

Spring Visual ART Auction

ARTIST BIOGRAPHY



Shri Ajay Kumar Garg | Artist

Jaipur, Rajasthan

Shri Ajay Kumar Garg, Jaipur based resident, is a Deaf & Dumb man, who has over-come his physical handicap to emerge as a competent artist.

When he was 3 years old, he suffered from burn injury in left leg and he was taken to doctor. Unfortunately, he was given a wrong injection. In result, he reacted violently with his system which left him Hearing Impaired permanently. Despite best medical check-up and treatment offered to him, it was not successful. His parents took time to adjust with that. When his father noticed that Ajay was very happy and felt easy when he started to paint with the set of painting gifted by him, he felt that Ajay showed talent in painting.



When Ajay was 5 years old, a court artist of Dholpur (Rajasthan), Shri Sua Lal saw his painting work and being impressed with work, he took Ajay under his wing. After Ajay had completed his primary education in Dholpur, he came to Jaipur for further education in Deaf & Dumb school but he had to leave school as he forgot whatever he spoke. Later, he started to take training in Tailoring but that work did not make him happy. Again, he went to paintings. Then he was apprenticed to Asha Devi of Jaipur who gave idea of a few true exponents of old & dying Arts of Miniature Painting. He also learnt technique of preparing colours/brushes etc. Later he gained full knowledge on his painting works and proved as competent artist of miniature style. He started to hold 1st arts exhibition at Karnataka Chitra Kala Parshid, Bangalore in 1991 where 144 out of 150 his paintings were sold out. Later he held

2nd Exhibition at Bajaj Art Gallery in 1992. Till 2004, he arranged several one man shows in Mumbai, Bangalore, USA and United Kingdom. Arts Lovers/Critics praised his paintings well and expressed their views. In 2002 he visited USA and exhibited his paintings.

For excellent work, he was awarded with Maharaja Agrasen Rastriya Award 2003 and was also awarded with Rajasthan State's best Handicapped Person Award-2003 by the Government of Rajasthan. He was awarded with National Handicapped's Best Employee Award 2004 by President of India Dr.A.P.J.Abdul Kalam on 3rd December 2004, World Handicapped Day. Moreover, he was conferred 'Agrajyoti Award-2006 by Agarwal Samaj, Jaipur on 30th July 2006 and 'Yuva Ratna' (Rajasthan Jan Manch) was awarded to him by then Governor of Rajasthan Smt Pratibha Patil, now President of India on 20th August 2006. He was again awarded by Shri Shri Ravi Shankarji with Forxhex Award 2005-06. Ajay's paintings was selected for State Award Rajasthan 2005-2006 (Handicraft) and he was presented its award by Smt Vasundhara Raje, Chief Minister of Rajasthan. He was conferred a famous Maharana Sajjan Singh Award of Mewar Foundation 2007-08 & Dr.Batra's Positive Health Awards, 2008

Ajay is actively involved in welfare of the Deaf community and he was an executive member of Deaf & Dumb association in Rajasthan. He always tries to help poor, mostly handicapped people. He has also been giving free training to hearing Impaired children in Jaipur as well as poor girls of orphanage for girls in Gandhi Nagar, Jaipur that is under Social Welfare Department Govt. of Rajasthan.