



The Crafts Council of India

Kamala Award for Revival of Languishing Crafts 2021

## Shri. Rakeshkumar Jitendrakumar Petigara

The Crafts Council of India recognizes and honours an eminent artisan for her/his contribution towards the Revival of Languishing Crafts. This award carries a cash prize of Rs. 20,000, a medal, angavastram, citation and certificate.

Born on 10 February 1977, Rakeshkumar had his first lessons in marquetry or Sadeli craft from his father by watching him at his work. He soon began to do very minute and intricate wooden micro mosaic work on doors, windows, lamps, flooring etc. His designs of flowers and geometrics in coloured wood marquetry reveal his passion for the craft. A master artisan by 1999, not only has he increased the scope and reach of marquetry or Sadeli work by working with architects and designers but has also trained many students in the craft.

**The Crafts Council of India is privileged to confer on Shri Rakeshkumar Jitendrakumar Petigara the Kamala Award for Revival of Languishing Crafts.**