



SURINDER SHARMA

Akademi Award: Direction

Born on 22 March 1958 in Delhi, Shri Surinder Sharma has earned a special reputation for his adaptation of novels for stage performances. He completed his graduation in Commerce from Delhi University before his passion for acting inspired him to seek admission in National School of Drama from where he specialized in acting. He has been active both as actor and director since.

He worked mainly as an actor for a long time. Later he established his own theatre group Rangsaptak which produces plays, among others, based on novels adapted by him such as, Prem Chand's *Rangbhoomi*, *Nirmala*, Phanishwar Nath Renu's *Mailaa Anchal*, Amritlal Nagar's *Boond aur Samudra*, Hazari Prasad Dwivedi's *Baanbhatt Ki Aatmakatha*, among many others. Many of his plays such as *Mithyabhimaan*, *Jayaz Hathyare*, *Mahaanirwan*, *Aashadh Ka Ek Din*, etc., have been performed in different cities. He has translated and adapted at least 10 plays so far. He has acted in more than 70 plays, such as *Panchhi Aise Ate Hai* (Gulshan Kumar), *Apna Morcha* (Devendra Raj Ankur), *Juloos* (M.K. Raina), (Prasanna), *Life of Galileo* (Frietz Benevitz), *Andha Yug* (Ratan Thiyam), (T. Subhagi) *Ye Aadmi Ye Chuhey* (Virendra Sharma), etc. He has worked in television serials and films also. He has been a visiting faculty at NSD acting workshops.

Shri Sharma has been felicitated by a number of institutions including the Hindi Academy, Delhi, and Sahitya Kala Parishad, Delhi.

Shri Surinder Sharma receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for the year 2023 for his contribution to the field of theatre as a director.