

GOVERNOR EXTENDS RAM NAVMI GREETINGS

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Governor, Dr. Smt. Mridula Sinha has extended her best wishes to the people of Goa on the auspicious occasion of Ram Navmi.

In her message the Governor has said that I extend my hearty wishes to the people of Goa. "Ram Navmi marks the arrival of Lord Vishnu's seventh avatar, Lord Rama. Lord Rama is worshiped all across the world by a lot of devotees on this day. Lord Rama exemplified the perfect person or "Purshottam". He is a great example of how one should live his life in accordance with dharma and divine principles. He was the embodiment of compassion, gentleness, kindness, righteousness and integrity. Although he has all the power in the world, he still was peaceful and gentle. He was extremely noble, generous and chivalrous. Whether it was his love and respect for his wife Sita whom he deeply appreciated for standing strong beside him at various junctures of life, or Shabri who offered him berries tasted by her which he ate without hesitation as he could see her deep faith and devotion in him or whether it was Ahilya whom he released from the curse, or Kaikayi, who in spite of being ruthless towards him, he always bowed in front of her with all the respect, for she was just like his mother."

"Lord Rama had immense respect for all the women in his life and hence was also called as "Maryada Purushottam". Through careful examination of his life, we learn how to be the perfect son, the perfect brother, the perfect husband and the perfect king. His reign in Ayodhya is referred to as Ramarajya, the epitome of perfect," the Governor adds.

"On the pious occasion of Ram Navmi, let us follow and try to imbibe the simple teachings of Lord Rama, of fulfilling your duty without any selfish motives, putting other people before yourself and take a pledge to let truth, purity, honesty, humility and righteousness be the guiding factors in our lives. May the celebrations of Ram Navmi this year herald a

new era of enriched peace, prosperity and unity among people," the Governor concludes.