



KANTA KASHINATH GAUDE

Akademi Award: Folk Music, Goa

Born on 15 April 1956 in Ponda, Goa, Shri Kanta Gaude learnt folk music of Goa from his father Shri Kashinath Zanju Gaude and Shri Tatoba Velingkar.

Shri Kanta Kashinath Gaude, an eminent folk artist from Goa, embodies a rich tradition of folk culture, having been born and raised in a family deeply rooted in these art forms. With a career spanning 45 years, Shri Kanta Kashinath Gaude has become a stalwart in the field of folk arts, particularly in the realm of the "Jagor" folk form, establishing himself as a distinguished folk artist of Goa. Shri Kanta Kashinath Gaude's passion for preserving and reviving vanishing art forms such as Jagor, Kalo, Musal Khel, and Suvari is evident in his voluntary efforts. He actively encourages rural youth to embrace and revive these traditional art forms, fostering a new generation of folk artists. Shri Kanta Kashinath Gaude's demonstrative performances of Goan folk dances and music have enlightened students at Goa University and numerous secondary schools and colleges across the state.

Shri Kanta Kashinath Gaude has been honoured with several prestigious awards, including the Adivasi Pradnyavant Puraskar from the Department of Tribal Welfare Goa, and the State Cultural Award from the Department of Art and Culture of the Government of Goa. Additionally, he has been bestowed with the Gomant Kala Bhushan Award by Rasikranjan Goa, and the Kala Bhushan Award by Kalavrund, Goa.

Shri Kanta Kashinath Gaude receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for the year 2023 for his contribution the field of folk music of Goa.