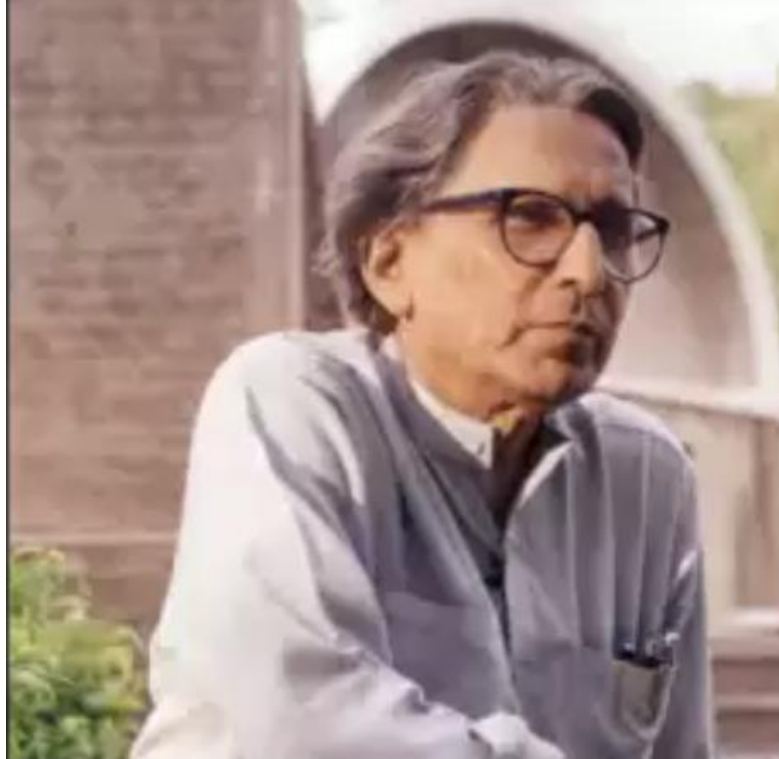


Important Gujarat News

January 26, 2023

1. January 26, 2023: Eight Persons from Gujarat receive Padma Awards:



Architect Balkrishna Vithaldas Doshi

Ahmedabad: The well-known architect B.V. Doshi was awarded **Padma Vibhushan**, the second highest Padma Award on 26th January 2023. Unfortunately he had passed away on 24th January 2023.

Other Awardees from Gujarat were as follows:

Areez Pirozshah Khambatta, the founder of Rasna, and a noted philanthropist was awarded Padma Shri posthumously.

Others, who have been awarded Padma Shri, are as follows;

1. Mahipat Kavi, Puppeteer and dramatist, who has been working in the field for seven decades.
2. Bhanubhai Chitara, kalamkari artist, who is a custodian of 400 years old art form, known as 'Mata ni Pachedi.' His family has been known to be Kalamkari artists for seven generations.

3. Professor Mahendra Pal: Narayan Consultancy, Anand. Dr Pal is well-known for his contributions to veterinary science, public health and microbiology.
4. Hemant Chauhan, is a famous folk singer of Rajkot. He is Gujarat's famous singer of 'Bhajans' (devotional songs).
5. Hirabai Lobi, Siddi leader of Sorath, who has helped change the lives of more than 700 women, by making them self-reliant through education and skills.
6. Pareshbhai Rathwa, a famous artist of tribal Taluka of Kwant. His paintings of Baba Pithora Dev and his efforts to revive Pithora script have earned him wide appreciation.

2. **Republic Day Celebration in Botad:** The Governor Acharya Devvrat and Chief Minister Bhupendrabhai Patel will present at the celebration.



Flag Hoisting at Botad

The celebrations included a parade and a cultural program, in which a large number of people participated.



The Republic Day program was organized in all the districts of Gujarat.

At Delhi, President of Egypt Abdel Fattah Saeed Hussein Khalil el-Sisi was the Chief Guest. President Droupadi Murmu unfurled the national flag and was presented with a 21-gun salute. Among the distinguished audience at Delhi were some common men, as Special Invitees. These were the labourers and other men, who have worked for the last three years on completing the work on the new Parliament building.

Another innovation was that for the first time after 1950, the 21-gun salute was by guns, manufactured in India. The stress in the military parade was on showing the weapons, made in India under the 'Atma Nirbhar' program of the Prime Minister Narendrabhai Modi.
