## **PRESS RELEASE**

Galerie 88 presents Solo Exhibition of KHAGESWAR ROUT

Opening reception on Saturday, 17 December 2016, 5 – 7 pm Exhibition on view till 31 December 2016

This is the first solo exhibition of Khageswar Rout.

Khageswar was born in Bhadrak, Orissa in 1992 and has completed his Bachelors and Masters in Sculpture from Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata.

Khageswar passionately studies the inner structure and the surface of natural objects by dissecting and splitting and transfigures their chromatic and tactile feelings in his drawing and sculpture. The relation between the inner and outer spaces, the inter play between the positive and negative spaces allow him to draw an analogy between construction and architectural spaces. He prefers to work directly with clay to express the fragility and complex visual nature of his work.

Khageswar has participated in several workshops notably, Rava Wooden Mask-making workshop organised by Rabindra Bharati University at Alipurduar, Kala Sakshi workshop at Sanskriti Kendra, New Delhi, Dhokra workshop organised by Rabindra Bharati University at Bankura and Terracotta workshop organised by The Indian Museum, Kolkata.

Khageswar's sculptures have also being showcased at 'SVIKRITI', Birla Academy of Art and Culture, 'PRASPECTA', Galerie 88, 29<sup>th</sup> National Exhibition of Contemporary Art, Nagpur, 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Exhibition, Emami Chisel, Kolkata are name of the few.

Khageswar has received Shared Award in 49th Annual exhibition organised by Birla Academy of Art and Culture, Award of Sponsorship for solo exhibition organised by 29<sup>th</sup> National Exhibition of Contemporary Art, Nagpur and Kala Sakshi Art Scholarship Award, Kala Sakshi Memorial Trust, Noida, New Delhi.