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# **Gulab Khandelwal**

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# Gulab Khandelwal(21 February 1924 -)

Gulab Khandelwal (Hindi: गुलाब खन्देशल) an Indian poet was born in the town of Navalgarh, Rajasthan (India) on 21st Feb 1924. He has written poetry in different forms such as Lyrics, Sonnets, Rubais (Quatrains), Dohas (Couplets), Odes, Elegies, Lyrical Ballads, Epics, Poetic Dramas, Ghazals, Masnavi, etc. with equal felicity. He has even introduced some of these forms into Hindi Literature and apart from Hindi, has also written poetry in Urdu and English. The span of his poetic language touches upon Sanskrit on one end and Urdu on the other.

## <b> Education </b>

He spent his childhood and received his early education at Gaya, Bihar. He received his undergraduate education at the Banaras Hindu University, graduating with a BA in 1943. While in Banaras, he came into contact with the great luminaries of Hindi Literature, including poets Suryakant Tripathi 'Nirala', Maithili Sharan Gupt, Hariyaudh, Harivansh Rai Bachchan, Bedhab Benarasi; critics like andra Shukla, Nand Dulare Bajpayee, Pt. ShriNarayan Chaturvedi; and scholars like Sampooran Nand Ji, Kamalapati Tripathi, SitaRam Chaturvedi, and his inborn poetic faculty matured.

## <b> Literary Career </b>

He started writing poetry at an early age. His first volume of poems was published in 1941 with preface by the famous poet Suryakant Tripathi 'Nirala'. Since then, more than 50 volumes of his poems and 2 dramatic works in prose have been published, some of which have been digitized by the Digital Library of India. Six of his books have received awards from the Uttar Pradesh government and one has received an award from the Bihar government.

He has translated some of his poems in English in Gulab Khandelwal: Selected Poems, which was published in 1986 with preface by Dr. Karan Singh, ex-Prince of Kashmir. He has been the president of Archana a literary society of Kolkata founded in the fifties and has presided over many events organized by literary organizations, such as Archana. He has worked extensively with other Hindi poets.

For the last eighteen years he has been the president of Akhil Bhartiya Hindi Sahitya Sammelan, Prayag. He is also the president of Bharati Parishad, an organization founded by Mahamana Madan Mohan Malaviya. For fifteen years he has been the senior member of the editorial board of 'Vishwa Magazine', a tri-

monthly literary magazine published in Hindi in the U.S.A., the journal of the International Hindi Association. He is currently the president of International Hindi Association.

Currently, he mostly lives in the U.S.A. but visits India every year and is still active in his literary pursuit. He has worked extensively with Indian organizations in the United States and has also presided on meetings in New York on "Vishwa Hindi Sammelan", an organization which strives towards the firm establishment of the Hindi language.

His poetry is unparalleled in both, quality and quantity. The full potential of his poetic work is yet to be discovered. He is still active after producing more than fifty volumes of poetry. At the age of 82, he wrote his auto-biography ???????? ?? ??? ????? ???? (Zindagi Hai Koi Kitab Nahi).

#### <b> Awards </b>

Some of his books were presented awards by Hindi Sansthan (U.P. Government), India

Usha – by U.P. Government in 1967

Roop Ki Dhoop – by U.P. Government in 1971

Sau Gulab Khile – by U.P. Government in 1975

Kuchh Aur Gulab – by U.P. Government in 1980

Ahalya – Vishisht Puraskar by U.P. Government in 1980

Har Subah Ek Taza Gulab – Nirala Puraskar by U.P. Government in 1989

Adhunik Kavi-19 – Akhil Bharatiya Granth Puraskar by Bihar Government

Ahalya – Akhil Bharatiya Rambhakti Puraskar by Hanuman Mandir Trust, Kolkata, 1984

Some of his books were selected as textbooks for colleges:

Kach Devyani - Had been in Intermediate in Magadh University, Bihar (India)

Usha (Mahakavya) - Had been in B.A. in Magadh University, Bihar (India)

Ahalya (Khand-kavya) - Had been subject for dissertation in Awadh University, U.P. (India)

Ahalya (Khand-kavya) - Had been in B.A. in Magadh University, Bihar (India)

Alok-Vritt (Khand-kavya) - Had been in B.A. in Magadh University, Bihar (India)

Alok-Vritt (Khand-kavya) - Is in Intermediate Board in Uttar Pradesh (India) since 1976

# Aa, Ki Ab Bhor Ki Yah Aakhiri Mahfil Baithe

Gulab Khandelwal

# Aaj Kusum Kumhalaayee

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# Aaj To Puno Machal Pari

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# Aap Aur Ghar Pe Hamare, Kya Khub!

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# Aap Kyon Ko Bachaate Hain Yo Takrane Se!

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# Ab Kahaan Milanee Kii Surat Raha Gayi

Gulab Khandelwal

# Ab To Swarmay Praan Hamaare

Gulab Khandelwal

# Ab Tum Naukaa Lekar Aaye

Gulab Khandelwal

# Chandni Bidaa Le Rahi Sabse

Gulab Khandelwal

# Dekhte - Dekhte

Gulab Khandelwal

# Dur Gagan Mein Taaraa Tutaa

Gulab Khandelwal

# Maanjhi Se

Gulab Khandelwal

# Main Bhabon Kaa Raajkumaar

Gulab Khandelwal



# Na Taiyaar Thaa Koi Jaane Ko Gaanb (Tisraa Sarga)

Gulab Khandelwal

# Un Muk Pranom Ki Kathaa

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