



The Crafts Council of India

Kamala Award for Contribution to Crafts 2021

Shri. Banamali Mohapatra

Instituted by The Crafts Council of India in the year 2000, the Kamala Award for Contribution to Crafts honours a senior craft artisan for his/her contribution to the development of traditional crafts and the training of younger aspirants in the field. The award carries a cash prize of Rs. 20,000, a medal, angavastram, citation and certificate.

Shilpguru Banamali Mohapatra was born into a traditional family of 'Chitrakars' of Patachitra paintings in Raghurajpur, Odisha. To Banamali goes the achievement of keeping alive the great tradition of story telling through his Patachitra art. He derives his inspiration from the ancient classics and mythologies. Apart from his exquisite rendering of Patachitra art, Banamali Mohapatra is a creator of ganjifa cards with their miniature picturization of Hindu Gods and Goddesses and Krishna Leela themes. His art is a superb mélange of singing colours and nuanced brushwork.

The Crafts Council of India has great pleasure in honouring Shri. Banamali Mohapatra with the Kamala Award for Contribution to Crafts.