

HASYA KAVI-SAMMELAN POETS

Dr. Sarita Sharma of Delhi, a former advisor to the Ministry of Culture and Chairperson of Bharatendu Natya Academy in U.P. government, is a veteran Hindi poetess of *shringaar ras* genre. She was born in Bhilai, Chhattisgarh and has a Ph.D. in Hindi literature. She is known for her deep meaningful and soulful poetry and its melodious spellbinding renditions. This extraordinary Hindi Poetess has been felicitated by the President of India, Shri Ramnath Kovind at a Rashtrapati Bhavan congregation. She has been embellished with the highest civilian award of *Yash Bharti* by the Uttar Pradesh Government, and with 'Mahadevi Verma' and 'Nirala' Samman. She has participated in many prominent literary events and **national and international Kavi Sammelans and Mushairas**, including in U.S, U.K, Canada, and Gulf countries in last three decades. She has also recited her compositions on various TV channels and at the prestigious Red Fort on several occasions. Spreading the message of love thru her brilliant poetry, Dr. Sarita Sharma has penned five books, titled '*Peer Ke Saaton Samander*', '*Nadi Gungunaati Rahi*', '*Huaey Aakash Tum*', '*Teri Meera Zaroor Ho Jaon*', and '*Chand, Muhabbat, aur Main*' in the form of Geet, Ghazal, and Muktak Collections. The influence of Brij and Awadhi is also seen in her creations. Her poem on 'female feticide' is included in textbooks.



Gaurav Sharma of Mumbai hails from Rajasthan. He is the son of renowned Hasya kavi Shyam Jwalamukhi, and one of the most popular young humorists in India with over 2600 performances to his credit. He is an exceptional performer and a maestro of humor who has entertained millions of people in India and abroad. Gaurav is known for his unique style of expressional comic rendered in his signature two liners. He sometimes uses the Marwari language for his humor. His poetry has a mixture of engaging humor and penetrating satire. When he takes the podium, the auditorium is filled with continuous laughter. Gaurav is not only a comic poet but also a youth icon. He has been associated with Johny Lever Live

Shows since 2014. He is a winner of Laughter Challenge on Star TV, Comedy Ka King Kaun on SUB TV, and Hasya Kavi Muqabla on Zee TV. As a poet of distinction, Gaurav has been felicitated with numerous awards, including *Saraswati Puraskar* and *Rajasthan Gaurav Puraskar*. He has performed in over 38 countries, including multiple times in United Kingdom, Canada, and United States.

Sudeep 'Bhola' Soni, son of poet Sandeep Sapan, is a native of Jabalpur. He is a young talented poet who has established himself as a popular humorist. He is famous for his earthy wit and political satire and is celebrated for his entertaining melodies and parodies on social and political dissonance, including poems on Indian soldiers and martyrs, helpless farmers, and child labor. His creative writings and compositions have touched the hearts of poetry lovers across the globe via electronic and social media. With 200 episodes, and counting, he is a lead cast of '*Lapete mey Neta Ji*' show on national TV. Sudeep Bhola is a commerce graduate from Durgawati University, and a skilled jewelry craftsman with a family jewelry business in its third generation. He has been felicitated with numerous awards and honors by many prestigious organizations and institutions. Sudeep Bhola has been invited to recite his poems from India's prestigious national Kavi Sammelan at Red Fort and Delhi Hindi Academy. He has enthralled audiences with his compositions in U.K, Ireland, Ethiopia, Kenya, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Oman, Qatar, and Hong Kong. This is his 3rd visit to the United States.



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Abhinav Shukla is recognized as a talented Hindi poet who transforms our hectic lifestyles to humor and happiness with his simple words and brilliance of presentation. Abhinav's thoughtful poems on the latest national and international issues have attracted the attention of critics and media in the past. He was the co-editor of famous literary magazine 'Hindi Chetna' for about 10 years. He has appeared on several television and radio shows in India & abroad and has participated in poetic tours across multiple nations. He has been felicitated for his poetry by more than 100 reputed organizations across US, Canada, and India. He has spent a fair part of his life in Lucknow, attributing his poetic talents to this city. He earned his bachelor's degree in technology from Rohilkhand University, Bareilly. He did

his master's from BITS, Pilani and is currently located in San Antonio TX.

