar Saikia Bayan Moktar receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for Satriya dance for 1980.

