

SYED SHAKIR ALI

Master Craftsman Syed Shakir Ali of Jaipur is a renowned miniature painter who specializes in the Mughal style of painting. He was born in 1956. He completed his bachelor's degree in Arts from Rajasthan University, Jaipur. He has been painting from the age of fifteen after completing graduation in 1978. He took up the guidance of renowned painters, Ram Gopal Vijayvargiya and Ved Pal Sharma and (Bannu) to learn Mughal and company styles of painting as well as traditional art.

In 1981 he started showcasing his art in the exhibitions and demonstrations. His first demonstration and exhibition was at craft museum, Delhi followed by AWA-American Embassy, UK Embassy, DCWA, Ashoka & Taj Hotels, etc. His paintings got selected by Ministry of external affairs for presentation to various dignitaries and foreign VVIPs.

S. Shakir Ali is the recipient of numerous awards and honors including 1st prize in SAARC, Pakistan held in 1992, National Award in 1993, Nexzen Excellence Award in 2014. On 26th Jan. 2013 President of India honored Shakir Ali with the Padma Shri Award.

He has also restored old paintings in City Palace, Jaipur and Prince Wales Museum, Mumbai and they also have collection of his paintings. Since last few years he has been experimenting with new creativity and has started working in modern miniature and contemporary art where he is continuing with the miniature technique. His work is infused with delicacy and fineness of strokes that reveal his mastery over the technique of miniature painting.