

Padma Vibhushan 2026



Dharmendra Singh Deol (Posthumous)

ART | Maharashtra

Enduring Hindi cinema legend who left an indelible influence on Indian popular culture through 300 films and a career spanning seven decades.

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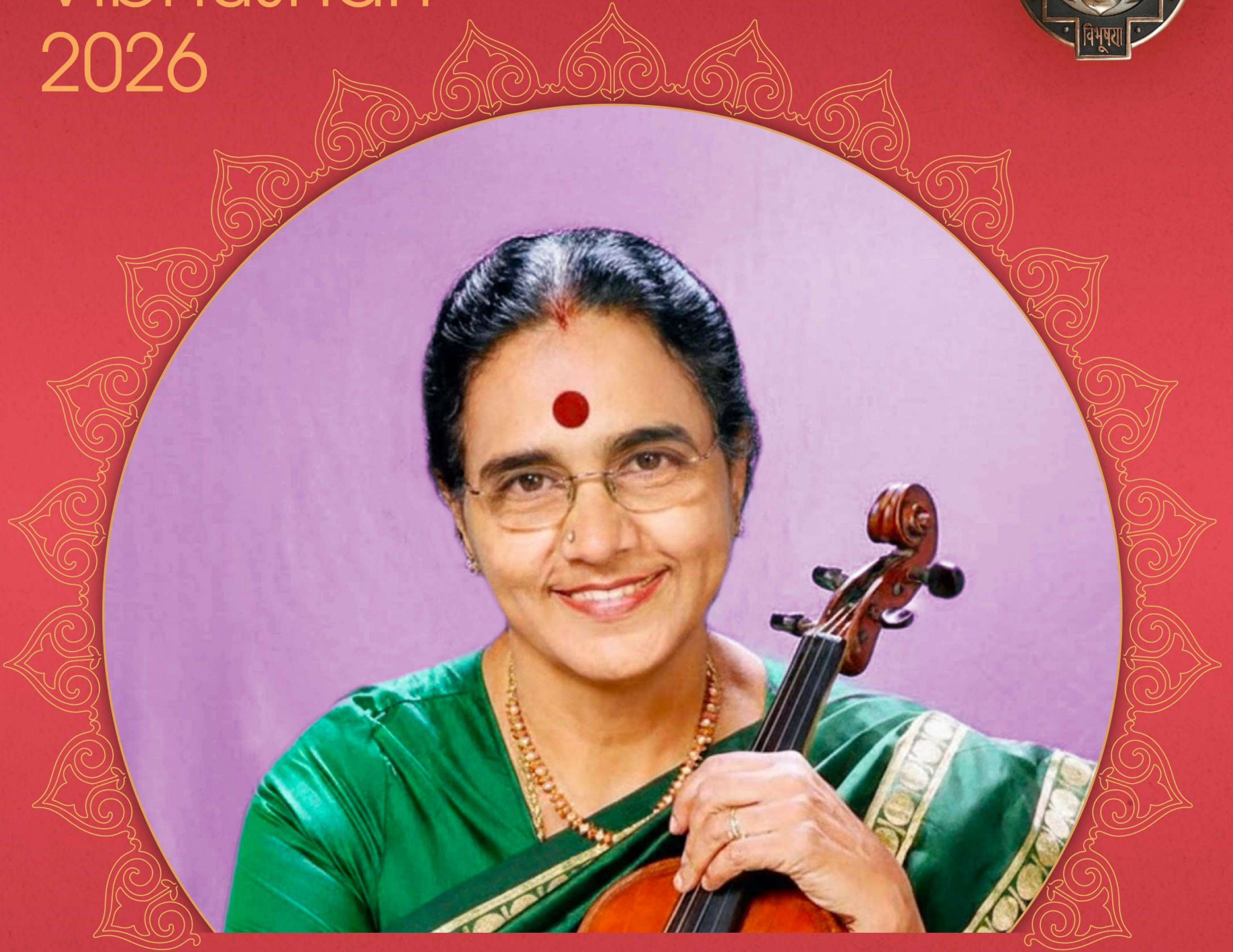


K T Thomas

PUBLIC AFFAIRS | Kerala

Eminent former Supreme Court Judge.
Contributed to judicial policy, chaired key committees
and championed law reforms.

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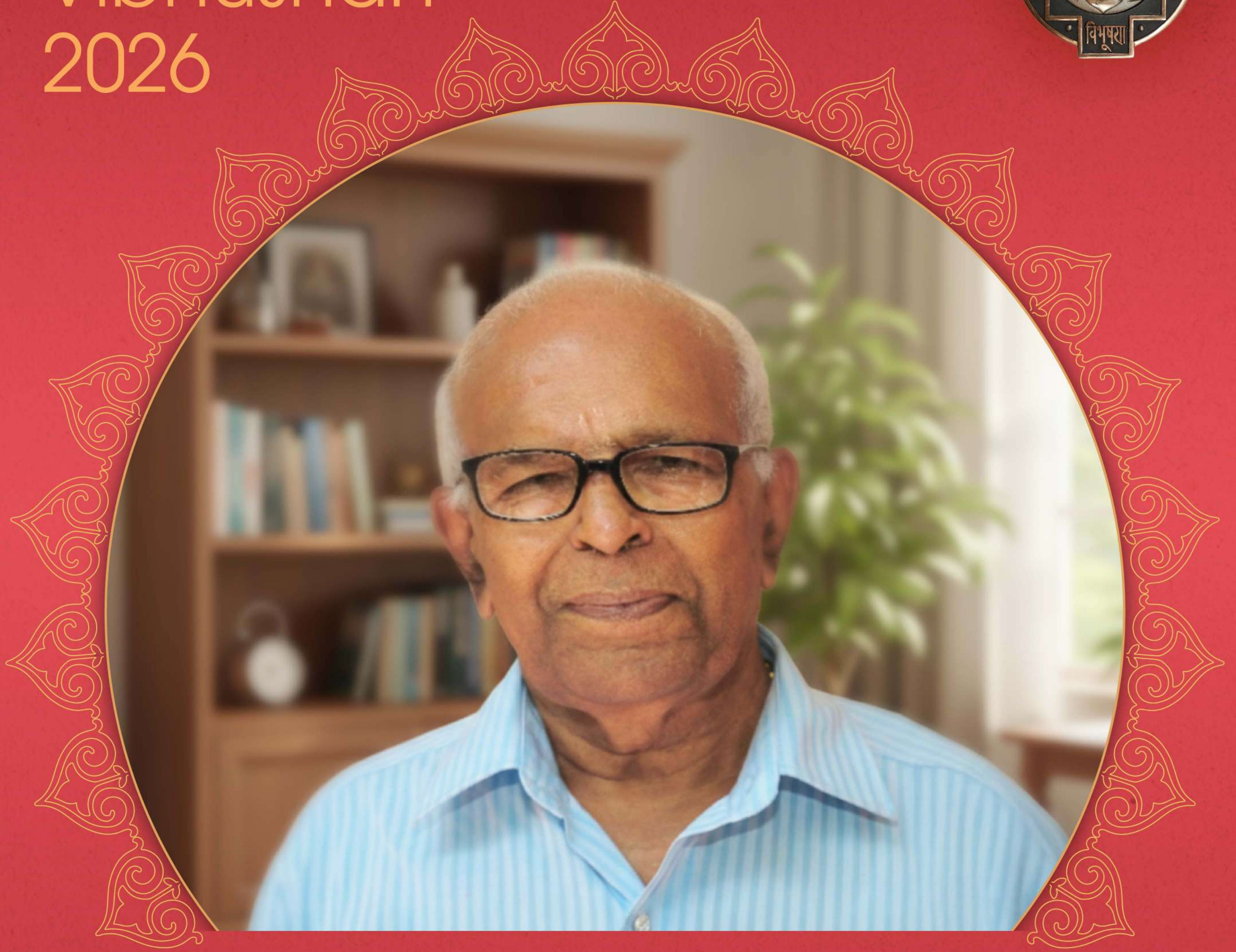


N Rajam

ART | Uttar Pradesh

Violin maestro who globalised Hindustani classical music in her 75-year career. Pioneered Gayaki Ang vocal style and introduced Khayal Gayaki Ang.

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P Narayanan

Literature & Education | Kerala

Eminent Malayalam journalist dedicated to social reformation & national reconstruction. Translated 40 books from different languages into Malayalam.

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V S Achuthanandhan (Posthumous)

PUBLIC AFFAIRS | Kerala

Veteran Left leader and former Chief Minister of Kerala.
Served in public life for over eight decades.

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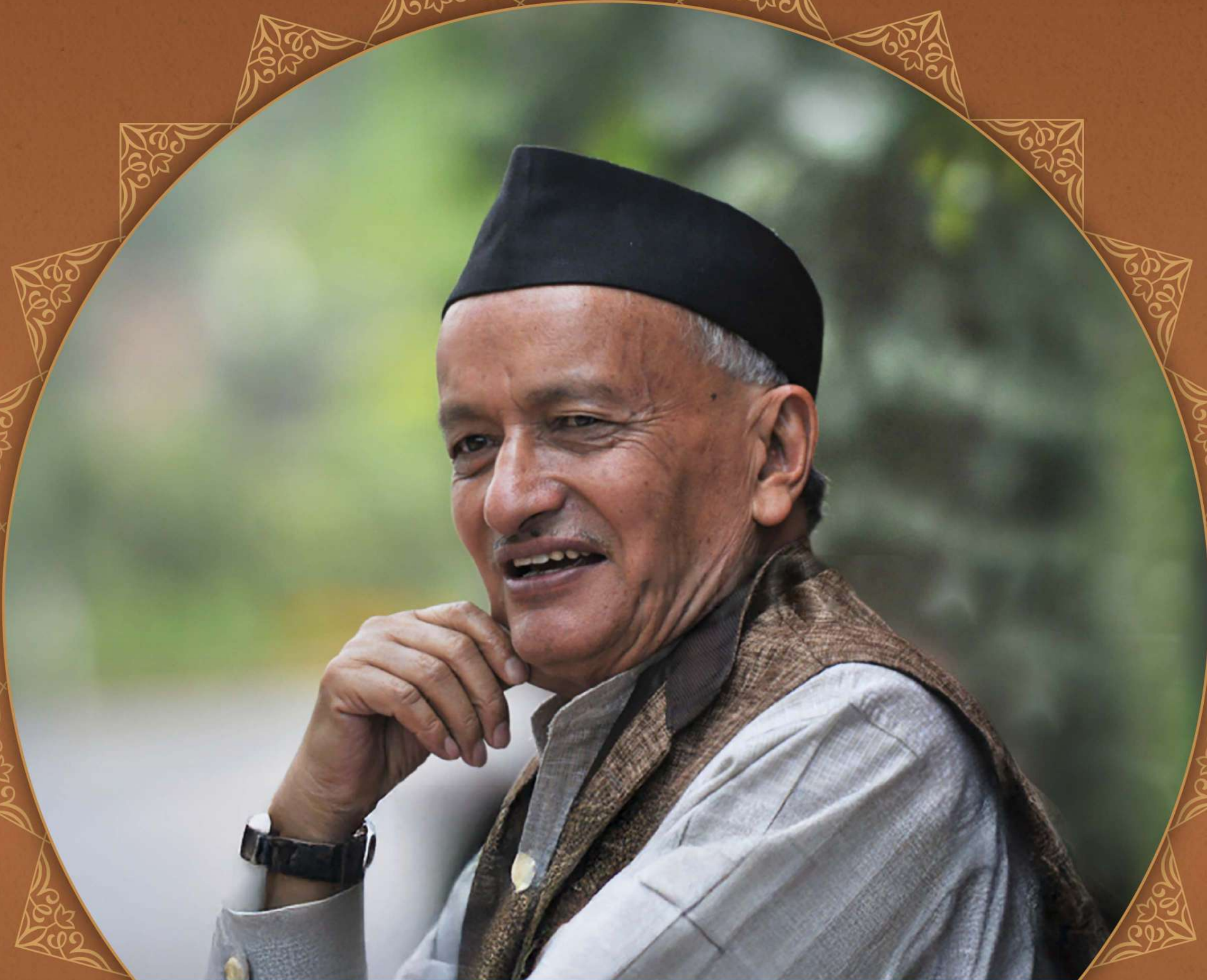


Alka Yagnik

ART | Maharashtra

Celebrated female playback singer with a stellar career spanning over 50 years. Excellence in various singing styles with over 20,000 songs in more than 25 languages.

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Bhagat Singh Koshyari

PUBLIC AFFAIRS | Uttarakhand

Veteran leader, former Chief Minister of Uttarakhand and Governor of Maharashtra. Successful career as a teacher and journalist.

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Kallipatti Ramasamy Palaniswamy

MEDICINE | Tamil Nadu

Distinguished gastroenterologist with a five-decade career. Leading educationist, advanced the subject through clinical research. Enhanced safety standards in gastrointestinal endoscopy.

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Mammooty

ART | Kerala

Legendary Malayali actor and cultural icon. Starred in over 400 films in multiple languages in a career spanning over 50 years. Actively involved in supporting education and healthcare initiatives.

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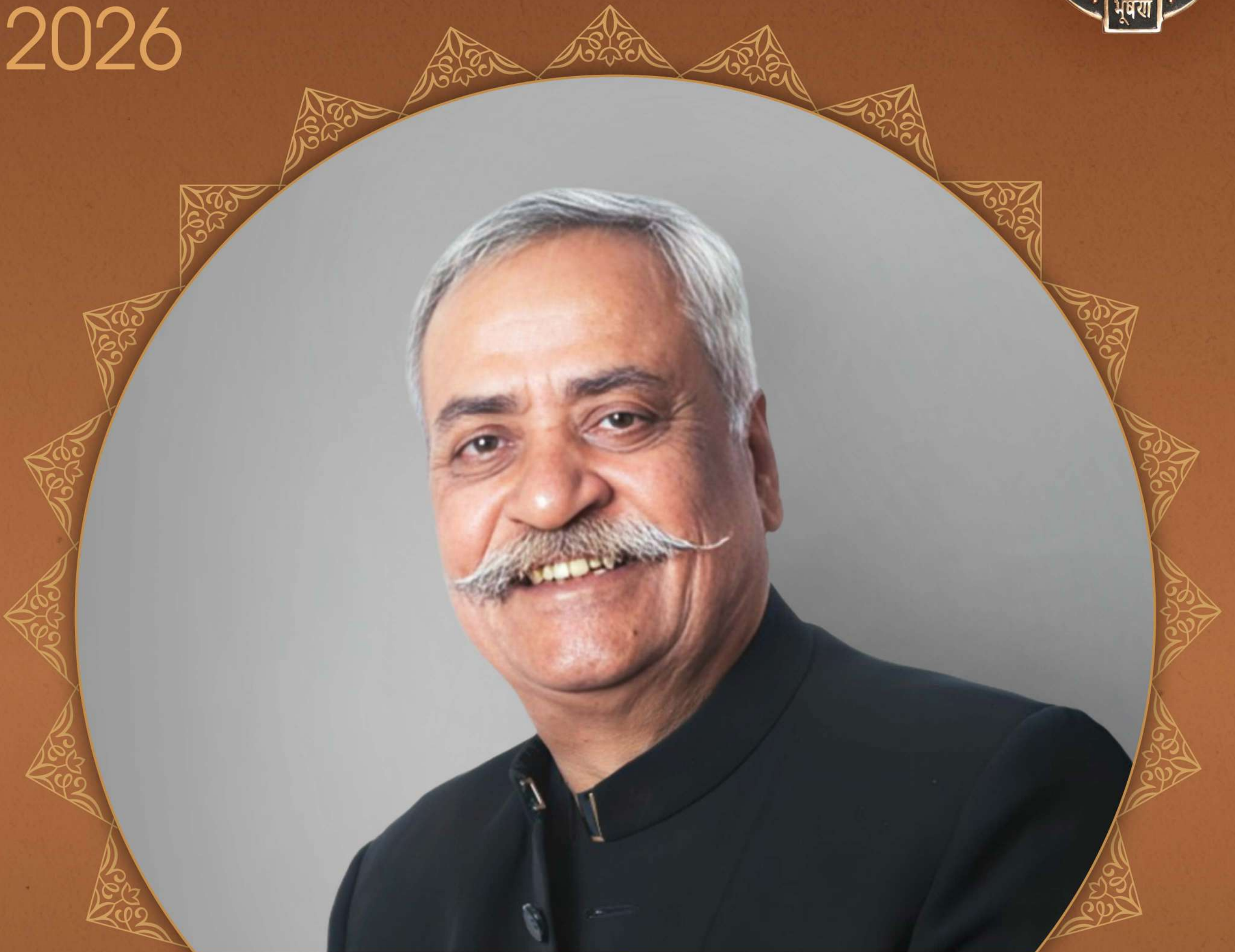


Nori Dattatreyyudu

MEDICINE | United States of America

Oncologist with five decades of service, treating nine types of cancer. Developed multiple new techniques for cancer treatment. Helped establish cancer treatment centers in several countries.

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Piyush Pandey (Posthumous)

ART | Maharashtra

Celebrated advertising professional, with a career spanning four decades. Revolutionized the industry landscape with over 100 iconic campaigns. Elevated Indian advertising on the global stage.

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S K M Maeilanandhan

SOCIAL WORK | Tamil Nadu

Social worker with contributions in spiritual education, public health and social welfare. Reached more than 3,000 villages through Yoga, meditation, free medical aid and child welfare initiatives.

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Shatavadhani R Ganesh

ART | Karnataka

Renowned Avadhanam Bhajan performer. Revived the ancient Sanskrit art of Ashtavadhanams with over a thousand performances nationwide. Pioneered multiple new art forms like Ekavyakti-Yakshagana and Aa-Nayakas.

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Shibu Soren (Posthumous)

PUBLIC AFFAIRS | Jharkhand

Eminent Tribal leader and former Chief Minister of Jharkhand. Advocated for land rights, social equality and welfare of tribal communities.

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Uday Kotak

TRADE & INDUSTRY | Maharashtra

Leading banker instrumental in shaping modern Indian banking. Built a trusted private bank, expanded it to over 2,000 branches, and provided employment to lakhs across the country.

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V K Malhotra (Posthumous)

PUBLIC AFFAIRS | Delhi

Veteran Politician and Sports Administrator.
Known for a long legislative career and
key roles in sports promotion.

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Vellappally Natesan

PUBLIC AFFAIRS | Kerala

Senior Ezhava leader and General Secretary of Sree Narayana Dharma Paripalana Yogam. Established 130 educational institutions, professional colleges and technical institutes. Empowered underprivileged students providing access to quality education.

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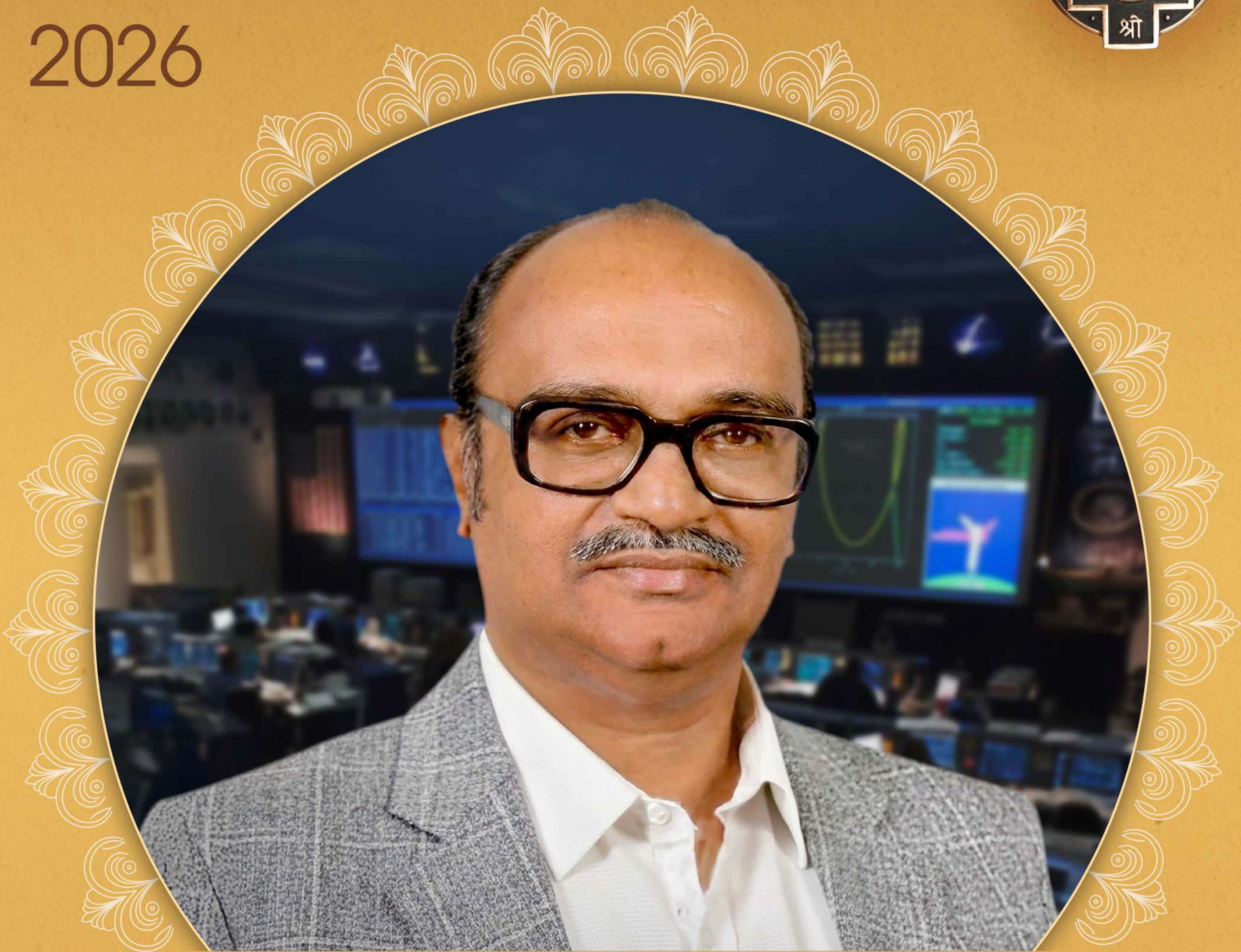


Vijay Amritraj

SPORTS | United States of America

One of the country's most successful Tennis players who put Indian tennis on the international map. Won 16 singles titles and captained the Davis Cup team.

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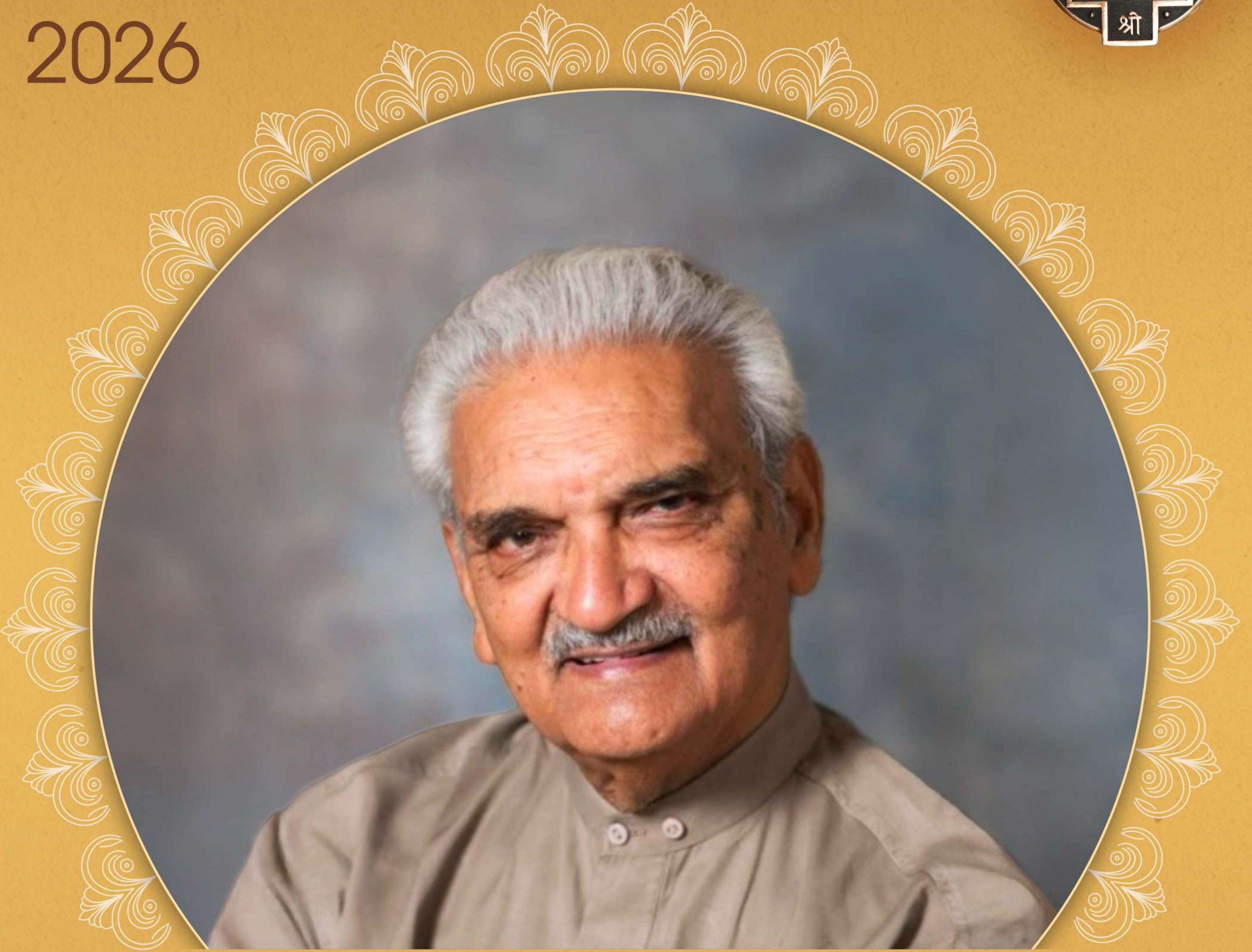


A E Muthunayagam

SCIENCE & ENGINEERING | Kerala

Eminent space scientist who advanced cryogenic propulsion and laid the foundation of ISRO's Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre. Strengthened India's Ocean research infrastructure.

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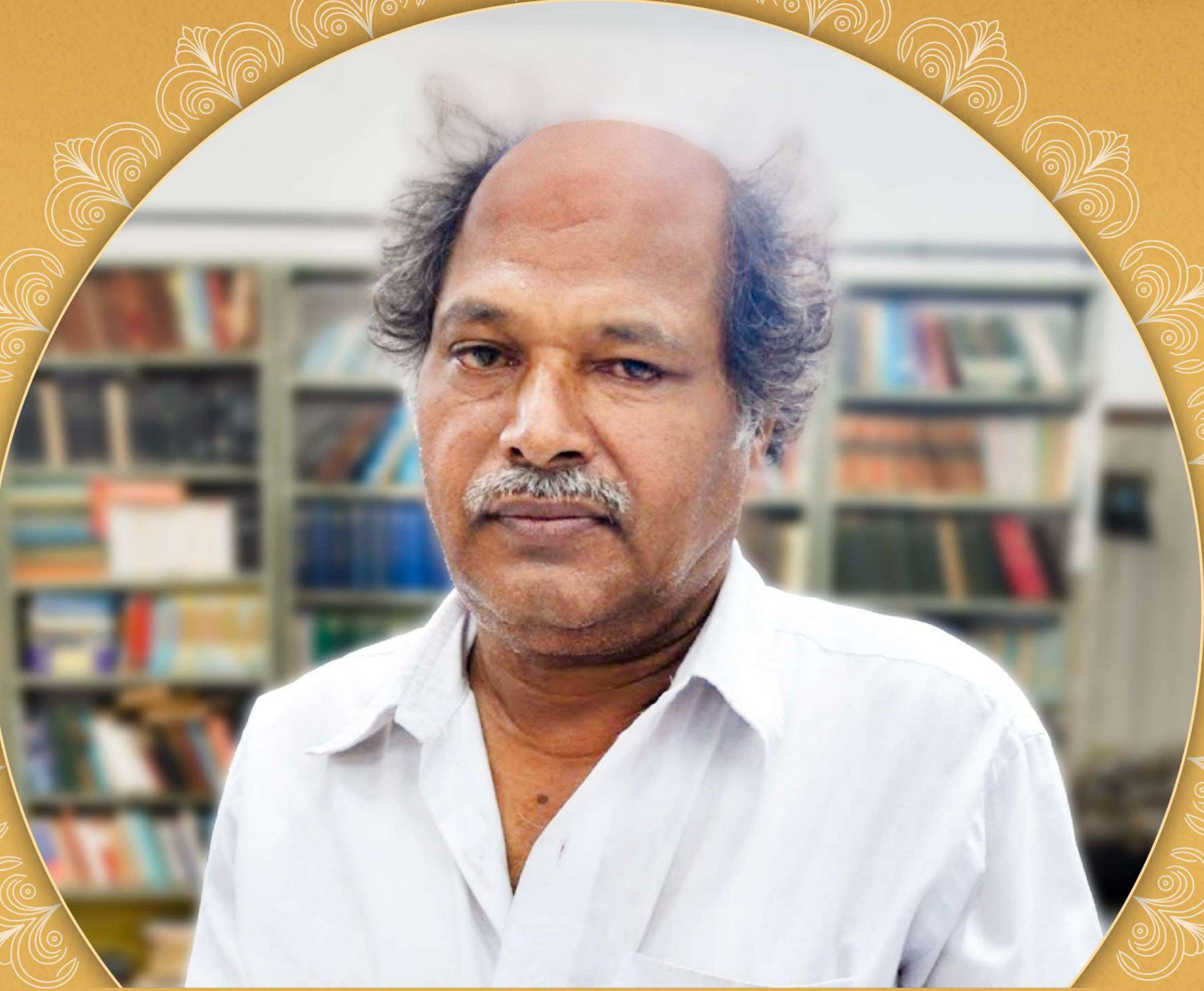


Anil Kumar Rastogi

ART | Uttar Pradesh

Eminent theatre actor and scholar who performed in over a 1000 shows. Participated in several global theatre festivals. Published more than 100 research papers.

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SOCIAL WORK | Karnataka

Prolific book curator and librarian. Built India's largest free personal library of over 20 Lakh books. Preserved rare books in over 20 languages.

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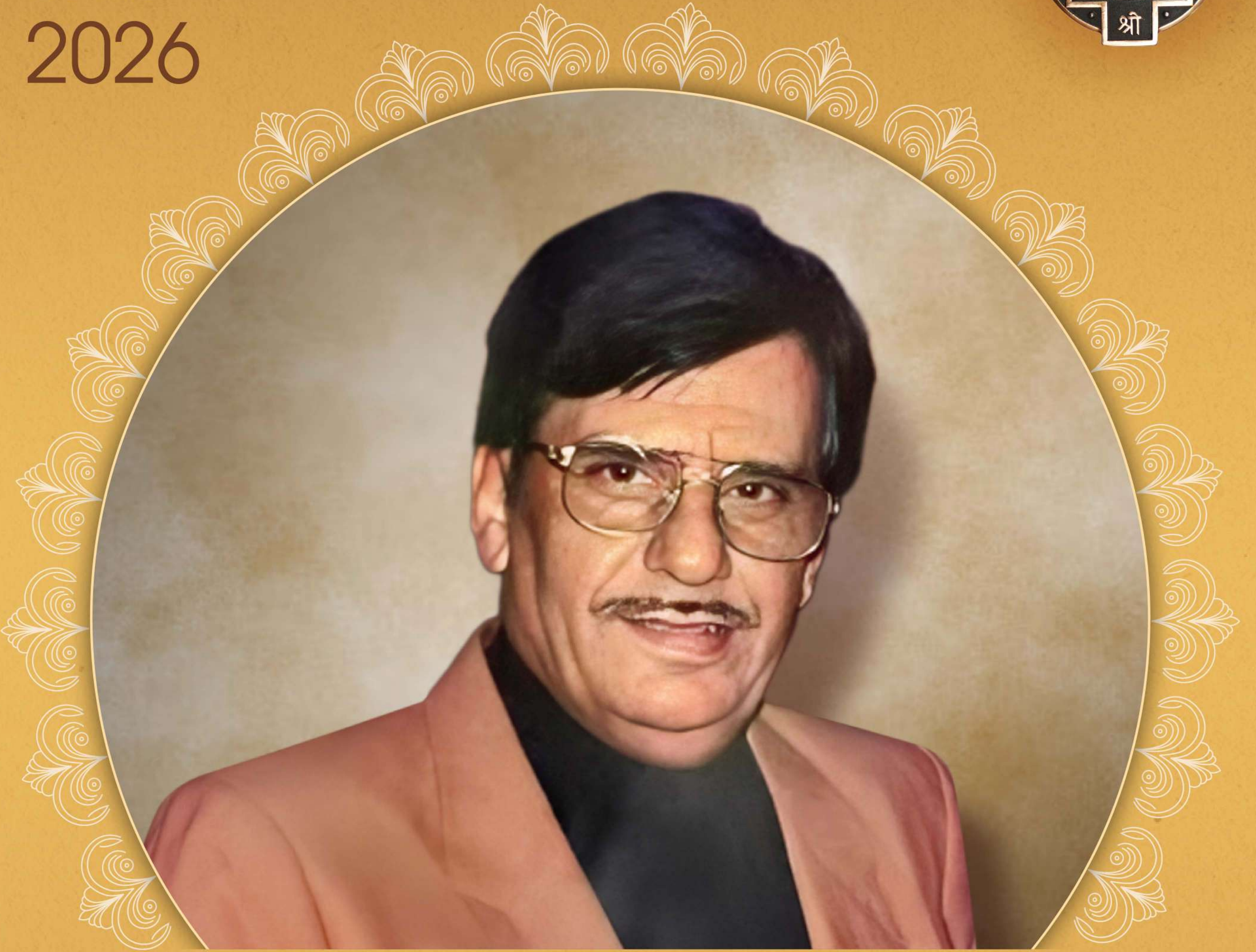


Armida Fernandez

MEDICINE | Maharashtra

Renowned pediatrician and neonatologist, established Asia's first human milk bank. Revolutionized neonatal care, significantly reducing infant mortality.

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Arvind Vaidya

ART | Gujarat

Acclaimed Hindi TV and film actor with 33 years of excellence. Celebrated director of over 200 plays, sculpting theatre into a force of artistry and truth.

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Ashok Khade

TRADE & INDUSTRY | Maharashtra

Self-made entrepreneur. Rose from a Dalit cobbler family and humble beginnings as a low-paid dockyard trainee to establish a cutting-edge offshore fabrication company. Seminal contributions to strategic national infrastructure.

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Ashok Kumar Singh

SCIENCE & ENGINEERING | Uttar Pradesh

Transformative agriculture scientist, developed over 25 rice varieties. Helped reduce greenhouse emissions, and improved farmers' livelihoods. Co-developed India's first genome-edited rice variety.

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Asok Kumar Haldar

LITERATURE & EDUCATION | West Bengal

From Railway Guard to distinguished Dalit author - an inspiring literary voice from Bengal. Perceptive observer of society with noteworthy books on philosophical themes.

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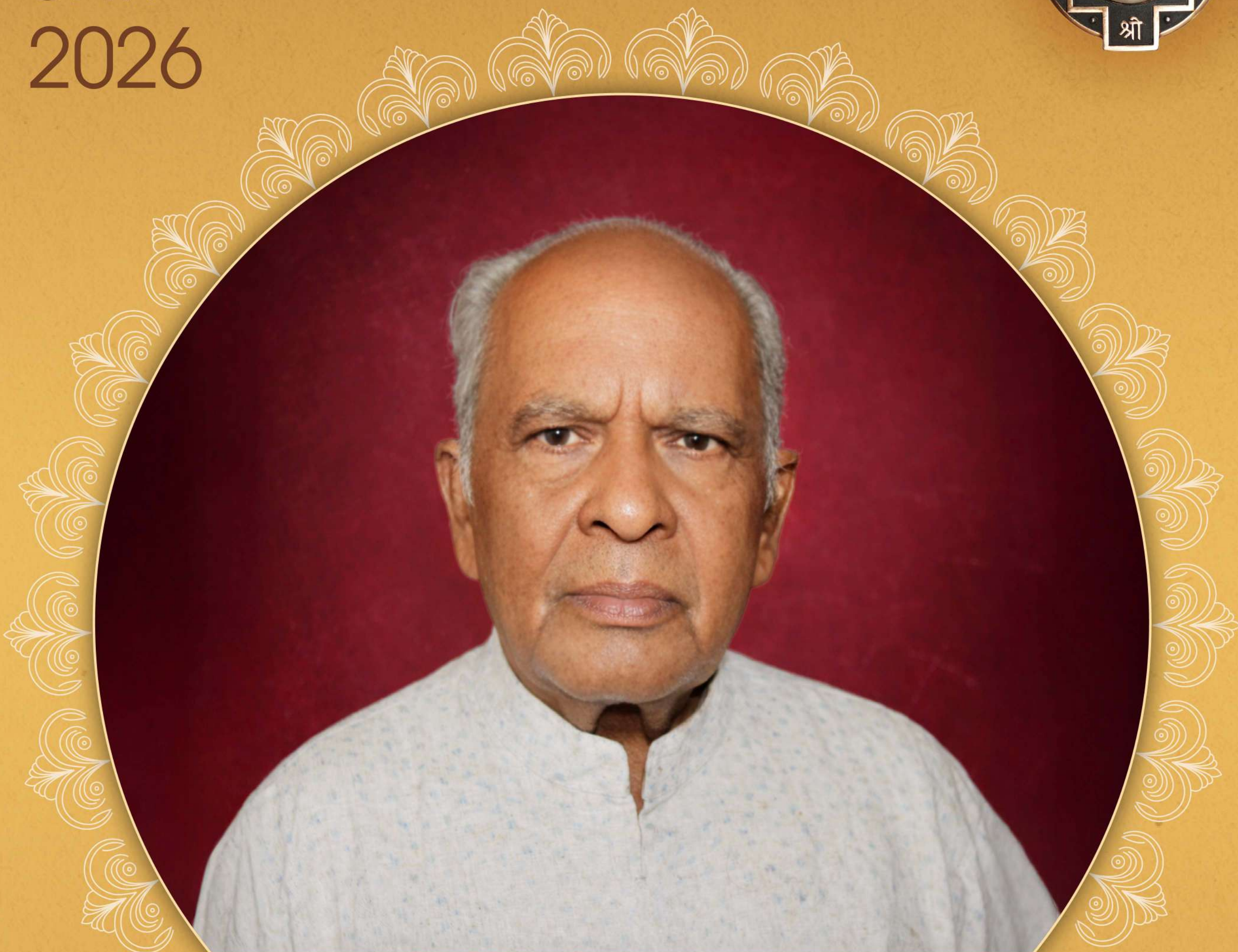


Baldev Singh

SPORTS | Punjab

Veteran hockey coach who revolutionised Indian women's hockey. Mentored and guided over 50 international players. Established a major women's hockey nursery.

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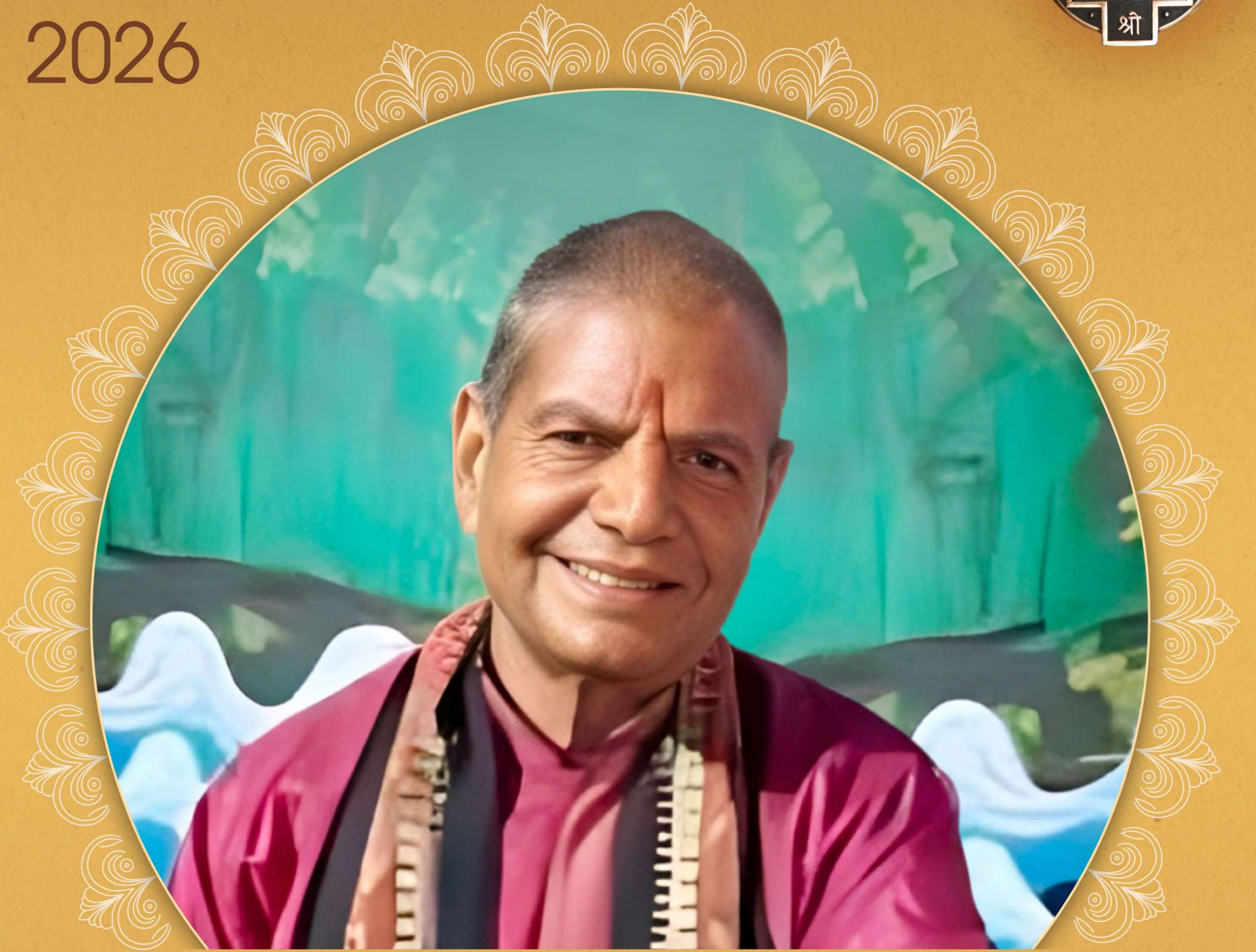


Bhagwandas Raikwar

S P O R T S | **Madhya Pradesh**

Bundeli War Art trainer with a six-decade career.
Preserved and promoted Bundelkhand martial folk traditions. Master of four Bundeli weapons and mentor to over 1,000 disciples.

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Bharat Singh Bharti

ART | Bihar

Stalwart Bhojpuri folk singer who wrote, composed and sang more than 1,000 songs. Trained students and promoted folk music of Bihar globally.

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Bhiklya Ladakya Dhinda

ART | Maharashtra

One of the last few surviving Tarpa players, dedicated seven decades to preserving and promoting the traditional Warli wind instrument.

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Bishwa Bandhu (Posthumous)

ART | Bihar

Illustrious torchbearer of Bihar's folk dance,
captivated mainstream audiences with more than
6000 performances, empowered rural communities
through free training.

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Brij Lal Bhat

SOCIAL WORK | Jammu And Kashmir

Eminent grassroots social worker who launched community welfare and faith-preservation initiatives. Engaged youth and promoted community cohesion in Kashmir.

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Buddha Rashmi Mani

OTHERS | Uttar Pradesh

Renowned archeologist and heritage conservationist.
Uncovered the earliest Gupta inscription and led
excavations at Ayodhya and Sarnath. Revived
museums and authored influential works.

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Budhri Tati

SOCIAL WORK | Chhattisgarh

Pioneering grassroots social worker known as Badi Didi.
Dedicated four decades to empowering tribal
women and marginalized communities in
Naxal-affected regions.

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Chandramouli Gaddamanugu

SCIENCE & ENGINEERING | Telangana

Visionary aerospace engineer. Directed the Akash Missile System from development to deployment in Operation Sindoor. Advanced national security through path-breaking research.

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Charan Hembram

LITERATURE & EDUCATION | Odisha

Remarkable Santali author and education reformer with more than 1,500 Itun Asra Centres safeguarding traditions. Empowered tribal youth and preserved Adivasi heritage.

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Chiranji Lal Yadav

ART | Uttar Pradesh

Acclaimed brass engraver with a five-decade career.

Devoted to development and promotion of the art.

Inspiring work has been showcased nationally.

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Deepika Reddy

ART | Telangana

Celebrated Kuchipudi dancer and global cultural ambassador with a five-decade career. Elevated Indian classical dance worldwide.

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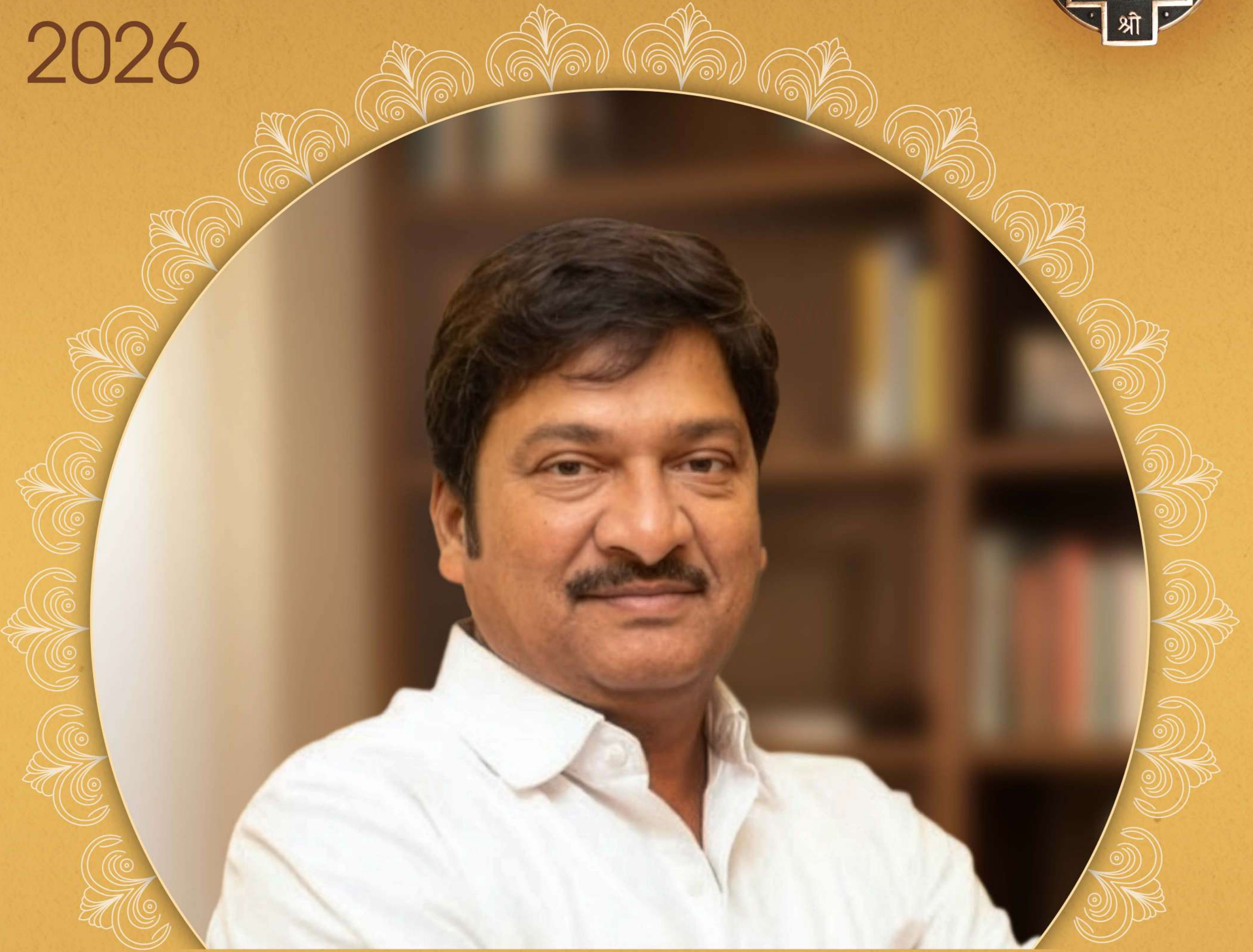


Dharmiklal Chunilal Pandya

ART | Gujarat

Distinguished theatre legend with a 75-year legacy who revived and globalized the traditional Gujarati art of Akhyana. Founded an academy to inspire and train youth in preserving cultural heritage.

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Gadde Babu Rajendra Prasad

ART | Andhra Pradesh

Telugu actor with a prolific repertoire of work in a career spanning five decades.

Acted in over 240 films.

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Gafruddin Mewati Jogi

ART | Rajasthan

Exceptional Mewati folk artist for five decades.
One of the last few artists to perform all 2,500 couplets
of Pandun Ka Kada from the Mahabharata.

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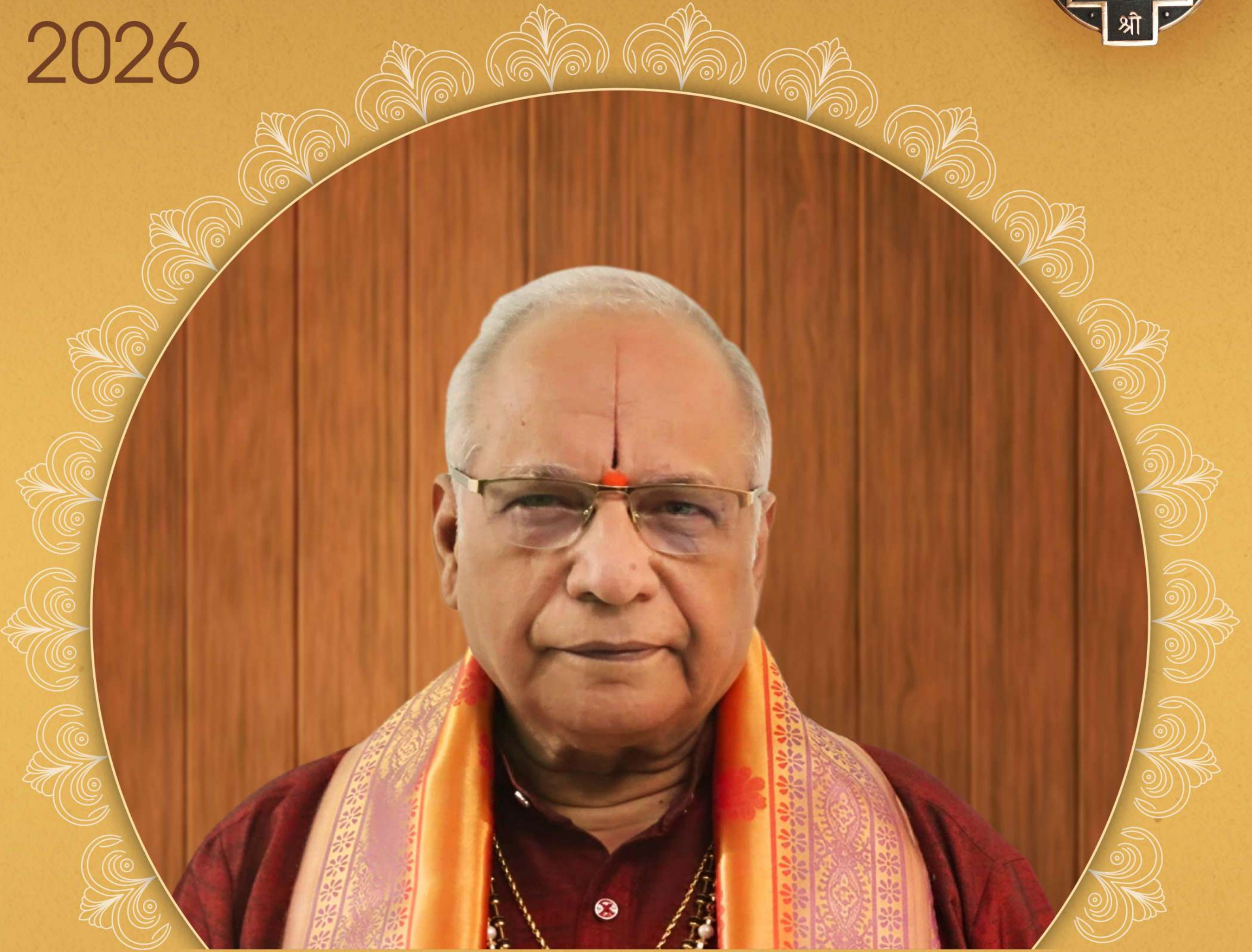
Gambir Singh Yonzone

LITERATURE & EDUCATION | West Bengal

Prominent educationist and social activist from Darjeeling hills.

Founder of Himalaya Science Association, authored seven books and contributed to establishing Singalila & Neora Valley National Parks.

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Garimella Balakrishna Prasad (Posthumous)

ART | Andhra Pradesh

Illustrious classical vocalist, composer, and writer titled 'Asthana Vidhwan'. Set tunes to a large number of Annamacharya Sankeerthanans, created new ragas and performed over 5,000 concerts.

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Gayatri Balasubramanian and Ranjani Balasubramanian

ART | Tamil Nadu

Prolific Carnatic vocalist duo and innovators of multi-ragas such as 'SwaraDhura'. Elevated the art form, composing multiple landmark albums, taking it to the global stage.

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Gopal Ji Trivedi

SCIENCE & ENGINEERING | Bihar

Agriculture scientist and Litchi farmer, first to adopt rejuvenation canopy management in Litchi orchards. Encouraged farmers to cultivate makhana and water chestnuts. Promoted winter maize cultivation.

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Guduru Venkat Rao

MEDICINE | Telangana

A prolific gastroenterologist. Performed over 12,000 surgeries and 16,000 endoscopies. First to perform a Transoral Endoscopic Appendectomy. Contributed in development of 'macro-encapsulation device' for diabetes.

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H V Hande

MEDICINE | Tamil Nadu

A polio specialist. Led a state team that significantly contributed to eradicate polio and measles in Tamil Nadu, reduce the infant mortality rate, and build 4,500 primary healthcare sub centres.

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Hally War

SOCIAL WORK | Meghalaya

Revitalized Khasi living root bridges in Cherrapunji. Fortified community bonds and environmental heritage, and increased tourism. Mentored many families in root bridge weaving and environmental protection.

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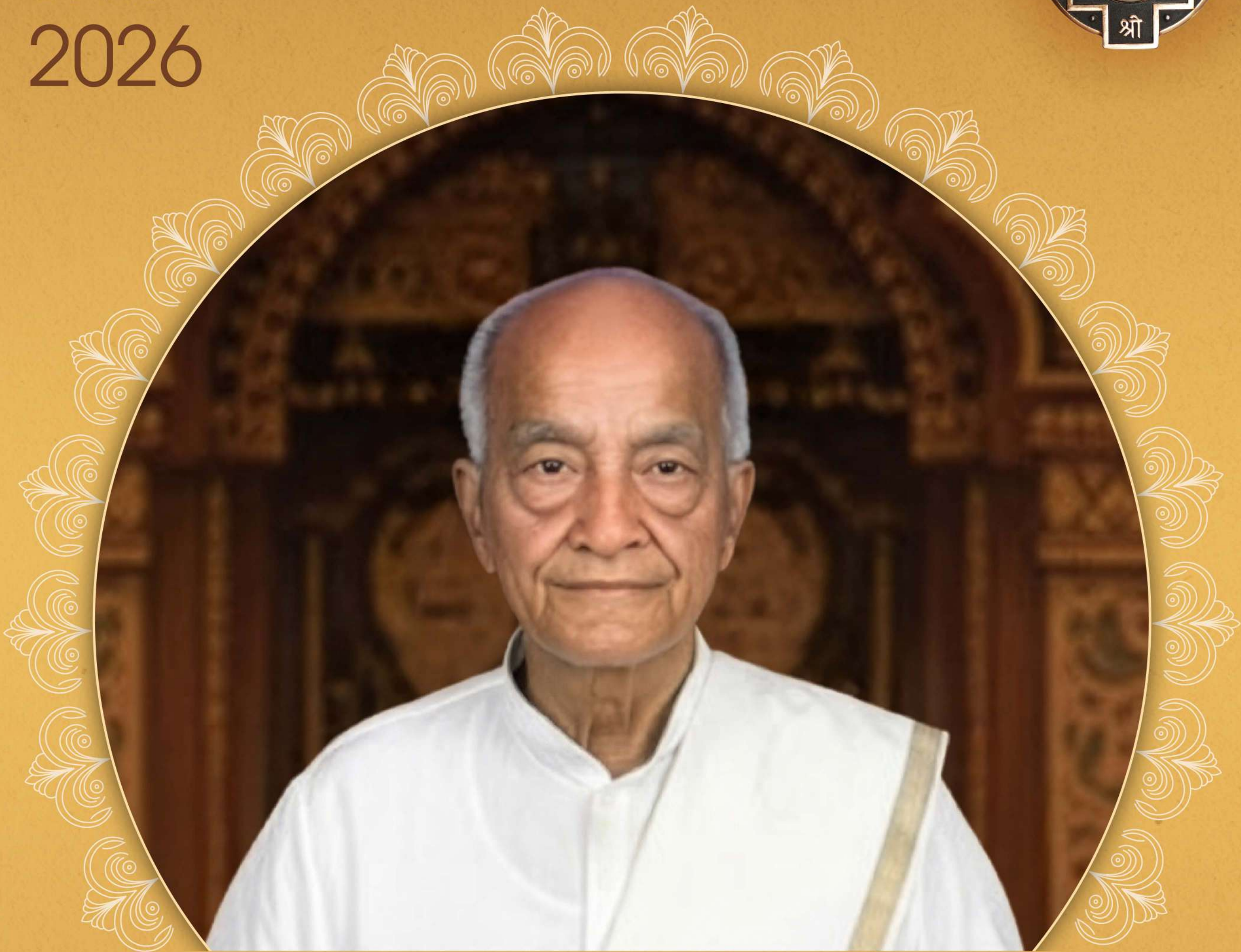


Hari Madhab Mukhopadhyay (Posthumous)

ART | West Bengal

Celebrated theatre director with a six-decade career. Wrote, acted, and directed over 60 plays. Enriched theatre with local dialects, and expanded theatre culture beyond Kolkata.

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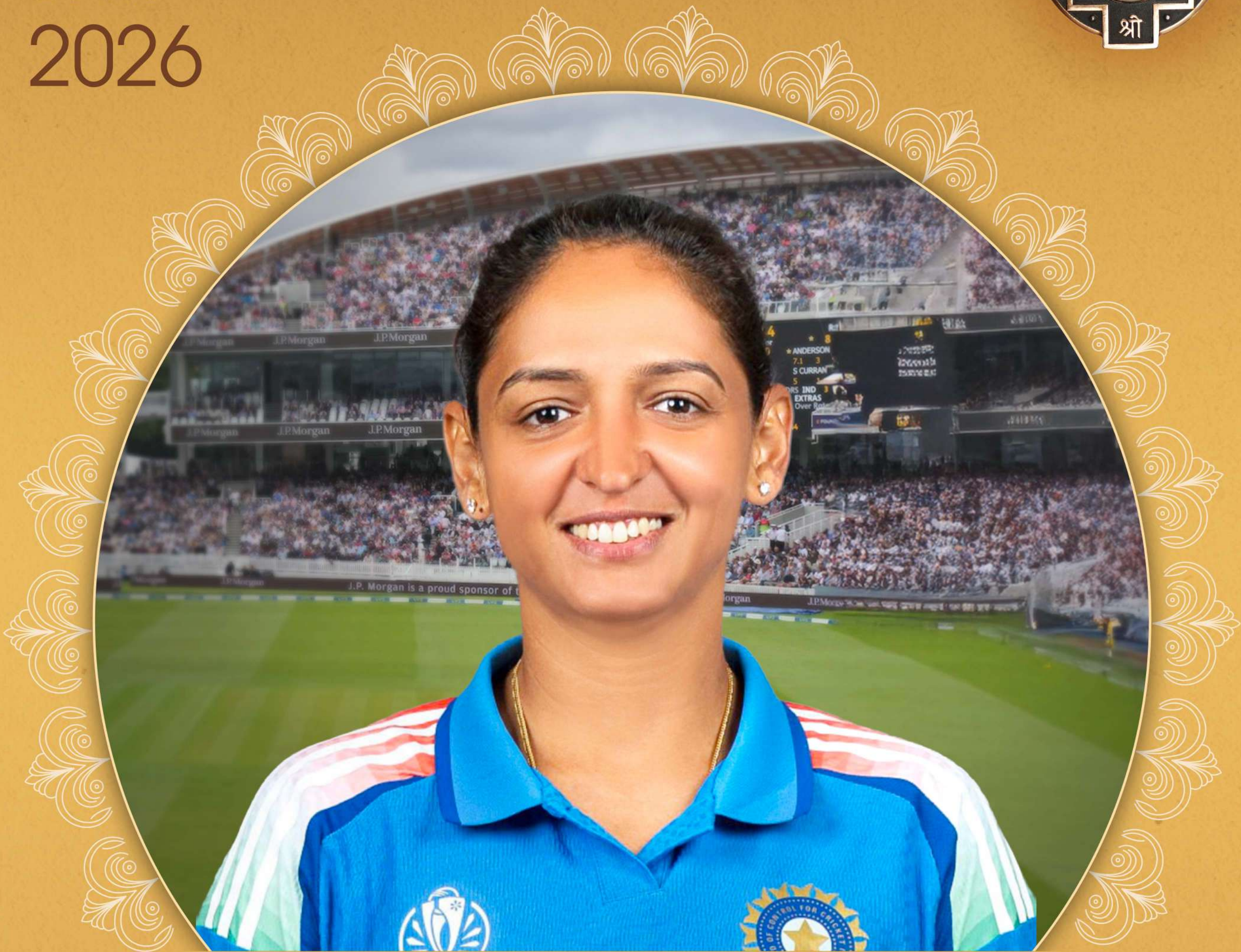


Haricharan Saikia

ART | Assam

Acclaimed Sattriya dancer with a six-decade career.
Devoted to the art form, founded Sattriya Dance &
Music School and encouraged participation of
women in the dance form.

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Harmanpreet Kaur Bhullar

SPORTS | Punjab

Celebrated woman cricketer. Led India to its historic first Women's World Cup triumph as captain. Created history as the first Indian woman cricketer to score an international century in T20 Cricket.

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Inderjit Singh Sidhu

SOCIAL WORK | Chandigarh

Inspirational former IPS officer who devoted himself to promoting cleanliness post-retirement. Leads routine litter collection with a cycle cart to keep streets clean in Chandigarh.

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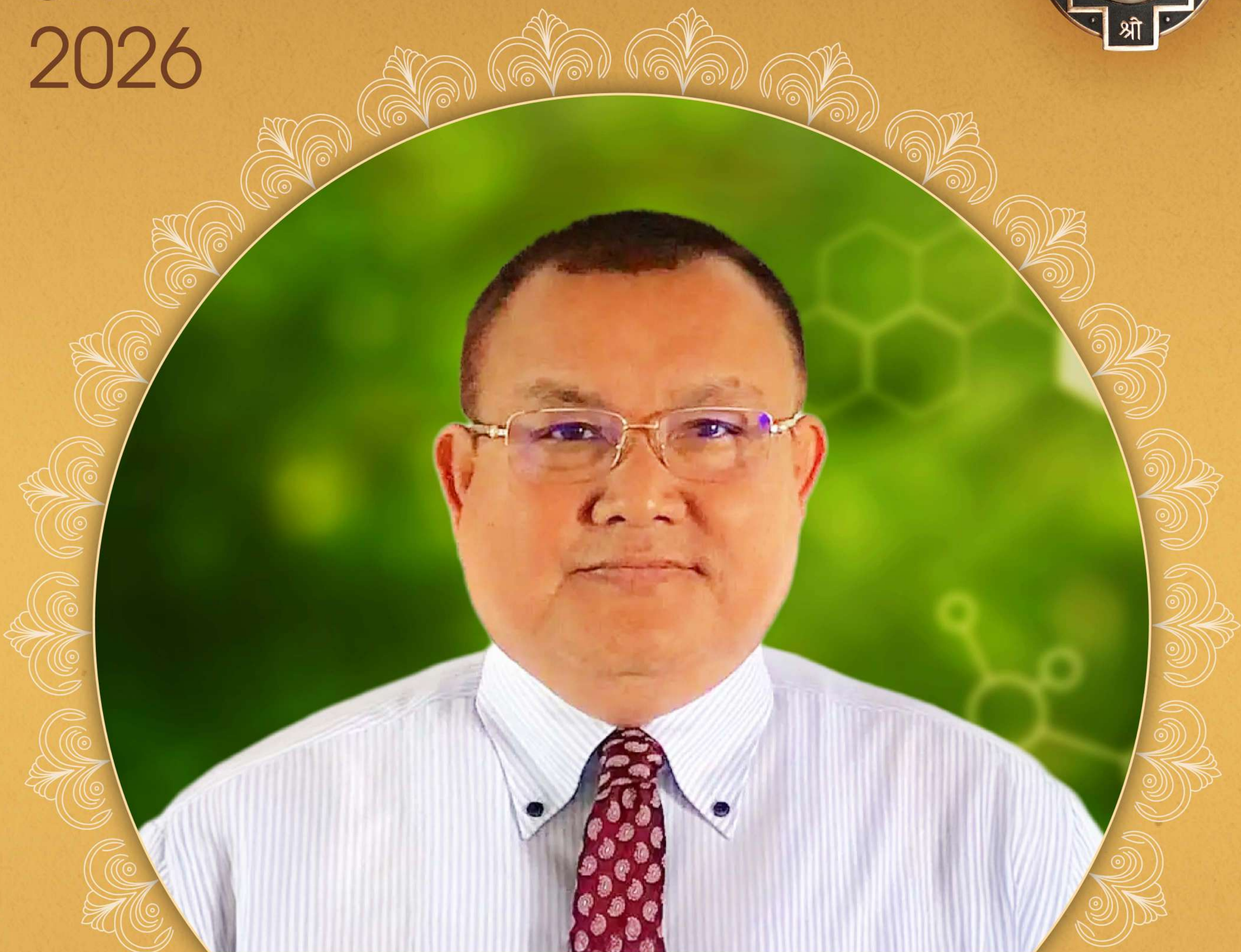


Janardan Bapurao Bothe

SOCIAL WORK | Maharashtra

Devoted social worker, founded over 13 service organizations and 11 schools in tribal regions. Educated more than 1,000 Dalit students across 8 states. Helped spread Yoga across rural India.

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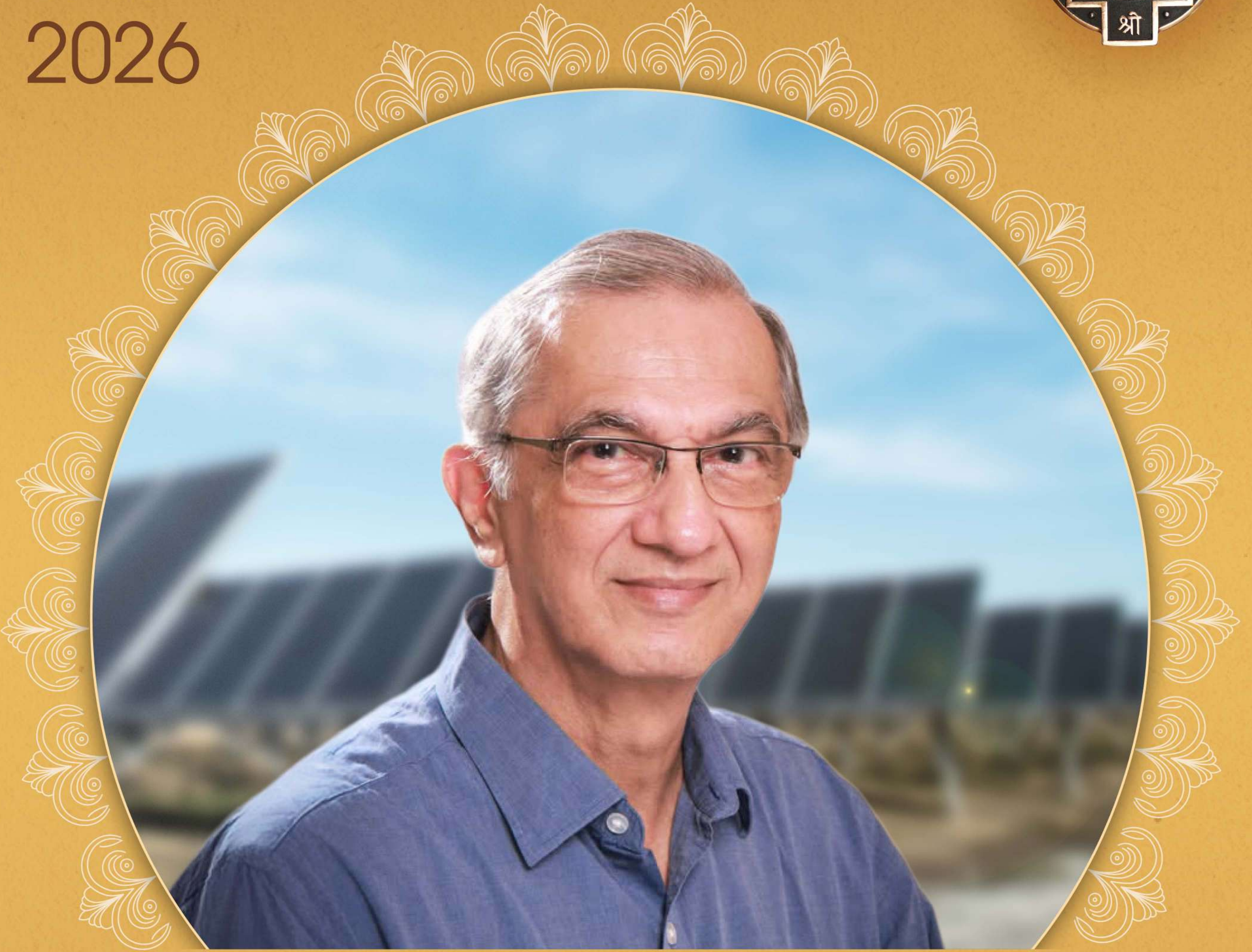


Jogesh Deuri

OTHERS | Assam

Renowned sericulturist who established Integrated Bodoland Silk Parks. Engaged over 1,600 villages, benefiting thousands of farmers. Increased women's participation to 70% of workforce in Eri silk value chain.

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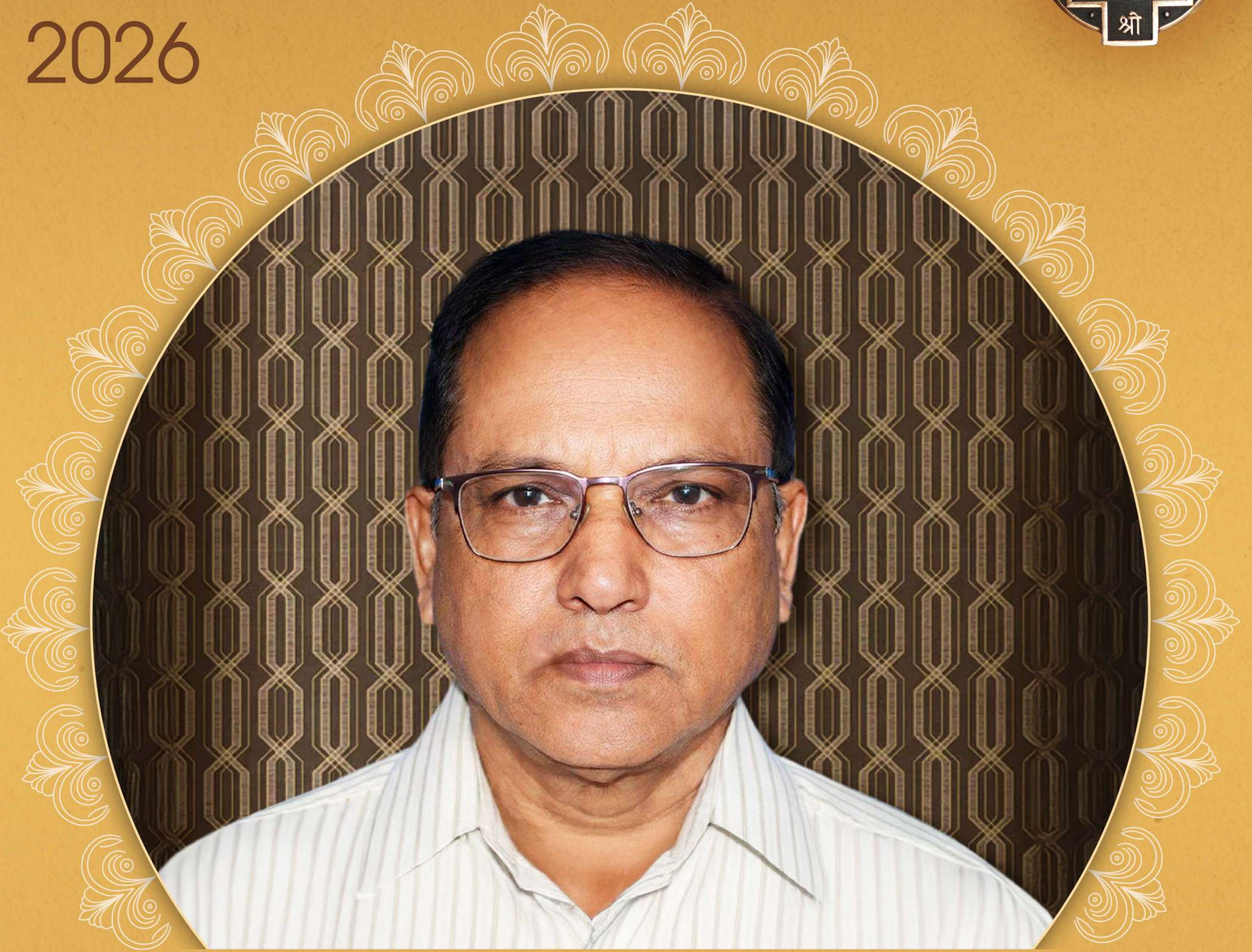


Juzer Vasi

SCIENCE & ENGINEERING | Maharashtra

Renowned professor of Electrical Engineering with over five decades of service. Pioneered and sustained research in MOS device technology, silicon photovoltaic devices and nanoelectronics.

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Jyotish Debnath

ART | West Bengal

Stellar 40-year career as a Jamdani weaver.
Expert in tapestry weaving, revived fine yarn spinning,
set up over a hundred handlooms, and mentored
over 10,000 weavers.

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K Pajanivel

SPORTS | Puducherry

Renowned Silambam coach. Revived the ancient martial art form. Founded the Mamallan Martial Art & Folk-Art Development Club. Trained over 5,000 students in the discipline.

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K Ramasamy

SCIENCE & ENGINEERING | Tamil Nadu

Eminent agriculture scientist championing natural farming.

Contributed in National Policy Planning of Agriculture
Biotechnology, Ferti-irrigation and Biogas Development.

Led more than 30 research projects.

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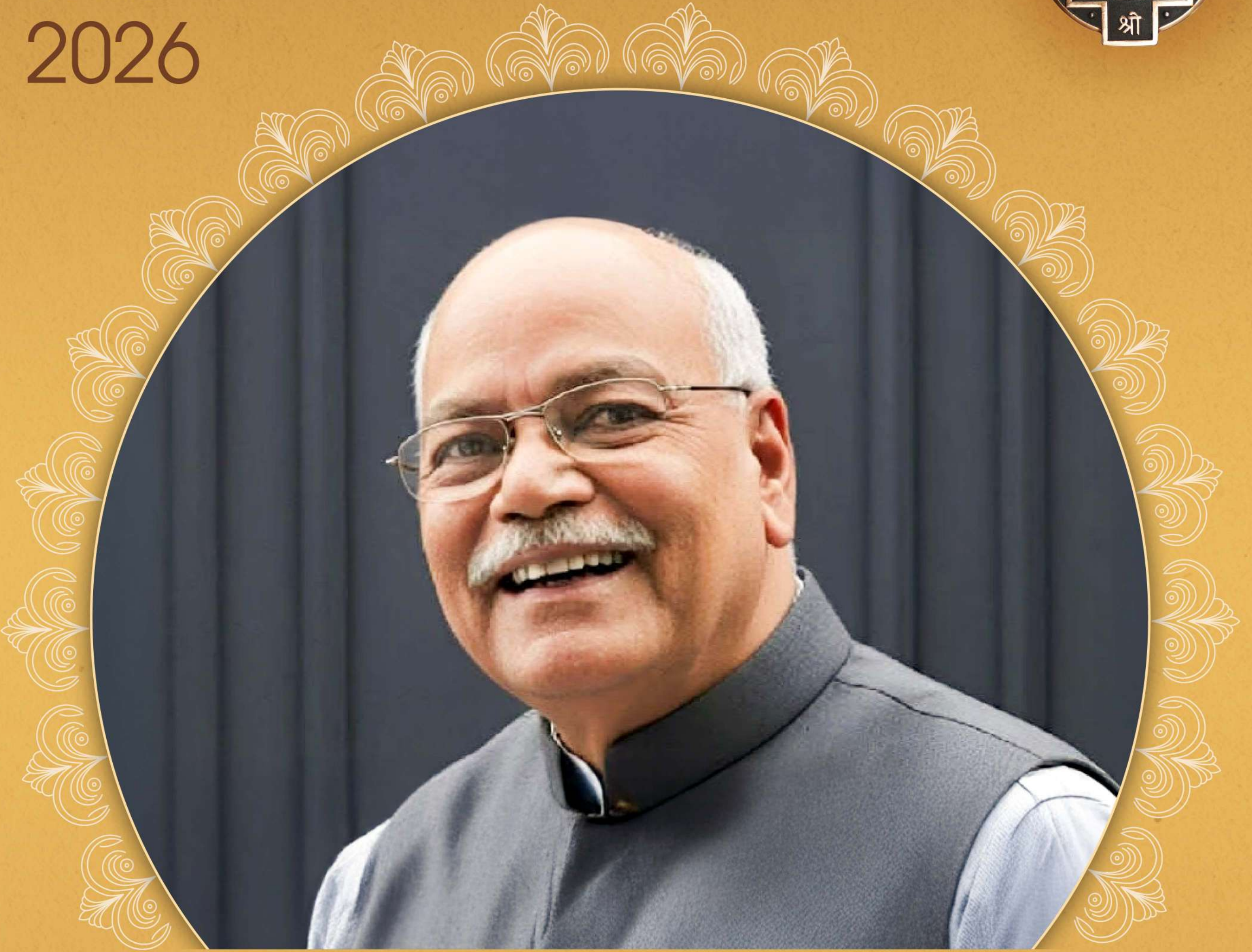


K Vijay Kumar

CIVIL SERVICE | Tamil Nadu

Veteran IPS officer, renowned for his expertise in jungle warfare and counter-insurgency. Key architect of strategic policing and major operations against Left-wing Extremists and Veerappan.

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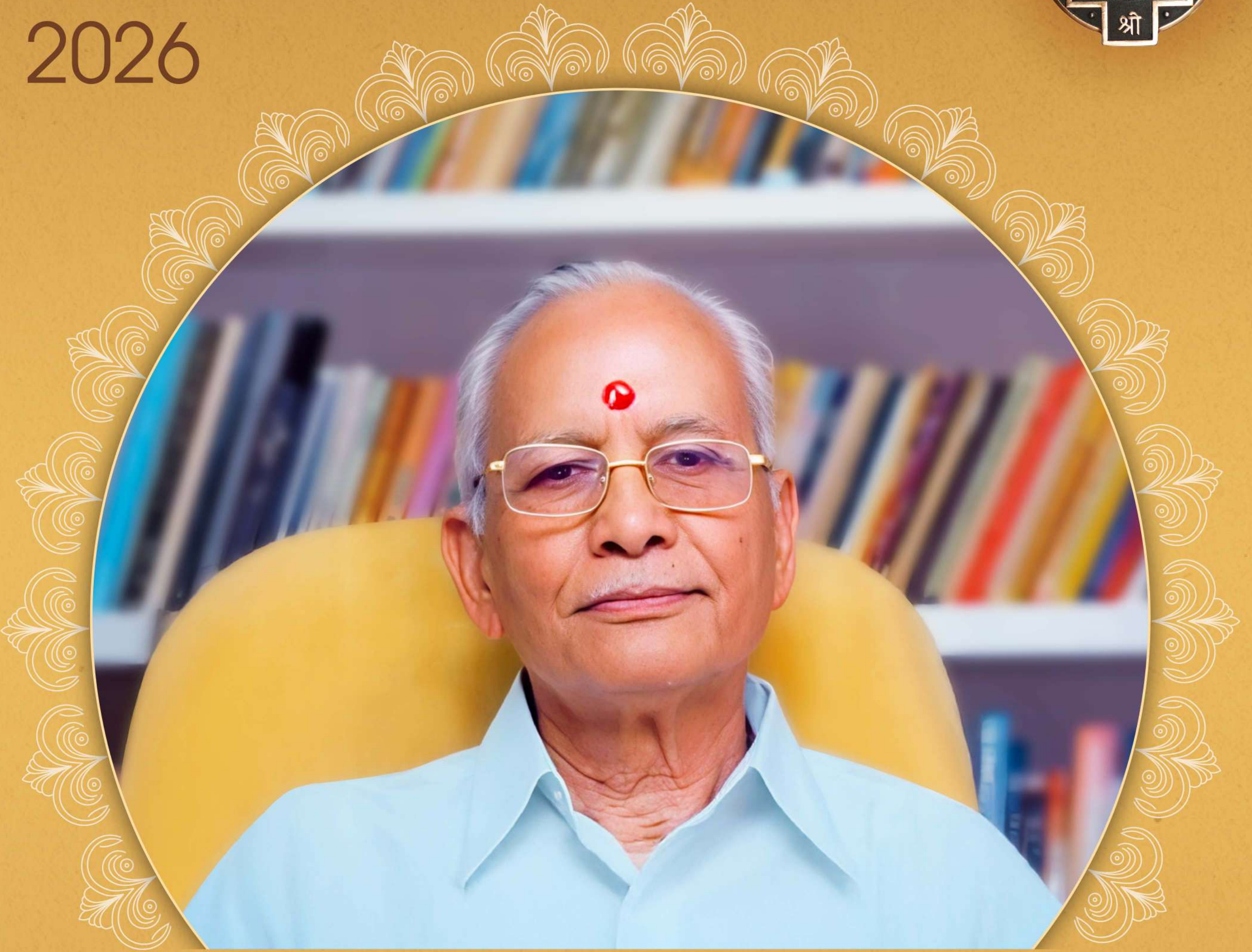


Kabindra Purkayastha (Posthumous)

PUBLIC AFFAIRS | Assam

Three-time MP and Minister from Silchar. Rendered public service for over 45 years. Contributed to education as principal of Ramakrishna Vidyapeeth, Sribhumi.

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Kailash Chandra Pant

LITERATURE & EDUCATION | Madhya Pradesh

Eminent Hindi journalist. Director & Secretary, Rashtrabhasha Prachar Samiti. Devoted his life to the language across a six-decade career. Helped set up and expand Hindi Bhavan, Bhopal.

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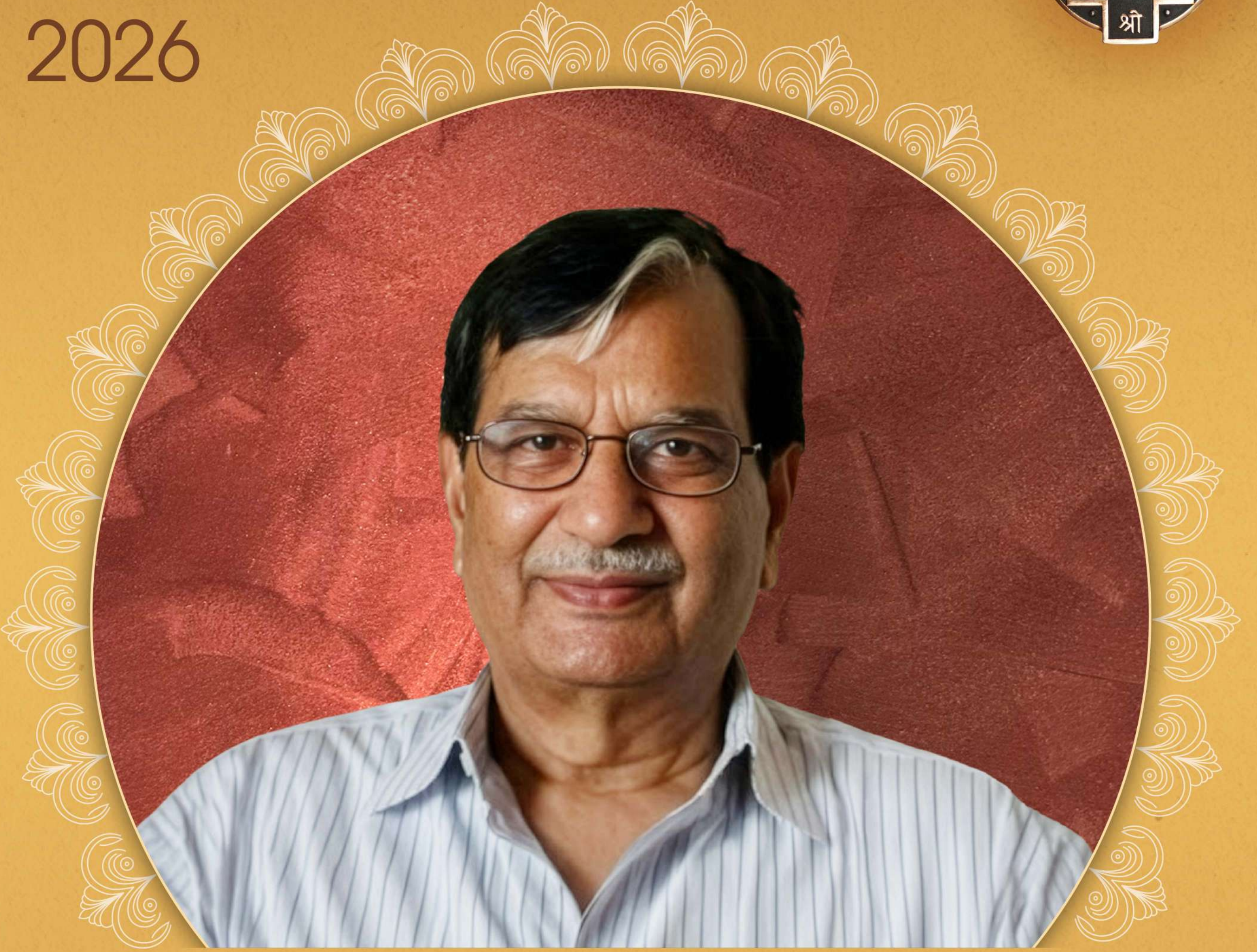


Kalamandalam Vimala Menon

ART | Kerala

Renowned Mohiniyattam maestro and mentor who carried the art to global stages. Founder of the Kerala Natya Academy. Trained over 10,000 dancers.

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Kewal Krishan Thakral

MEDICINE | Uttar Pradesh

Eminent Ayurveda practitioner and researcher.
Pioneered Karna Vedhan technique for asthma.
Authored books, in a career of over six decades.

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Khem Raj Sundriyal

ART | Haryana

Celebrated Jamdani weaver and global handloom ambassador. Imparted training in tapestry weaving to more than 10,000 weavers and students from different institutes.

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Kollakal Devaki Amma G

SOCIAL WORK | Kerala

Revolutionary environmentalist, transformed Alappuzha's coastal sandy land into a living sanctuary. Created dense green cover with over 3,000 rare indigenous and medicinal plants.

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Krishnamurty Balasubramanian

SCIENCE & ENGINEERING | Telangana

Prominent material scientist specialising in critical minerals. Revolutionized India's defence and space capabilities, developed prosthetic implants and cryogenic engine materials. Advanced electric mobility, biomedical devices and metallurgical innovation.

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Kumar Bose

ART | West Bengal

Tabla maestro from Banaras Gharana. Illustrious career with landmark performances and solo Tabla albums. Contributions to film music over five decades.

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Kumarasamy Thangaraj

SCIENCE & ENGINEERING | Telangana

Path-breaking Geneticist best known for his work on genetics and genomics. Foundational to Indian population science, tracing genetic origins and migration patterns of Indian populations and providing an alternate hypothesis on Ancient India.

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Lars Christian Koch

ART | Germany

Globally acclaimed museologist. Researched theory and practice of North Indian classical music. Published three works on Indian music and musical instruments.

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Liudmila Viktorovna Khokhlova

LITERATURE & EDUCATION | Russia

Acclaimed Indology professor and linguist. Author of five books, over 70 reports and multiple research papers. Contributions to Hindi, Punjabi, Gujarati and Marwari studies in a career spanning five decades.

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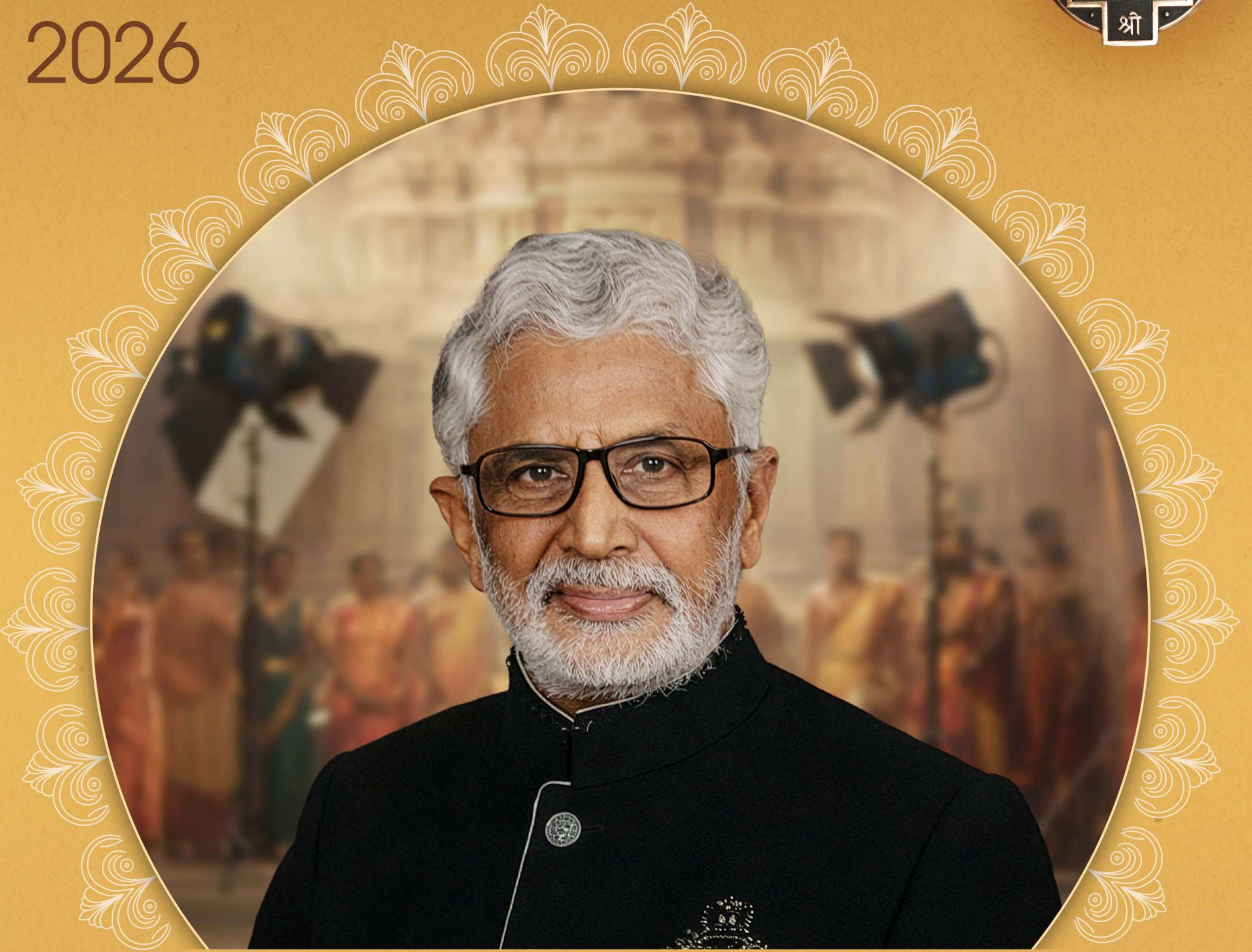


Madhavan Ranganathan

ART | Maharashtra

Versatile actor, screen writer, and film director across Indian languages. Active social advocate and ambassador of Indian culture on the global stage.

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Maganti Murali Mohan

ART | Andhra Pradesh

Accomplished actor and producer with more than 350 films over 60 years. Known for his extensive charitable contributions in health and education.

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Mahendra Kumar Mishra

LITERATURE & EDUCATION | Odisha

Renowned Odia author with over 25 books and more than 100 research publications. Ambassador of tribal literature, preserving the tradition for generations.

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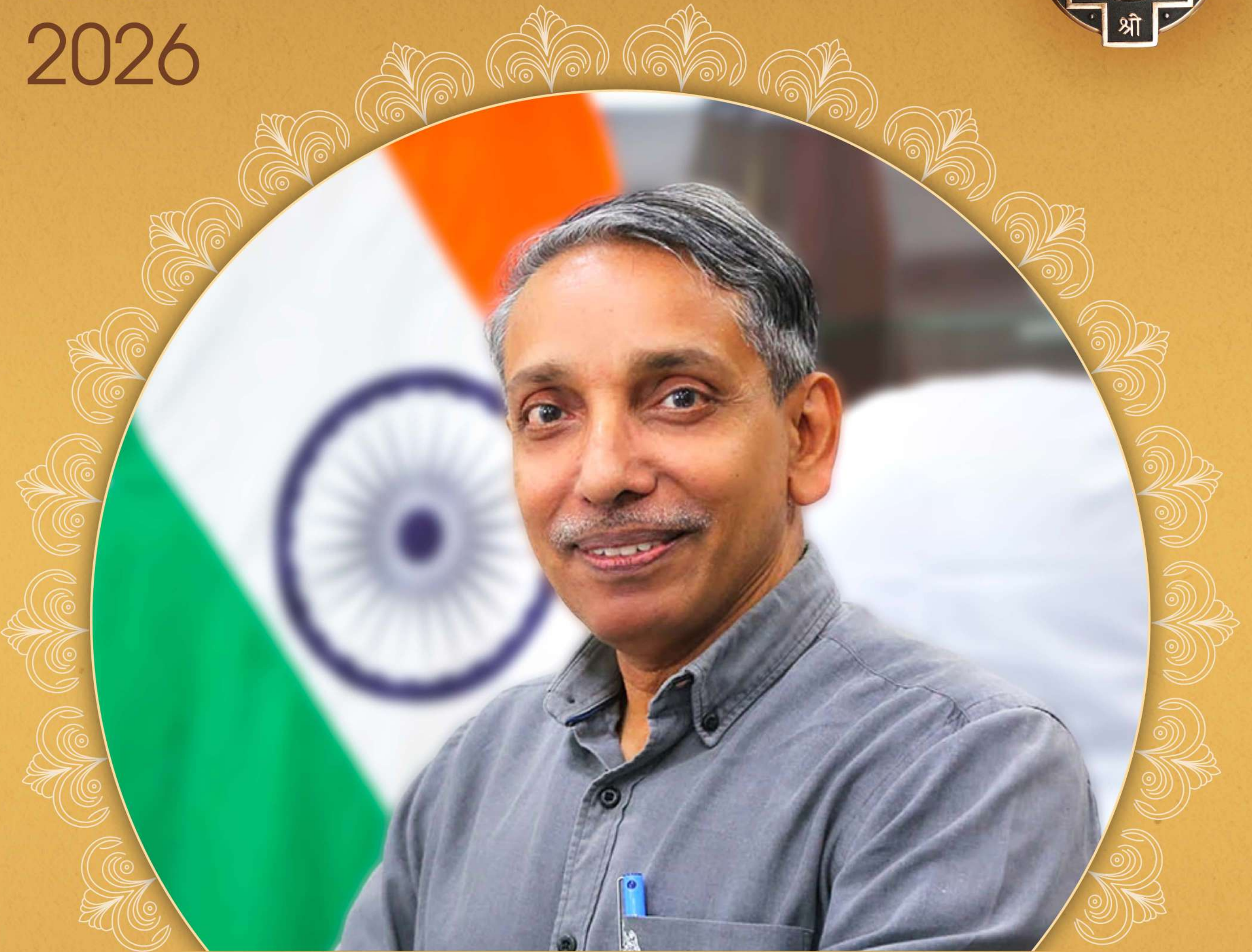


Mahendra Nath Roy

LITERATURE & EDUCATION | West Bengal

Academician and Chemistry professor, career spanning four decades. Authored 14 books, guided over 85 PhD students and pioneered research in nanozyme development.

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Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar

LITERATURE & EDUCATION | Delhi

Distinguished academic leader with a transformative vision. Instrumental in driving education reforms across CUET, NEP and distance learning. Significant contributor to Nanoelectronics research.

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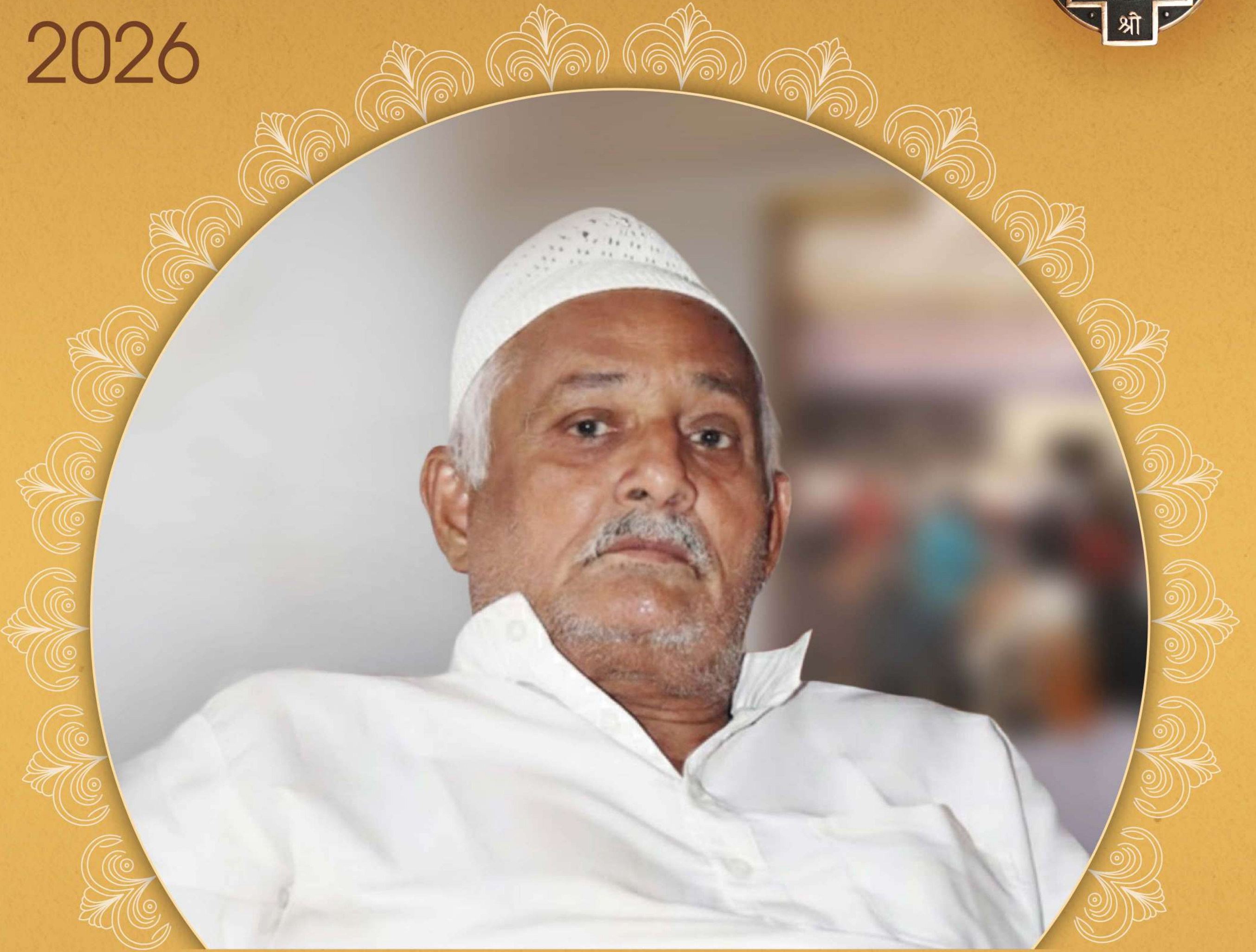


Mangala Kapoor

LITERATURE & EDUCATION | Uttar Pradesh

Eminent music professor. Acid-attack survivor, a beacon of resilience. A Doctorate in music, documented rare ragas and compiled over 40 original compositions.

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Mir Hajibhai Kasambhai

ART | Gujarat

Eminent Dholak player with a six-decade career spanning over 1,000 stage programs. Led more than 35,000 charity events for cows and cowsheds.

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Mohan Nagar

SOCIAL WORK | Madhya Pradesh

Dedicated environmentalist. Built 75 Tapti Upvans and 75,000 water structures across 75 hills. Helped irrigate a vast area and planted thousands of native species. Educated villagers on environment protection.

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Narayan Vyas

OTHERS | **Madhya Pradesh**

Eminent archeologist. Discovered the Great Wall of India in Raisen. Instrumental in discovery of UNESCO world heritage site - Bhimbetka rock shelters. Documented over a thousand sculptures.

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Naresh Chandra Dev Varma

LITERATURE & EDUCATION | Tripura

Celebrated tribal author who enriched indigenous literature with 30 defining books. Helped preserve cultural legacy for future generations.

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Nilesh Vinodchandra Mandlewala

SOCIAL WORK | Gujarat

Devoted social worker and founder of Donate Life.
Facilitated over 1,300 organ donations and established
more than 100 retrieval hospitals in Gujarat.

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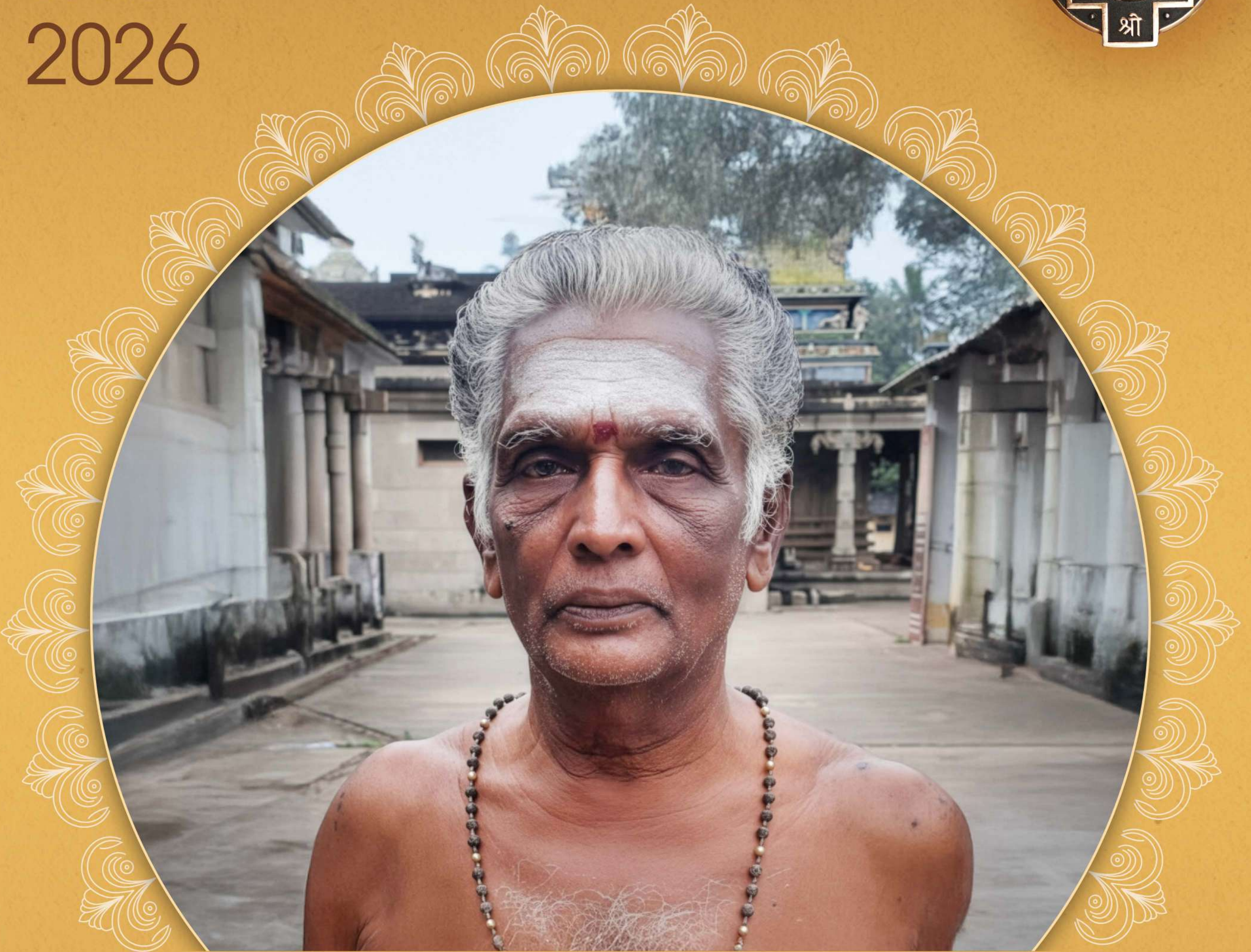


Nuruddin Ahmed

ART | Assam

Architect of modern Assamese stagecraft. Created set design for more than 4,000 theatre productions and transformed Assam's Mobile Theatre Movement.

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Othuvaar Thiruthani Swaminathan

ART | Tamil Nadu

Illustrious Thirumurai Bhajan singer and defining voice of devotional music. Commanded global stages, recorded landmark albums, nurtured future generations in a career of over six decades.

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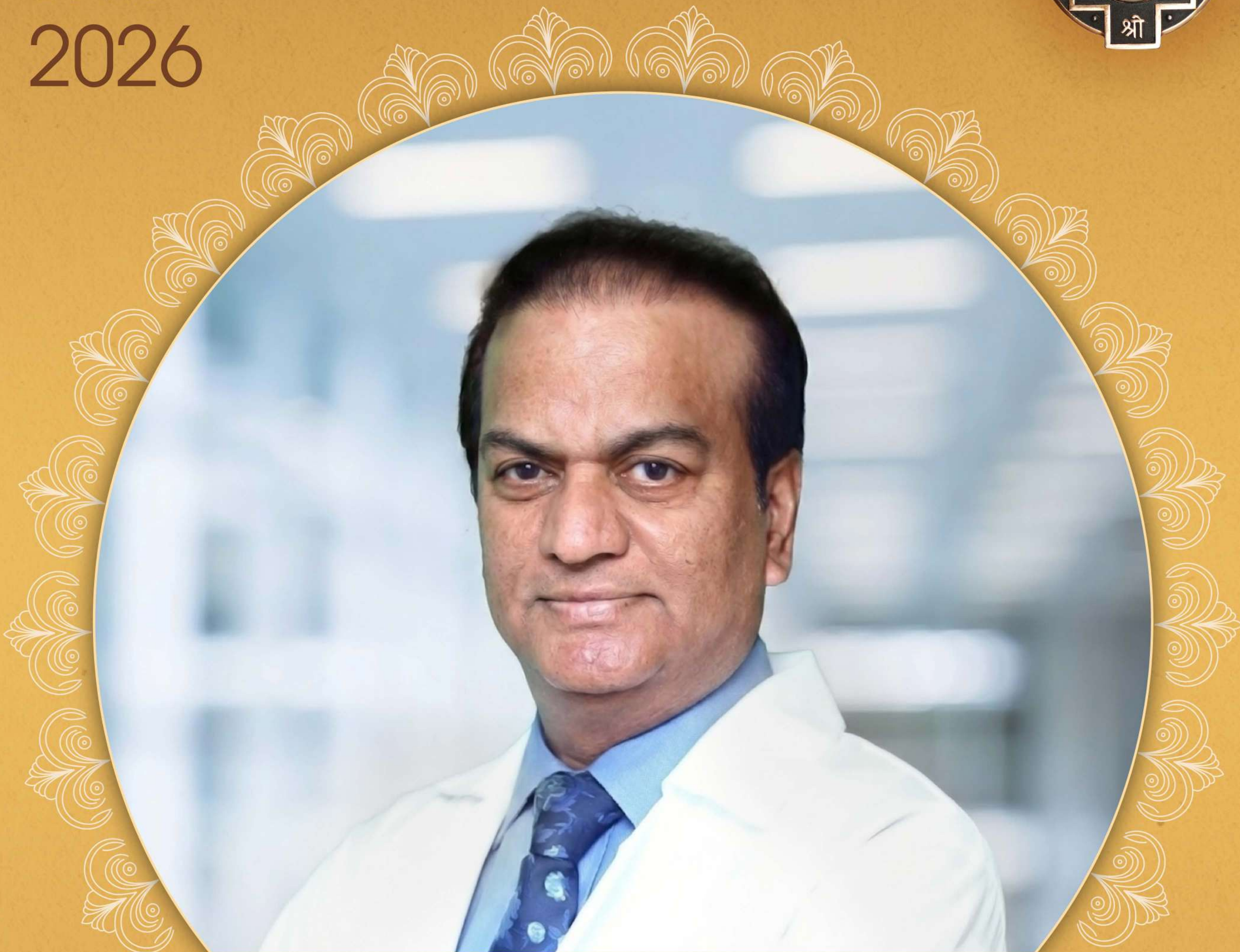


Padma Gurmet

MEDICINE | Ladakh

Esteemed Sowa Rigpa practitioner and scholar.
Authored seven books, catalogued over 1,500 medical
literature and documented more than 1,200
Sowa Rigpa formulations.

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Palkonda Vijay Anand Reddy

MEDICINE | Telangana

Renowned Oncologist. Performed first 'Perioperative Brain Interstitial Implant'. Introduced Hypo-fractionated Radiotherapy & Short-course Radiation for cancer treatment. Founder of CURE Foundation.

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Pokhila Lektheipi

ART | Assam

Karbi Folk Singer for five decades known as 'Queen of Melody'. Composed more than 300 folk songs, expanding the reach of Karbi music.

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Prabhakar Basavprabhu Kore

LITERATURE & EDUCATION | Karnataka

Pioneering education administrator. Long standing
Chairman of Karnataka Lingayat Education Society.
Established leading institutions in healthcare and
medical research.

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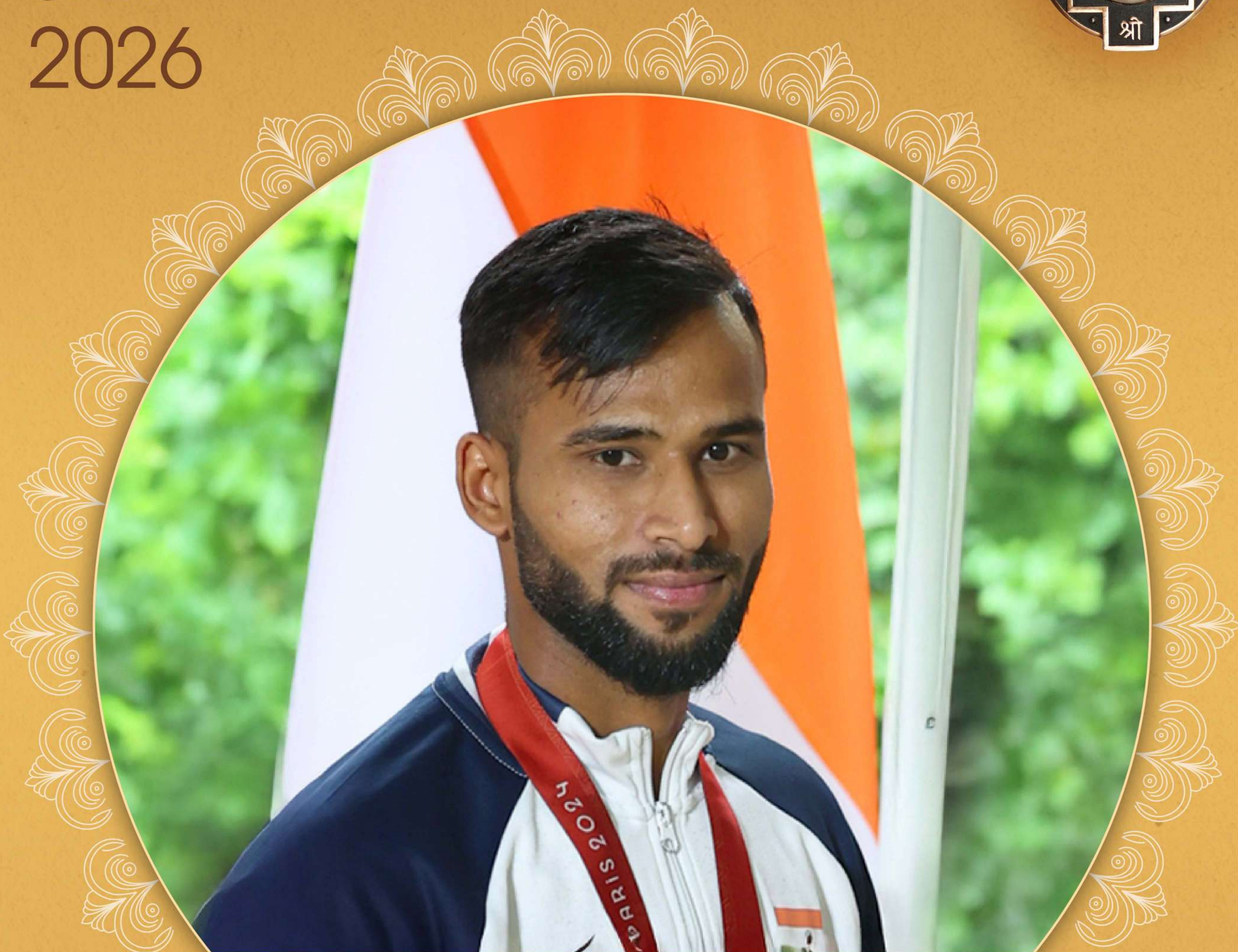


Prateek Sharma

MEDICINE | **United States of America**

Eminent Gastroenterologist who improved diagnosis and management of GI diseases and cancer, specifically in advanced imaging, endoscopic treatments, GERD and Barrett's esophagus.

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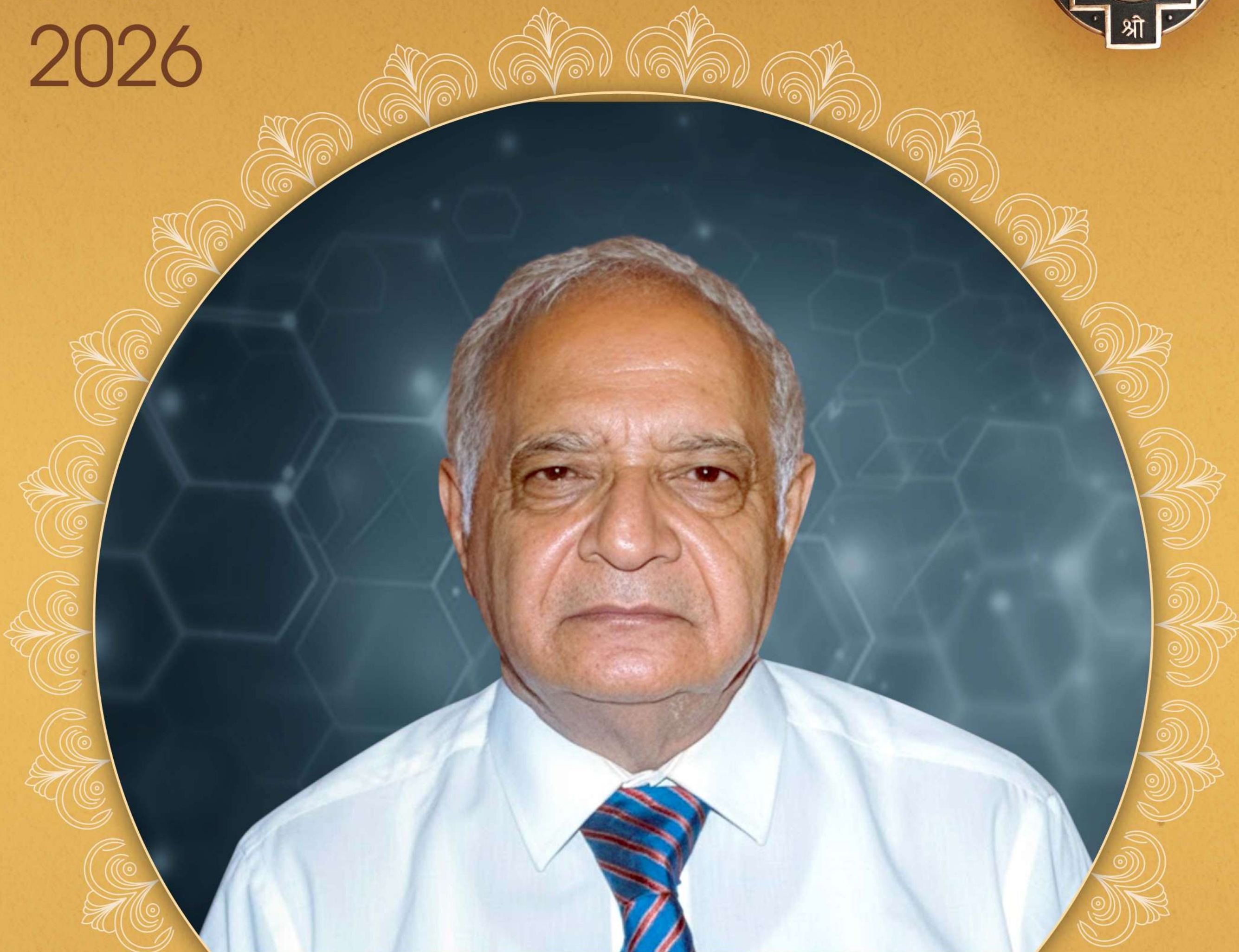


Praveen Kumar

SPORTS | Uttar Pradesh

Paralympic Gold Medal-winning Divyang high-jumper. Youngest winner of consecutive Paralympic medals.

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Prem Lal Gautam

SCIENCE & ENGINEERING | Himachal Pradesh

Renowned agricultural scientist. Established India's first plant germplasm registration system and innovated improved crop varieties. Operationalised National Gene Bank.

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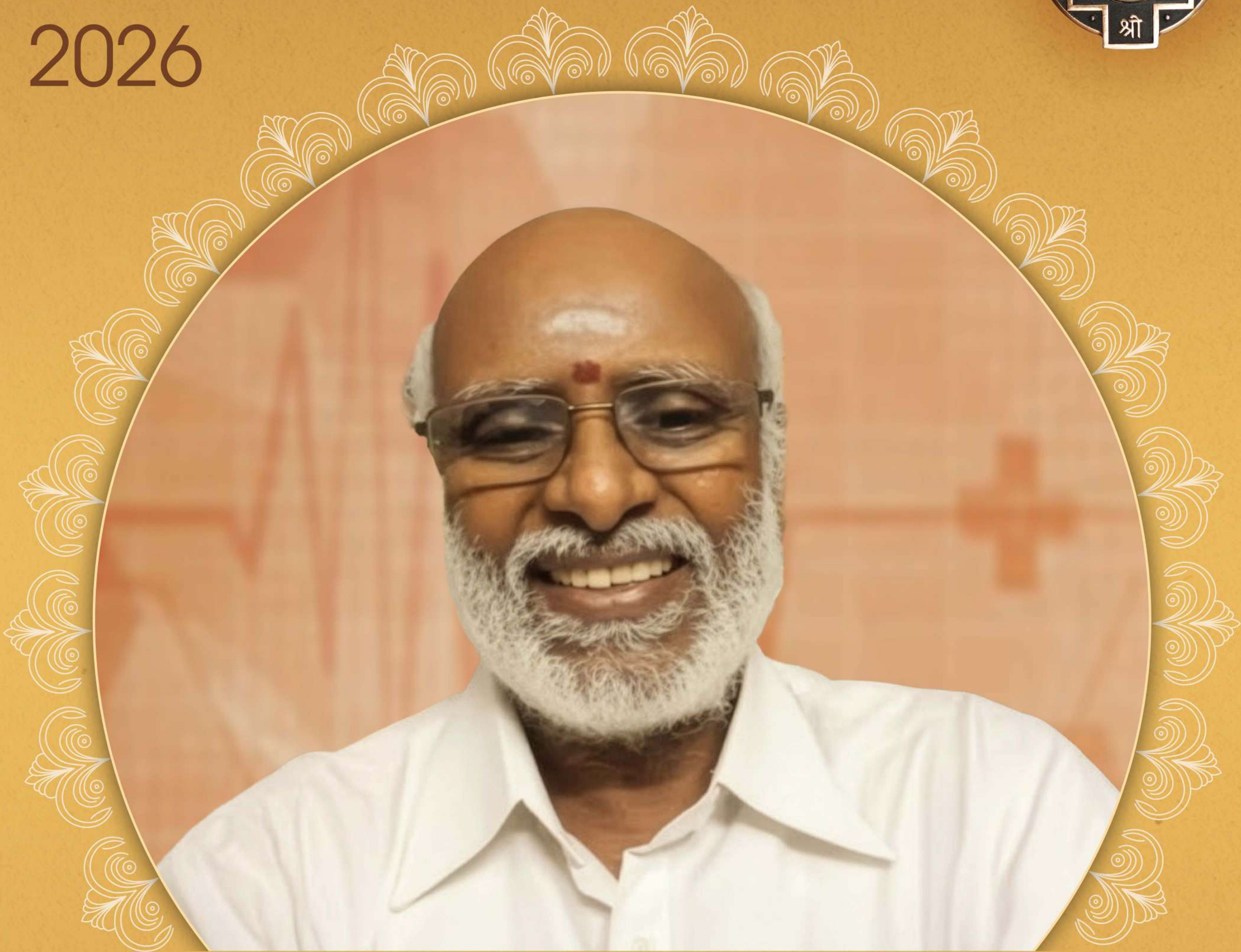


Prosenjit Chatterjee

ART | West Bengal

Iconic Bengali actor with a prolific career spanning over five decades. Portrayed a diverse range of characters in over 350 films, and more than 10 series and television shows.

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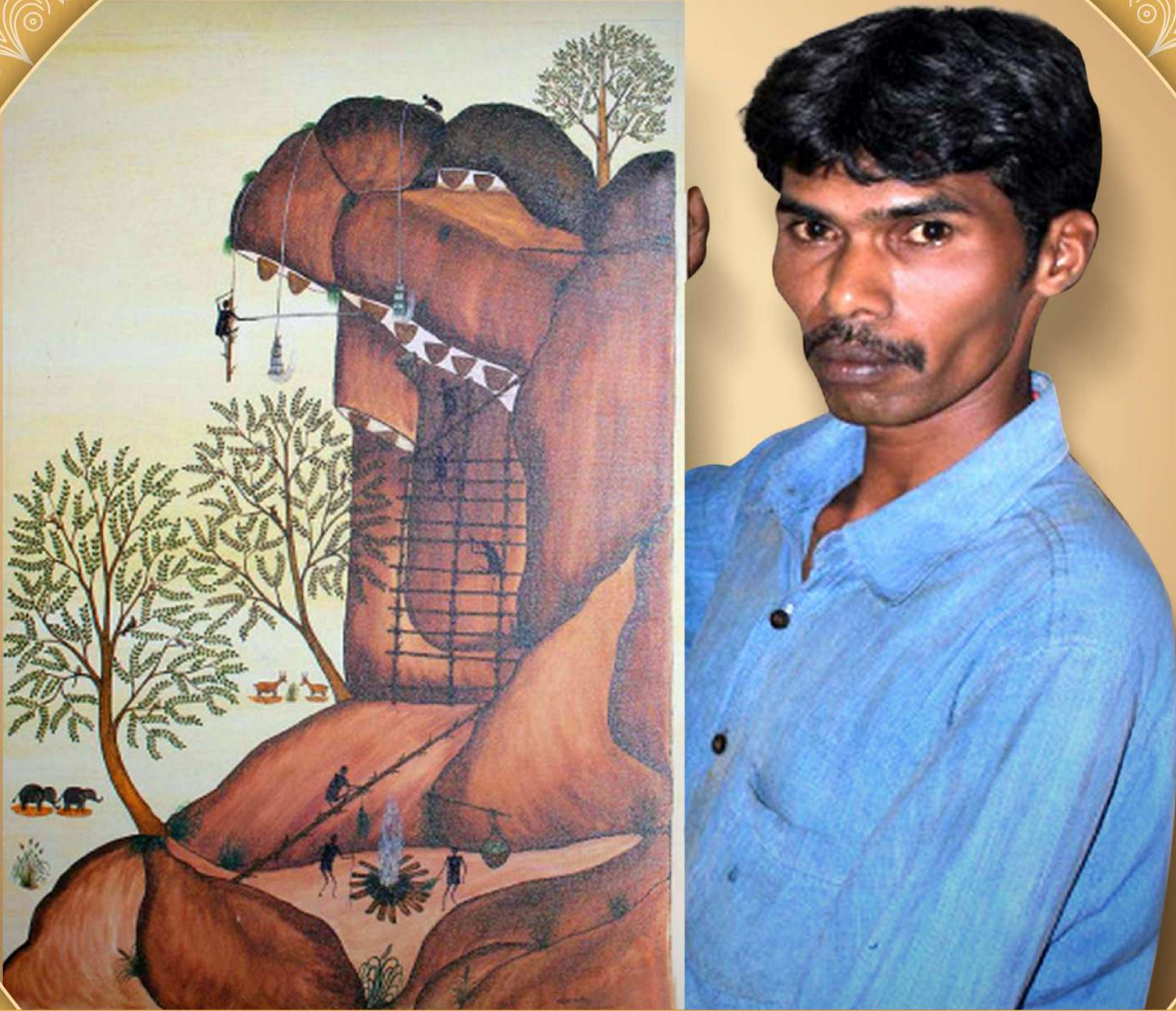


Punniyamurthy Natesan

MEDICINE | Tamil Nadu

Renowned veterinarian, pioneered antibiotic-free herbal and traditional protocols. Developed herbal formulations for Mastitis, FMD & parasitic infection. Reduced antibiotic residues in milk and treated over 8 lakh cows.

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R Krishnan (Posthumous)

ART | Tamil Nadu

Renowned Kurumba painter who revived the 3,000-year-old art form. Created over a thousand paintings using natural pigments and introduced the use of canvas as base.

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R V S Mani

CIVIL SERVICE | Delhi

Distinguished government official,
scholar and academic. Authored five books
of national interest.

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Rabilal Tudu

LITERATURE & EDUCATION | West Bengal

Acclaimed Santali writer with three decades of plays, stories, dramas and essays. Giving voice to Santali heritage, enriched the landscape of Indian literature.

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Raghupat Singh (Posthumous)

OTHERS | **Uttar Pradesh**

Dalit farmer for over five decades who advanced sustainable agriculture. Developed around 100 crop varieties, conserved more than 30 native species and enriched lives of over 3 Lakh farmers.

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Raghuvveer Tukaram Khedkar

ART | Maharashtra

Prolific Tamasha artist for over four decades. Performed over 12,000 shows. Used the stage to highlight and address social issues like addiction, cleanliness, dowry, family feuds and corruption.

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Rajastapathi Kaliappa Goundar

ART | Tamil Nadu

Renowned bronze sculptor. Five-decade career spanning some of the world's largest bronze statues and renovation of over 100 temples. Mentored more than 50 sculptors in the unique art form.

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Rajendra Prasad

MEDICINE | Uttar Pradesh

Pulmonologist with five decades of service, pioneered TB and MDR TB care. Established DOTS centers, treated more than five lakh patients. Supervised 150 researches and authored six books.

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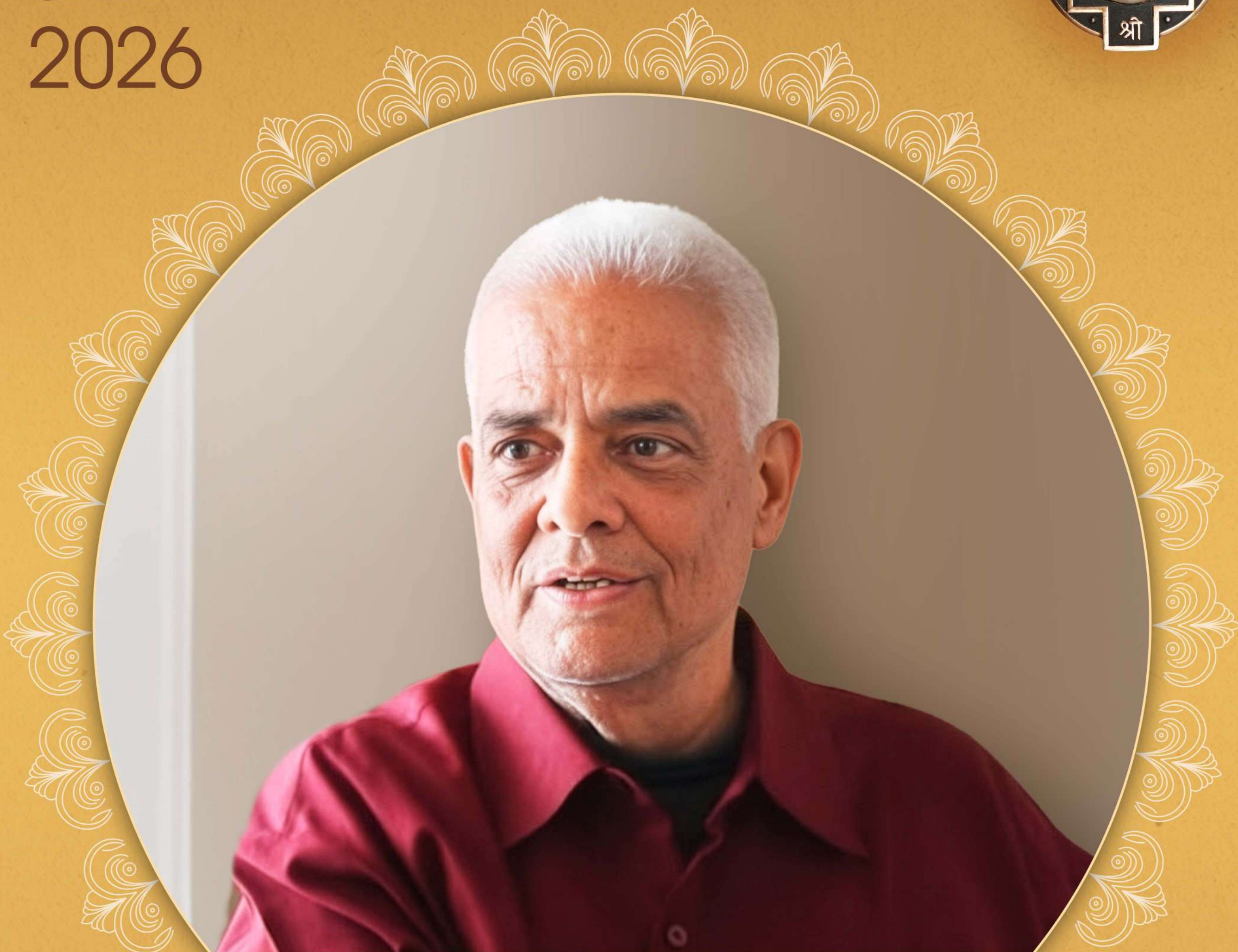


Rama Reddy Mamidi (Posthumous)

OTHERS | Telangana

Remembered as a pioneering social worker. Established Women's Dairy Cooperative, strengthened rural cooperatives, empowered women and shaped national cooperative laws.

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Ramamurthy Sreedher

OTHERS | Delhi

Veteran broadcaster revered as the “Father of Community Radio in India”. Launched the nation’s first community FM station and created the world’s largest radio serial for kids across 18 languages.

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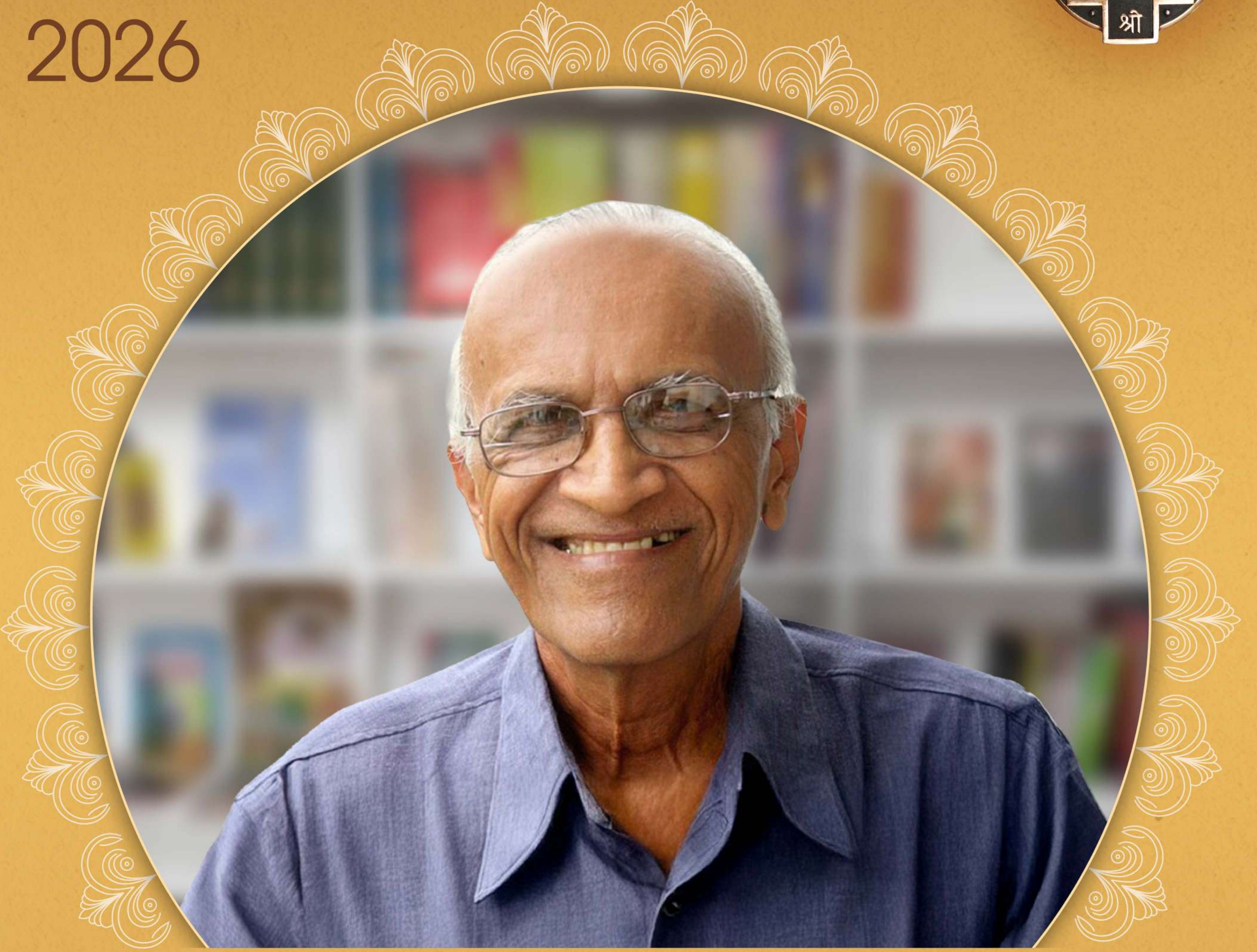


Ramchandra Godbole & Suneeta Godbole

MEDICINE | Chhattisgarh

Renowned Ayurveda practitioner duo, treated over one lakh tribal patients. Pioneered Bastar Rural Healthcare in Naxal-affected regions and spread vital health awareness across rural communities.

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Ratilal Borisagar

LITERATURE & EDUCATION | Gujarat

Prominent Gujarati author acclaimed for humour collections, novels and popular columns. Penned more than 17 books and 6 books for children.

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Rohit Sharma

SPORTS | Maharashtra

T20 World Cup and Champions Trophy-winning captain.
Conquered cricket's grand stage with more than
20,000 international runs and three ODI double
centuries. Inspiration to generations of cricketers.

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S G Susheelamma

SOCIAL WORK | Karnataka

Dedicated social worker for over 65 years. Impacted lives of women and children with diverse initiatives like immunization drives, setting up anganwadis, crèches and hostels.

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Sangyusang S Pongener

ART | Nagaland

80-year-old Naga folk actor, director, and Guru. Steadfastly preserved and promoted Ao indigenous traditions. Showcased its heritage across the globe.

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Sant Niranjjan Dass

OTHERS | Punjab

Spiritual leader for over 75 years. Established Sarwan Dass Charitable Eye Hospital and Sarwan Dass Model School. Promoted ideal of 'land without sorrow', preaching all people live without fear and poverty.

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Sarat Kumar Patra

ART | Odisha

Pioneering Ikat weaver and innovator. Created 50+ natural dye shades and revived traditional natural dyeing process. Mentored over a hundred young, underprivileged weavers.

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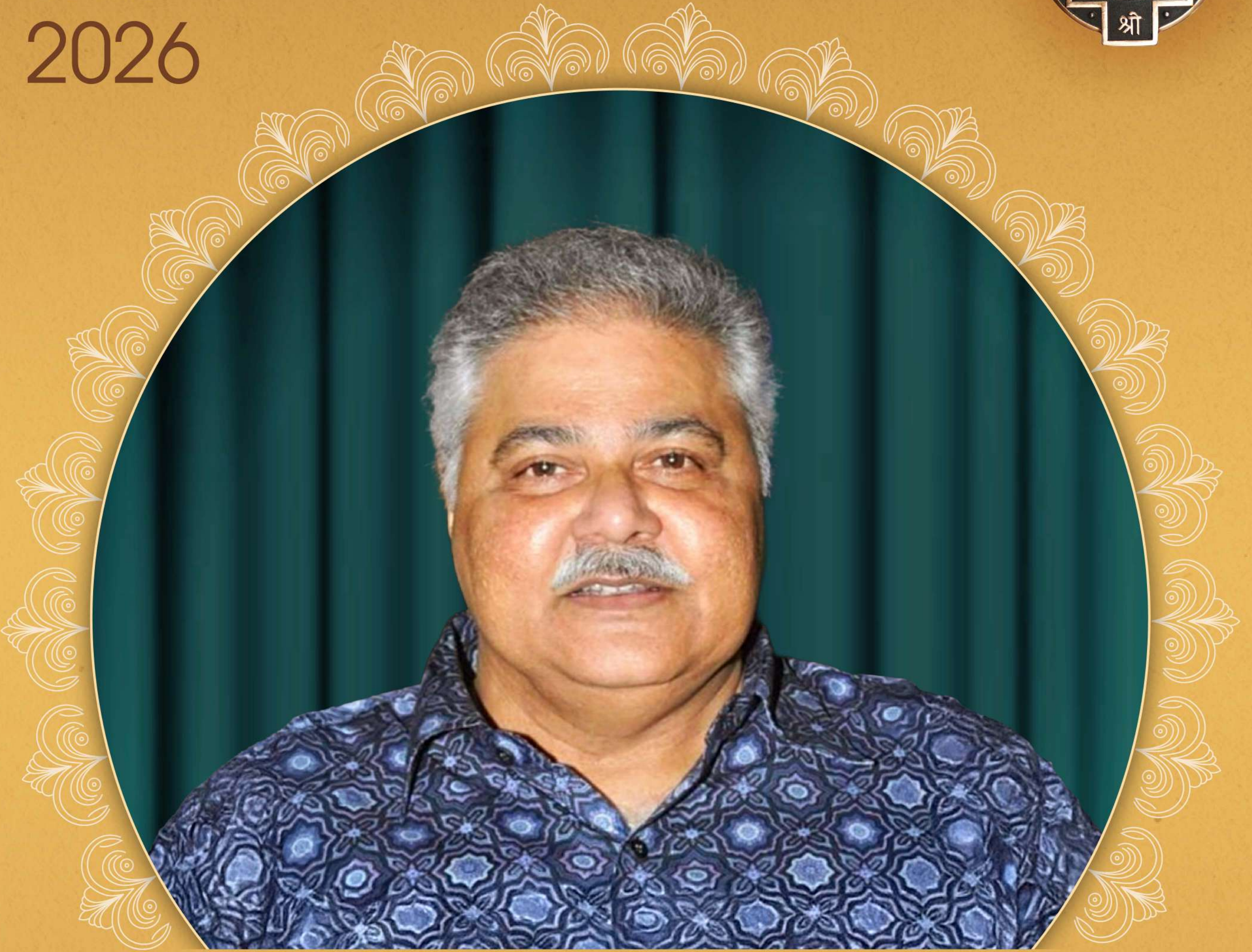


Saroj Mandal

MEDICINE | West Bengal

Distinguished Intervention Cardiologist with three decades of experience. Performed more than 1,000 angioplasties and 15,000 device implantations.

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Satish Shah (Posthumous)

ART | Maharashtra

Hindi cinema actor celebrated for his versatility and comic timing, in a career spanning four decades. Starred in over 200 films and iconic television shows across various genres.

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Satyanarayan Nuwal

TRADE & INDUSTRY | Maharashtra

Visionary founder of Solar Industries, India's first licensed private defence company. Pioneered the manufacturing of defence explosives and indigenous ammunition.

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Savita Punia

SPORTS | Haryana

The 'Great Wall' of Indian women's hockey and first Indian woman to win FIH Goalkeeper of the Year thrice in a row. Inspiration to women athletes across generations.

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Shafi Shauq

LITERATURE & EDUCATION | Jammu & Kashmir

Renowned Kashmiri author who elevated Kashmiri writing to new heights with over 100 works spanning philosophy, poetry, criticism, and screenplays.

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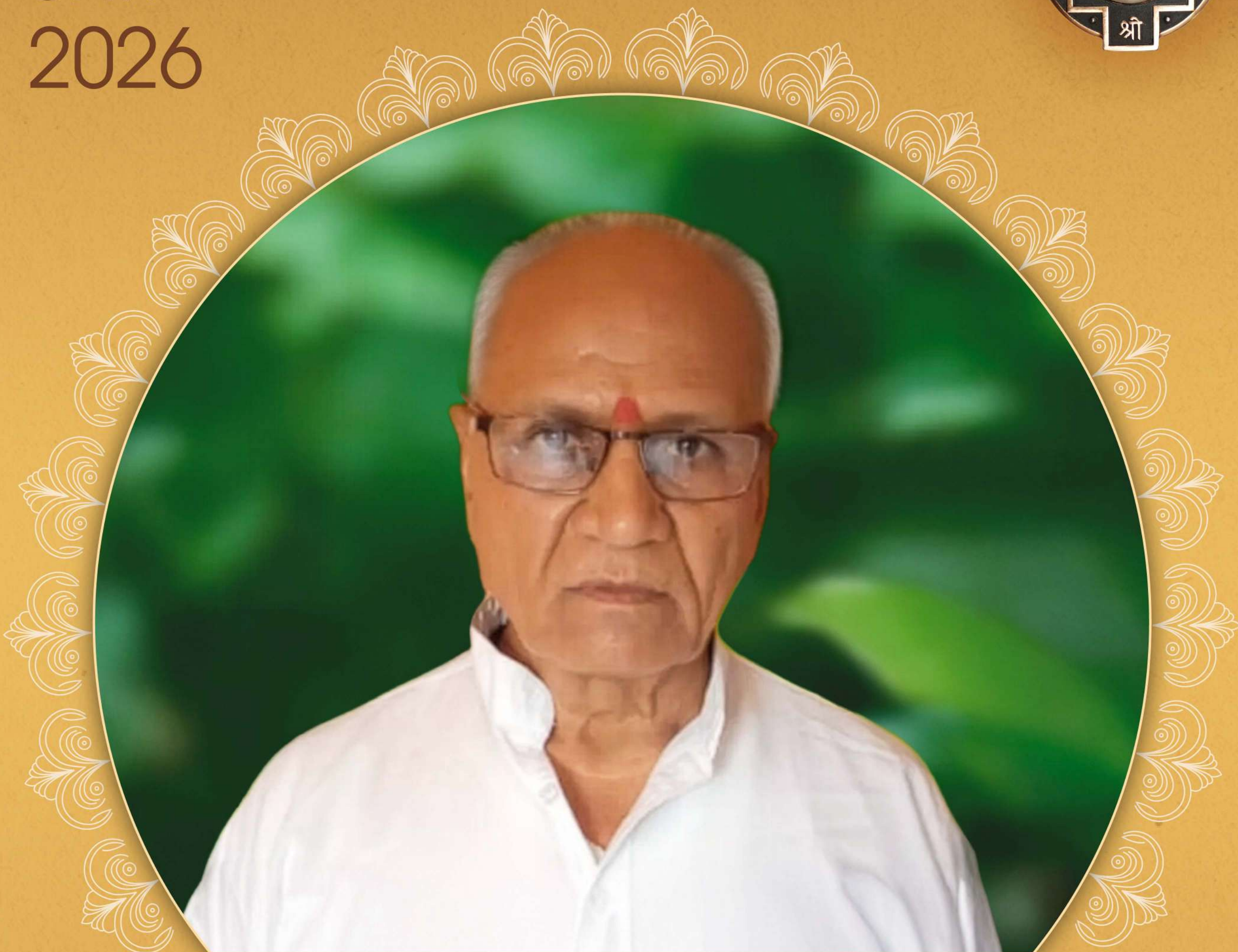


Shashi Shekhar Vempati

LITERATURE & EDUCATION | Karnataka

Youngest Prasar Bharati CEO credited with ushering
Doordarshan and AIR into the digital age.

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Shrirang Devaba Lad

OTHERS | Maharashtra

78-year-old cotton farmer, acclaimed agricultural innovator and founder of ICAR-approved Dada Lad Cotton Technology which tripled cotton yields. Educated farmers in modern practices and empowered communities across the region.

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Shubha Venkatesha Iyengar

SCIENCE & ENGINEERING | Karnataka

Renowned aerospace scientist advancing aviation safety. Developed Drishti aviation weather systems and infrared detectors, installed at more than 100 sites nationwide.

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Shyam Sundar

MEDICINE | Uttar Pradesh

Distinguished Kala Azar specialist and professor of Medicine. Developed first orally effective drug Miltefosine for Visceral Leishmaniasis and pioneered rapid strip test for diagnosis.

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Simanchal Patro

ART | Odisha

Veteran folk theatre actor with an 80-year career. Safeguarded Prahalad Natak, South Odia's ritual theatre tradition. Invested large portion of personal savings to support the art.

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Sivasankari

LITERATURE & EDUCATION | Tamil Nadu

Revered Tamil author, published over 30 novels and 150 short stories over five decades. Highlighted the struggles of common man across themes like emotions, relationships, values and ethics.

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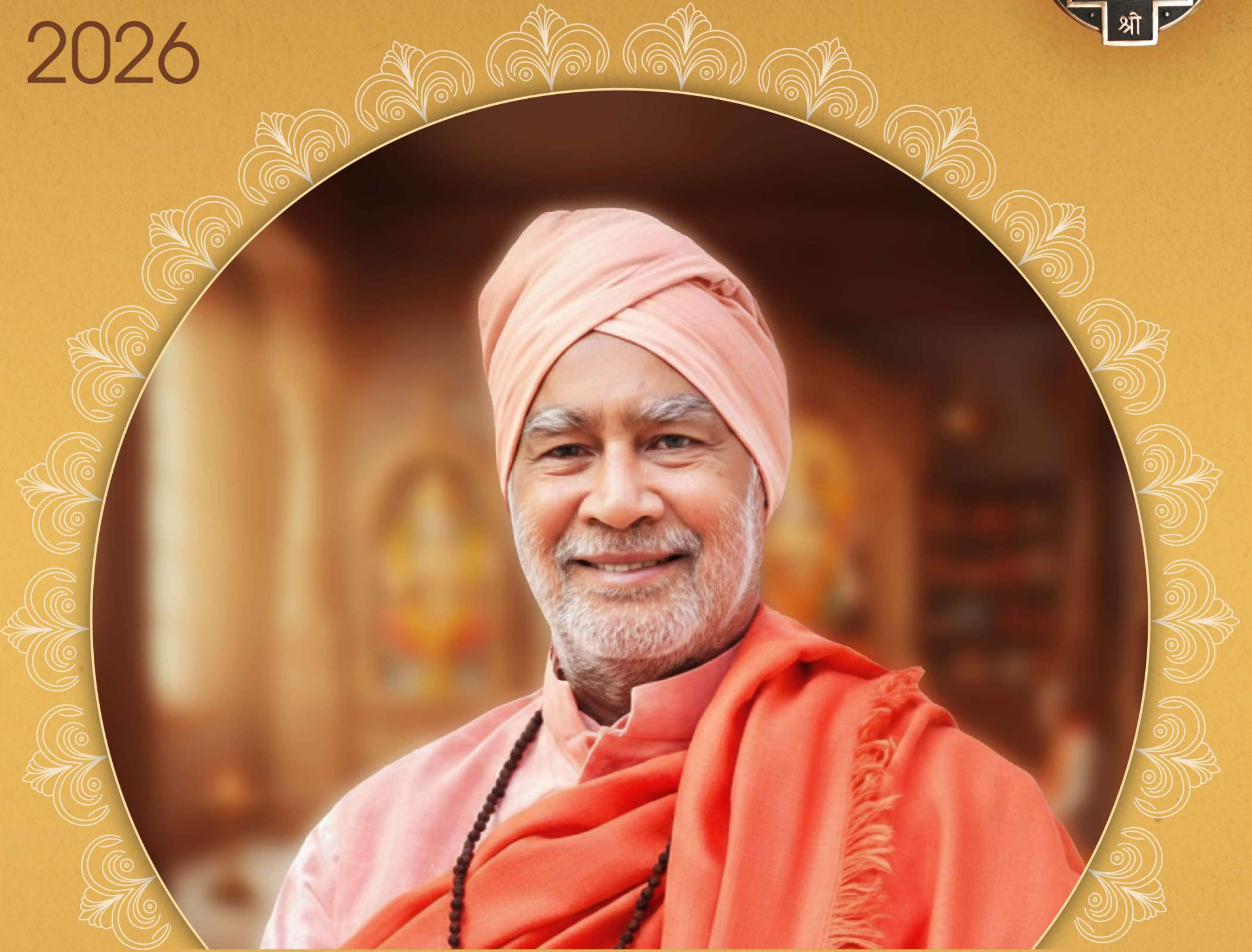


Suresh Hanagavadi

MEDICINE | Karnataka

Prominent haematologist, founder of the Karnataka Hemophilia Society. Rose from a poor background and lives with hemophilia himself. Treated over 7,500 patients and provided free medicine and rehabilitation over four decades.

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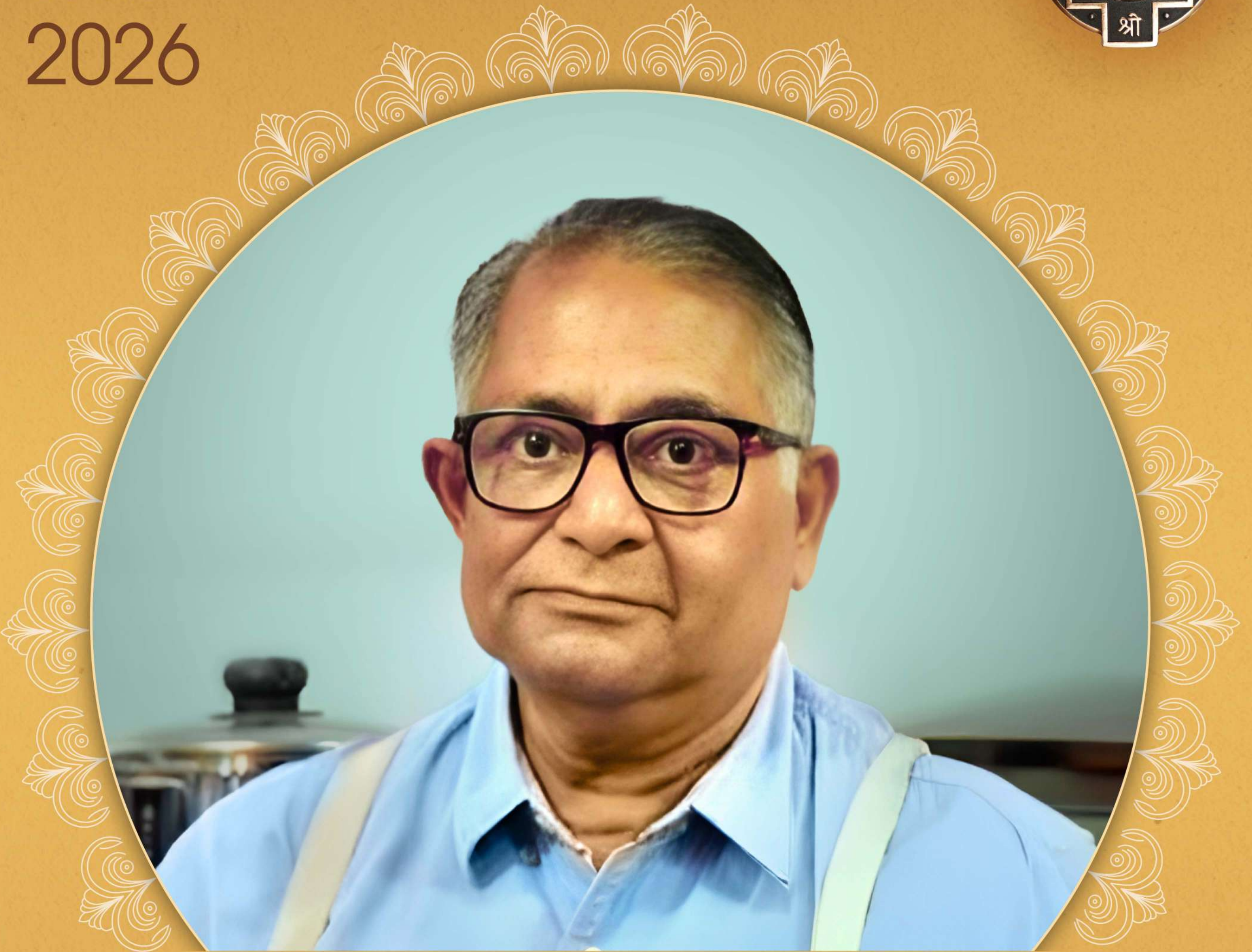
Swami Brahmdev Ji Maharaj

SOCIAL WORK | Rajasthan

Spiritual leader devoted to the upliftment of Divyangjan.

Founded the Jagdamba Andhvidhyala Schools & Hostels for blind and deaf children, and Jagdamba Eye Hospital which has conducted lakhs of free surgeries.

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T T Jagannathan (Posthumous)

TRADE & INDUSTRY | Karnataka

Invented the GRS safety mechanism for pressure cookers, exported Indian cookware globally. Headed the renowned TTK Prestige group for decades. Significant contributions to healthcare, sanitation, and education.

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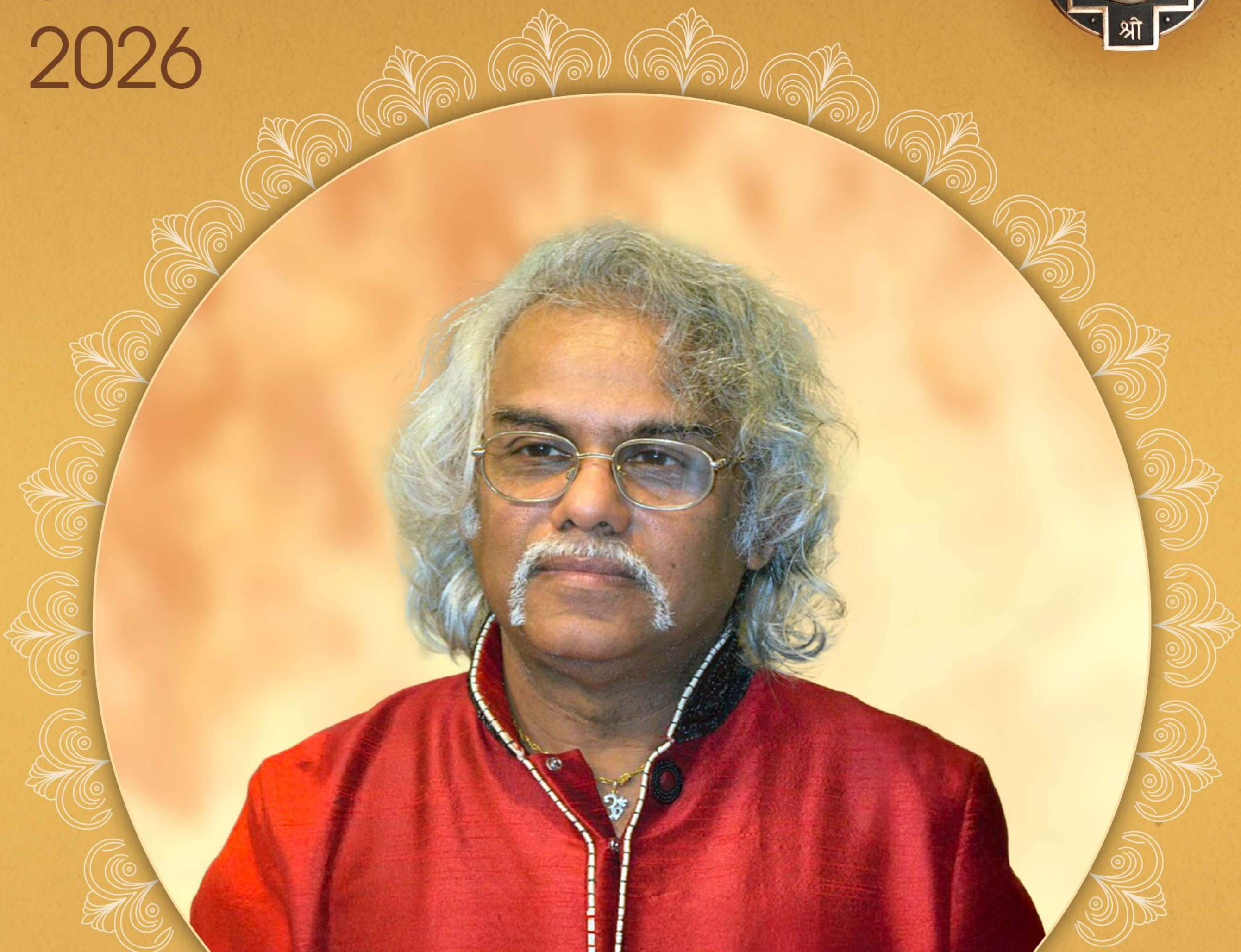


Taga Ram Bheel

ART | Rajasthan

Eminent Bhili ALGOZA player who popularised and elevated Rajasthani classical music. Performed in over 40 festivals in more than 16 countries. Revived forgotten traditional songs and instruments.

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Tarun Bhattacharya

ART | West Bengal

Legendary Santoor maestro and musical innovator.
Created new ragas and styles, invented mankas
(fine tuners) for the Santoor that help tune to
a very high degree of accuracy.

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Techi Gubin

SOCIAL WORK | Arunachal Pradesh

Eminent social worker and Nyishi community leader. Committed to preserving its indigenous faith. Proponent of national integration who led people to over 90 border villages to hoist Indian Tricolour.

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Thiruvaarur Bakthavathsalam

ART | Tamil Nadu

Mridangam virtuoso renowned for Tanjore style of playing. Prodigy who contributed exceptionally to preservation, evolution and globalisation of the instrument.

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Tripti Mukherjee

ART | West Bengal

Prominent Kantha embroiderer. Dedicated career to increasing the popularity of Kantha stitch handicrafts. Impacted lives of over 20,000 local women with free training.

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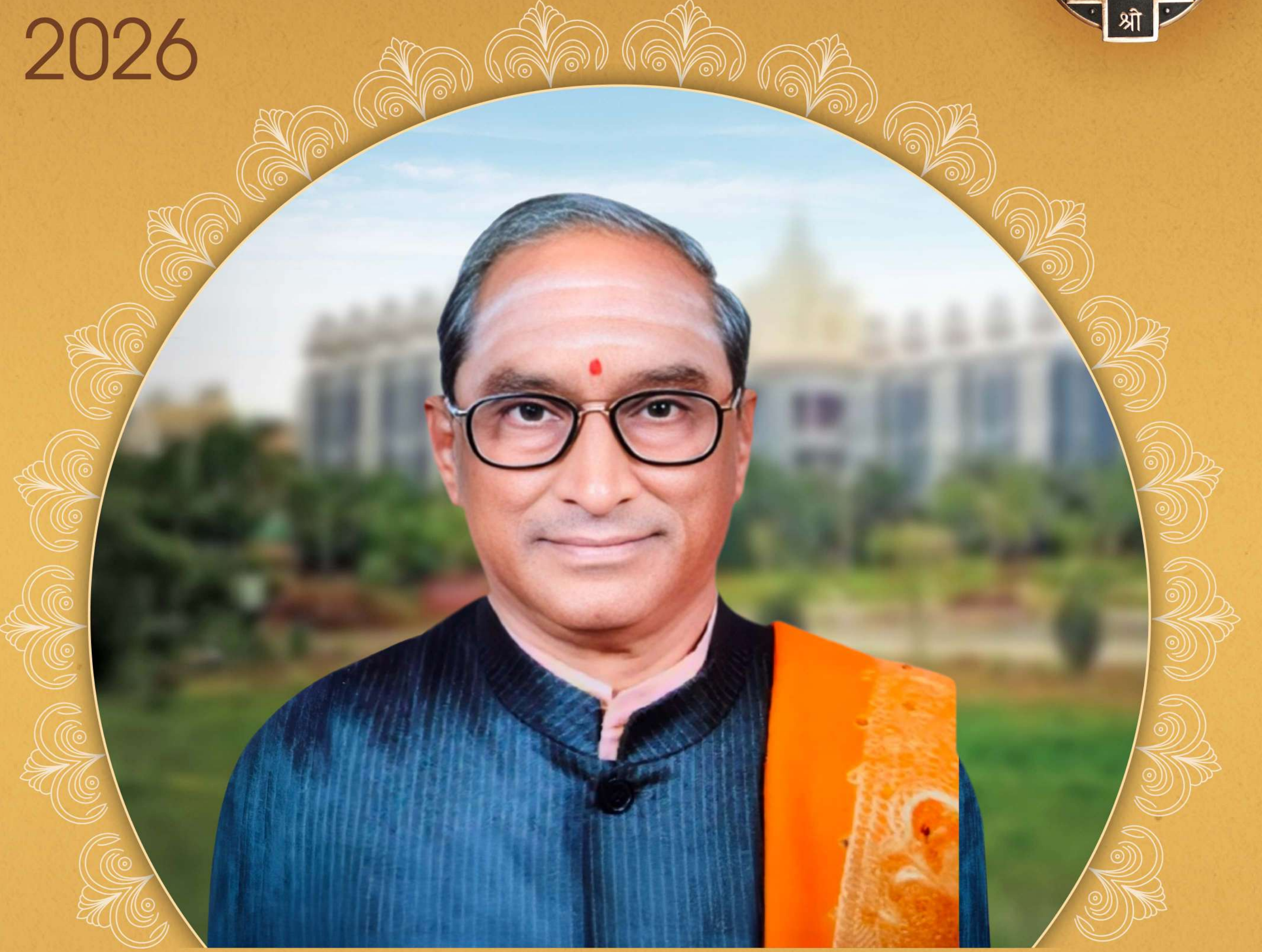


Veezhinathan Kamakoti

SCIENCE & ENGINEERING | Tamil Nadu

Eminent computer scientist. Created India's first homegrown microprocessor SHAKTI. Improved national security capabilities by implementing policies in sectors like Telecom security.

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Vempaty Kutumba Sastry

LITERATURE & EDUCATION | Andhra Pradesh

Prominent Sanskrit scholar and visionary administrator. Devoted five decades to advancing the language on the global stage. Led multiple Sanskrit universities, authored landmark books and papers.

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Vladimer Mestvirishvili (Posthumous)

SPORTS | Georgia

Legendary freestyle wrestling coach.
Mentored Olympic medallists and helped shape
India into a global wrestling powerhouse.

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Yumnam Jatra Singh (Posthumous)

ART | Manipur

Veteran Nata Sankirtana dancer and Guru with a remarkable 90-year legacy. Mentored and expanded the Nata Sankirtana practitioner community in Manipur.