

## **Dr. Ashokkumar P. Chavda**

Dr. Ashokkumar P. Chavda is a Gujrati Poet, Critic, Translator and Editor. Born in 1978 at Bhavnagar, Gujarat, he is presently working at the Gujrat Ayurveda University. A Phd. in journalism and mass communication, he is associated with the Gujrat Sahitya Akademi, Indian Society of Authors and Gujarat Literary Council etc.

Major Awards –

- (a) Yuva Gaurav Puraskar 2012 from Shaitya Akademi Gujrat
- (b) Gujrat Sahitya Akademi Best Book Award-2012 and
- (c) Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar 2013.

## **Shri Prabal Kumar Basu**

A poet, writing in Bengali and having 17 (seventeen) volumes of poetry book, a collection of verse drama, two collections of essays and two collections of short stories at his credit, Shri Prabal Kumar Basu's works have been translated into some of the other Indian languages as well as some International languages. Sahitya Akademy organized his poetry reading thrice in 2008, 2012 and 2015. He has also edited an anthology of Bengali Poetry since Independence in English.

### Major Awards –

- (a) Gouri Bhattacharjee Memorial Award for his first book of poem 'Tumeei Pratham'.
- (b) State Academy (Bangla Academi ) award for poetry for his poetry book 'Jamon kore gaiche akash' in 2005.

## **Rahul Shailendra Kokaste**

He is an Artist encompassing sheer diversity of mediums, genres, materials and narratives. His ideas are skilfully and precisely translated into imagery. Marked by a strong graphic quality, he incorporates a variety of materials that in most cases have been meticulously crafted into three dimensional forms. Through his preoccupation with elements such as line, form, structure, composition, Kokate delves into negotiations between constructs of negative and positive spaces – both tangible and intangible. Using modes of layering, he draws on sources that span memories of places, Biography, Mythology fragments from historical artworks, snippets of personal incidents, and things such as tourist maps collected during his travels.

Major Awards –

- (a) 50th Maharashtra State Award, Jahangir Art Gallery, Mumbai-2010
- (b) National Scholarship in Painting from Ministry of Culture.

## **Dheeraj Yadav**

An artist holding Bachelor of Arts in painting 2012 and Master of Fine Arts in painting 2014 degrees from Allahabad university have been awarded by so many galleries and attended many camps in state and national level and exhibited his paintings in so many exhibitions in national and state level. In his paintings he depicts social issues, mythological thought and culture. Trying to give the message to the society that our natural climate and environment should not be damaged.

Major Awards –

- (a) 29th State Lalit Kala Academy Award 2010 and
- (b) 57th Lalit Kala Academy 2016 award.