



The Crafts Council of India

Kamala Award for Excellence in Crafts 2021

Shri. M. Ramamurthy

The Kamala Award for Excellence in Craft instituted by The Crafts Council of India in the year 2000 recognises the high level of proficiency in skills achieved by an artisan or exhibited in his/her body of work. This award carries a cash prize of Rs. 20,000, a medal, angavastram, citation and certificate.

Born into a traditional hereditary wood carving family in 1960, Shri Ramamurthy studied the nuances of wood carving from early childhood under the guidance of his father and master artisan Madhavachari. Soon Ramamurthy himself graduated to becoming a master artisan, equally competent at carving intricate traditional forms and icons as well as innovative contemporary ones. Shri Ramamurthy underwent training at the Regional Design and Technical Development Centre, Government of India and in its Design Wing. His skills extend to sculpture in stone, wood and terracotta. His mesmerizing intricately carved wooden and stone icons of Pallava, Chola and Hoysala style Gods and Goddesses and the Buddha are in many temples, offices and cultural centres.

The Crafts Council of India has great pleasure in bestowing the Kamala Award for Excellence in Craft on Shri M. Ramamurthy.