

## 2019 HASYA KAVISAMMELAN: FEATURED POETS

**Surendra Dubey** of Raipur, a former Secretary of Chattisgarh Rajya Bhasha Aayog, is an eminent poet of Hasya Ras genre. He is famous for his poetry of expressional humor. He has been honored by the Government of India with the fourth highest Indian civilian award of Padma Shri in 2010. As a poet of distinction, he has been felicitated by two Presidents of India, Mrs. Pratibha Patil and Mr. Ramnath Kovind. He is also a recipient of 'Kaka Hathrasi Hasya Ratna Award' and 'Atthaas' 'Vikramaditya' 'Nirala' and 'Hasya Shikhar' Samman. He has performed in thousands of national and international Kavi Sammelans across the globe. He is admired for his comic wit, exuberance and spontaneity. When he takes the podium, the auditorium is filled with continuous laughter. His poetry has a mix of engaging humor and penetrating satire on society, human-relations, and public awareness. His comic bards have an emphatic native quality to it that point to subtle ironies and incongruities of life. Surendra Dubey has authored eight books, and has written for Doordarshan and Akashwani. He has appeared on several television shows. This is his fifth visit to the United States. He has also appeared on stage in Canada, Dubai, Oman, UAE, Hong Kong, and Indonesia.



**Dr. Praveen Shukla** of Delhi, a Ph.D. in Hindi and a lecturer in Economics, is a renowned Hindi poet of Hasya-Vyang and a quick witted Manch-Sanchaalak. He is an extremely talented multi-dimensional poet and a gifted satirist who has made a name for himself. His creative writings have touched the hearts of poetry lovers all across the globe. His humorous poems contain a deep and enchanting satire on the day to day problems of existence. The humor of his poems reveals that Praveen is a keen, amused, and at times sardonic observer of the kaleidoscope of human life. As a poet of distinction, he too has been felicitated by two Presidents of India, Mrs. Pratibha Patil and Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. Among a long list of his awards and recognitions the foremost are 'Vyang Shri' 'Kavya Hans' 'Attahaas' 'Om Prakash Aditya' and 'Kavya Gaurav' Samman. Praveen has authored over a dozen books, and has participated in

more than 2000 Kavi Sammelans in India and abroad, including the prestigious Red Fort, Independence Day, Janta Ki Pukar, Indian Oil, and DCM. This is his third visit to the United States. He has also performed in Canada, United Kingdom, Hong Kong, Singapore, Thailand, Oman, Dubai, and Bhutan.

**Shabina Adeeb** of Kanpur, is known as the Queen of Ghazals in Kavi Sammelan and Mushairah orbits. Adeeb, meaning, a literary person, is her pen name. She is one of the most sought after poetesses in India. Her poetry has touched the hearts of millions of her fans in India and abroad. She is celebrated for her melodious voice and songs of love and aspirations. Her poetry is so close to reality that it strikes the audience as a rhythmical creation of their own highest thoughts and remembrances. She has recited her compositions on All India Radio, Door Darshan and other TV channels at several occasions. She has been feted with numerous awards and honors by many prestigious organizations and institutions, including Mallika-E-Ghazal Award, Punjab Kesari Award, Kanpur Gaurav Samman, and the prestigious Hindi-Urdu Sahitya Samman by the Uttar Pradesh Government. She has two published books to her credits, titled 'Tum Mere Paas Raho' and 'Kasak'. This is her second visit to the United States. She has also performed in Australia, Malaysia, Nepal, UAE, Oman, Bahrain, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, and Pakistan spreading the message of peace and love thru her legendary poetry.

