



KOLHA CHARAN SAHOO
Akademi Award: Ravan Chhaya

Born in 1936 in Odash, Orissa, Shri Kolha Charan Sahoo started his career as a gramsevak in 1958 and entered the field of puppetry under the guidance of the late Kathinanda Das, a master practitioner of Ravan Chhaya.

He has excelled in this form of puppet theatre belonging to Orissa and has performed with his puppets all over the country. He was an active participant in the National Puppet Theatre Festivals organized by Sangeet Natak Akademi in 1978 and 1995, and the Puppet Theatre Workshops in 1988, 1991, 1997 and 1998. At present Kolha Charan Sahoo is imparting training in Ravan Chhaya. He has been President and Guru of Ravan Chhaya Sansad since 1986. He has also published a book on Ravan Chhaya, titled Ravan Chhayar Utpatti, Stithi o Vikash.

Shri Sahoo has received many awards including the Orissa Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1998), the Bhanja Kala Parishad Award (1997), and the Utkal Yuva Sanskritika Parishad Award (1997).

Shri Kolha Charan Sahoo receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for his contribution to Ravan Chhaya.



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