



**RAVINDER KUMAR SHARMA (b. 1957)**

### **EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

1977 Diploma in Art and Craft ,Government College of Art, Panjab University ,Chandigarh (Gold Medalist)

1982 MA History of Art, Punjab University, Chandigarh (First Class, Second position in PU)

1995 B.Ed Punjabi University, Patiala, Punjab (First Class)

Research on "Gram Devtas of Kullu Valley"

Qualified UGC National Level Test for Eligibility for Lectureship 1991

### **SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

1987-2010 25 Solo shows Held in Chandigarh at Government Museum and Art Folio

1992 "Journey through Nature" In Satluj Club, Ludhiana

1995 "Images of Shiva Nanda" in Rishikesh, Uttar Pradesh

1996 "Divine Images" in Divine Life Society, Chandigarh.

1998 & 2000 "Myriad hues of Nature" held at Punjab University, Chandigarh

2004 "Baba Balak Nath Embodiment of Nature, Himachal Pradesh

2005 "Divine Images" in Rishikesh, Uttar Pradesh

2005 "Journey through mediums and styles" in Yamuna Nagar, Haryana

2010 "Pahi Pahi Gajjanana" in Art Folio, Chandigarh.

2010 "Man and Nature" in TAC Art Gallery, Ludhiana.

2014 "Antaryatra" Silver Jubilee Exhibition of paintings , drawings & collages on Lord Shiva

### **GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

- Participated as an invited artist in the Platinum Jubilee exhibition of Income Tax Department , Government of India .

- Jahangir Art Gallery - Bombay 1982
- Lalit Kala Akademi - Lucknow 1991
- Exhibitions of Punjab Lalit Kala Akademi
- Exhibitions of Chandigarh Lalit Kala Akademi
- Exhibitions of Haryana Kala Parshid

## **AWARDS/HONOURS**

- Awarded a Certificate of Merit by Maharana Pratap Rajput Sabha Chandigarh for writing and directing a skit "Zulam Ki Har" in Chandigarh on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1984.
- Honored by State Bank of Patiala for Meritorious service in the field of Socio Cultural activities as special aptitude in teaching 1984.
- Awarded Certificate of Merit by Education Department Chandigarh for distinguished services to the cause of Education on 5<sup>th</sup> September 1985.
- Awarded certificate of Commendation by Chandigarh Administration for developing inner artistic potentialities among children on 26<sup>th</sup> January 1985.
- Honored by National Bal Bhawan New Delhi for holding a national workshop for children in Kashmir 1986.
- State award by Chandigarh Administration for meritorious service in the field of Art Education on 5<sup>th</sup> September 1987.
- State award by Chandigarh Administration for designing the tableau for Republic Day, New Delhi in the year 1989, 1990 and 1991.
- Honored by Chandigarh Blood Bank Society for invaluable support to the Safe blood movement 1997.
- Awarded Kalpana Chawala Foundation for holding an exhibition of collages on the life and achievements of Kalpana Chawala.
- Awards by Bank of Punjab in the year 2001, 2002 & 2004 during their Annual Art Exhibition.
- Award of Honour in the field of Visual Art by Saksham Sparsh Art Foundation, a group of contemporary artists, Chandigarh in 2010
- Haryana Kala Vibhuti Samman by Sanskar Bharti in the year 2011.
- Sanskar Bharti Kala Vibhushan Samman .
- Honored by Lions Club Chandigarh Vishal for meritorious services in the field of education.
- Honored by Divine Life Society Chandigarh for contribution in the moral upliftment of the students.
- Honored by Shri Seva Samiti (Regd.) Chandigarh for artistic contribution in their activities.

## LECTURES

- 2005 Delivered a lecture "Role of Museums in Cultivating the spirit of man" at Govt. and Museum Art Gallery, Chandigarh.
- 2009 Delivered a lecture "Creativity the essence of life" in Chandigarh Group of Colleges, Landra, Punjab.
- 2009 Delivered a lecture "Global trends in Art of today" at Fine Art department, Punjab University in the year 2009.
- 2010 Delivered a lecture "Art and Beauty" in National Art Workshop held at Shahbad Markanda Arya girl's college, Haryana.
- 2011 Delivered a lecture "Navrasa" in Friday Forum a group of Architects, Artists and Poets, Chandigarh
- 2011 Delivered a lecture "Gitanjali- sangeet antar atma ka" orgaised by Sanskar Bharti on the occasion of 150<sup>th</sup> Birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore, Panchkula.
- 2012 Delivered a lecture on the theme "Girl Child the Pride of Nation" at Government Girls College, Rohtak.
- 2012 Delivered a lecture on the theme "Life and Works of Tagore" at National level seminar at Oxford Education College, Uklana Mandi, Rohtak.
- 2012 Delivered a lecture on the theme "THE ESSENCE OF CREATIVITY" at Eternal University , Baru Sahab , Himachal Pradesh.

## WORKSHOPS

- Acted as a Resource person for Camlin Euro Tour 2005 and visited the Art galleries of London and Paris.
- Acted as a Resource person in an Art workshop for the students of Fashion Technology, Sportking, Ludhiana 2006.
- Represented Chandigarh in the Platinum Jubilee Workshop of all India Fine Art and Craft Society as a senior artist.
- Acted as a resource person in International and Child Art Workshops in National BAL Bhawan New Delhi-2010.
- Conducting workshops for the Students of Architecture, Gyani Jail Singh College, Bhatinda in the year 1998 and 2008.
- Conducting workshops and seminars for the development of creative skills, for the teachers of Navyodya Vidayalyas and Central Schools for the last 10 years.
- Conducted an Art workshop in Girls College Shahabad in the year 2009.

- Acted as a resource person in a National workshop of Fine Arts at Government College Ambala Cant 22-28 November 2008.
- Acted as a Resource person in National level Art workshop at Government Girls College Rohtak.
- Conducted a Creative Art National Workshop for 11 days In Bal Bhawan in Pehalgam, Kashmir 1986.
- Acted as a Resource person in "Teacher Taught Learn Together Workshop" conducted by Education Department Chandigarh.
- Participated in NASA 92 an 8day workshop conducted by National Association of Architecture Institutions in Bombay.
- Participated in a 10day workshop under the CAPE Project conducted by UNICEF, Chandigarh.
- Participated in National camp "Learn to Live Together" by ICCW Haryana in Faridabad.
- Acted as a Resource Person in "Basta Hatao Campaign" by Chandigarh Administration.
- Conducted a 5day workshop on Posted Making for adult Education, Chandigarh Administration.
- Acted as a Resource Person in a 2day workshop on Environment Awareness by Government of India (Department of Forests & Environment).
- Conducted a 15day Camp "Udaan & Srijan" in Government College of Arts, Chandigarh.
- Acted as a Resource person in a 4day workshop on Drawing and Painting for Nursery Teachers. State Institute of Education Chandigarh.
- Conducted a 4day workshop of Collage Making during the 16<sup>th</sup> K.U. Inter Zonal Youth Festival (Fine Arts & Literary item),Kurukshetra University.
- Acted as a Resource Person in an 8day workshop "Developing material for guidance" for State Institute of Education, Chandigarh.
- Acted as a Resource Person in a 2 week Orientation Program for Art Teachers of U.T. Schools in Government Model Sr. Sec. School Sec 37, Chandigarh.
- Participated in a National level Art Workshop in Himachal Raj Bhawan, Shimla HP.
- Conducted a 7 week workshop for Anganwadi Teachers in Bal Bhawan Chandigarh.
- Conducted a workshop for Art Teachers on "Child Art" in various schools of Noida and New Delhi.
- Acted as a resource Person in Orientation Program (Developing teaching aids) for Primary Teachers in State Institute of Education, Chandigarh 2005,2006 & 2007.

## **Collections**

- Works in the collection of Government Museum and Art Gallery, Sec 10, Chd
- Works in the collection of Museum Punjab University, Chd.
- Works in the collection of Haryana Sahitya Akedemi,Chd.
- Works in the collection of National Portrait Gallery, Sec-17, Chd.

- Works in the collection of Hotel Mount View, Sec-10, Chd.
- Works in the collection of Divine Life society Chandigarh.
- Works in the collection Pallavi Hotel Panchkula.
- Works in the collection of Vedanta Institute, America.
- Works in the collection of The Gurukul School, Panchkula.
- Works in the collection of Art lovers of India and Abroad.

### Honorary Services

- Former Secretary Chandigarh Lalit Kala Akedemi.
- Executive member Divine Life Society Chandigarh Branch.
- President Sanskar Bharti Panchkula.
- Resource person for orientation of teachers of Navodya Vidyalaya , center schools and Chandigarh Administration.

### MY Credo

With the wings of art society travels into the unknown realms of truth and beauty. In the storms of chaos and confusion, conflict and dissonance Art becomes the anchor for society .For me art is that light which does not eliminate darkness but uses it profitably. It is my strong conviction that a man cannot experience the best of life unless he is capable of experiencing the universal in his personal self. Art enabled me to seek the latent powers of my spirit. I could reach those unknown realms of spirit where the drop experiences the joy of becoming an ocean . Here one can find the fusion of appearance and essence , concept and percept and finally the enchanting experience of being the embodiment of supreme bliss . Being a teacher I feel blessed to experience the charismatic significance of sharing the fragrance of inner blossoming through art .

### NATURE FOR ME

I am the wind which breathes upon the sea,  
I am the wave of the ocean,  
I am the murmur of the billows,  
I am a beam of the sun.....

Such delightful transformation of the 'Self" can only be found in the charged expressions of an accomplished poet or an awakened artist. A true artist can not help but sing of the future that blossoms in his inner world. His work attains substance not by the formal craft but by the veracity with which the real world is reproduced, interpreted and assessed.

Nature is the ever refreshing force around man. Nature has the strength to revitalize the perception, contemplation and expression of man. Poets, artists and philosophers have different explanation to

show their oneness with nature. I appreciate the views of Nietzsche, who said "When the normal mood and harmony of the soul is lost, one has to dance to the song of a bard."