



## **GOPAL PRASAD DUBEY**

**Akademi Award: Chhau Dance**

Born on 25 June 1957 at Seraikella in Jharkhand, Shri Gopal Prasad Dubey has received training in Chhau dance under gurus Rajkumar S.N. Singhdeo, Kedar Nath Sahoo and Natasekhar Banbihari Pattanayak. He has also learnt Odissi dance under Smt. Sharon Lowen.

Shri Gopal Prasad Dubey has performed in many dance festivals, conducted workshops and presented lecture demonstrations on Chhau dance. Some of his notable performances include Nritya Sangam, Cochin, Natyanjali Festival, Chidambaram, Kumbhakonam and Thanjavur, Kalaghoda Festival, Mumbai, Bharatotsav, Kerala Sangeet Nrityotsav organized by Indian Council for Cultural Relation, Hyderabad and Chhau Parva organized by Sangeet Natak Akademi at Bhubaneswar, Imphal and Nagaon. He has also performed at the Indian High Commission, Kenya, Mithila Museum, Tokyo, LPK Tari Natya Lakshita, Indonesia, Downtown Dance Festival, New York, Kalanidhi Fine Arts Festival, Toronto, Canada, India Foundation, Dayton Ohio, Civic Centre Orlando USA under the aegis of Asian Physician Association, Kansas State University, Symphony Space, Broadway, New York, under the aegis of World Music Institute and Solaris, International Studies Programme, Kansas University, USA, American Dance Festival Duke University, Durham, USA, International Drama Festival, Delhi, Greece and Festival of India, Japan, Malaysia, China and Vietnam on the behalf of Indian Council for Cultural Relation. Currently, he is teaching Chhau dance at his institution Trinetra Chhau Dance Centre in Seraikella.

Shri Gopal Prasad Dubey has received several awards and honours including the Jharkhand Award in 2007 and the Padma Shri in 2012.

Shri Gopal Prasad Dubey receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for his contribution to Chhau dance.