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## Padma Vibhushan 2026



**Shri Dharmendra Singh Deol**  
(Posthumous)

ART | Maharashtra

One of the most versatile and successful actors in the history of the Hindi film industry. Popularly known as the 'He-Man' of Bollywood. Left an indelible influence through 300 films.



## Padma Vibhushan 2026



**Dr. (Smt.) N. Rajam**

ART | Uttar Pradesh

Violin maestro, globalised Hindustani classical music in her 75-year career, pioneered Gayaki Ang style, known globally as 'Singing Violin'.



## Padma Bhushan 2026



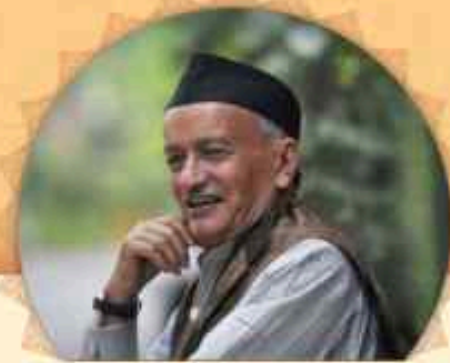
**Shatavadhani Dr. R. Ganesh**

ART | Karnataka

Master of Avadhana, revived the ancient Sanskrit art of Ashtavadhanams with over a thousand performances in India & abroad.



## Padma Bhushan 2026



Former CM of Uttarakhand and former Governor of Maharashtra, distinguished Social Worker, educationist, journalist and devoted nationalist leader.

**Shri Bhagat Singh Koshyari**

PUBLIC AFFAIRS | Uttarakhand



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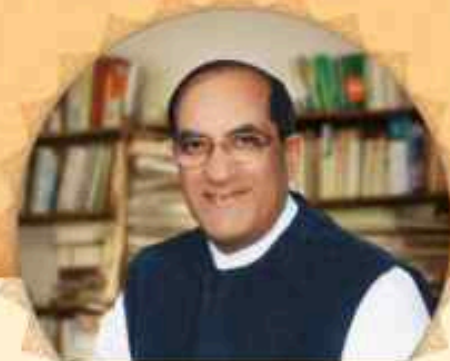
Veteran Indian Banker and financial services provider, recognized for his transformative role in building one of India's leading private sector banks and shaping the modern financial landscape.

**Shri Uday Sureshkumar Kotak**

TRADE & INDUSTRY | Maharashtra



## Padma Bhushan 2026



Prominent politician, academic, and sports administrator, five times MP and two times MLA. Spearheaded "Golden Era" of infrastructure in Delhi.

**Prof. Vijay Kumar Malhotra**

(Sports)

PUBLIC AFFAIRS | Delhi



# Padma Bhushan 2026



Distinguished gastroenterologist with over 40 years of experience. Led the Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy of India and the Indian Society of Gastroenterology amongst others, deeply committed to serving the underprivileged. Conducted free public health initiatives and led key infrastructure development at Kallipatti village.

**Dr. Kallipatti Ramasamy Palaniswamy**

Medicine | Tamil Nadu



# Padma Bhushan 2026



A defining figure in Indian advertising, elevated Indian advertising on the global stage, created 100+ iconic campaigns, including "Mile Sur Mera Tumhara."

**Shri Piyush Pandey** (Posthumous)

ART | Maharashtra



# Padma Shri 2026



Torchbearer of Bihar's folk dance, captivated audiences with over 6000 performances, empowered rural communities.

**Shri Bishwa Bandhu** (Posthumous)

ART | Bihar



## Padma Shri 2026



Famous Bhojpuri folk Singer, composer, lyricist and Guru, brought Bhojpuri folk music to prominence from village stages to national and international platforms.

**Shri Bharat Singh Bharli**

ART | Bihar



## Padma Shri 2026



Maestro of Algoza folk musical vertical flutes of Thar desert, popularized this music at national and international platform.

**Shri Taga Ram Bheel**

ART | Rajasthan



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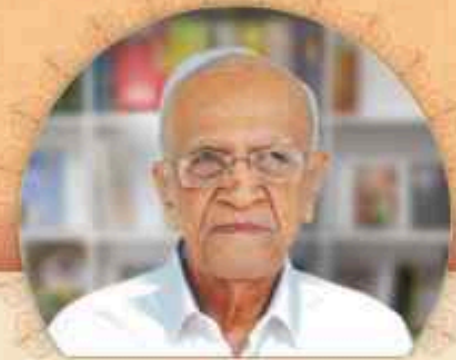
One of the most dynamic and impactful cricketers of her generation, captain of the Indian cricket team that won its historic first Women's World Cup.

**Ms. Harmanpreet Kaur Bhullar**

SPORTS | Punjab



## Padma Shri 2026



Famous Gujarati author acclaimed for humour, written more than seventeen books, and six children's books.

**Shri Rafilal Mohanlal Borisagar**  
LITERATURE & EDUCATION | Gujarat



## Padma Shri 2026



One of the most revered exponents of tabla in contemporary Indian classical music, foremost torchbearer of the Banaras Gharana.

**Shri Kumar Bose**  
ART | West Bengal



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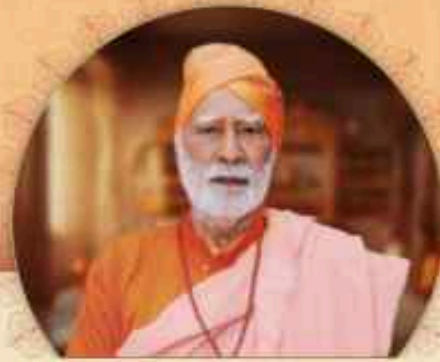


Eminent social worker, follower of Rashtra Sant Sh. Tukdoji Maharaj, dedicated his life to the holistic development of all sections of society through All India Shri Gurudev Seva Mandal.

**Shri Janardan Bapurao Bothe**  
SOCIAL WORK | Maharashtra



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Revered Saint, spiritual guide and visionary social reformer, founded the Jagdamba Andhvidhyala School for blind and deaf children, and Jagdamba Eye Hospital.

**Swami Brahamdev**

SOCIAL WORK | Rajasthan



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Prolific Bengali actor, portrayed diverse characters in over 400 films and 10 television serials.

**Shri Prosenjit Chatterjee**

ART | West Bengal



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Inspiring environmentalist, who created dense green cover in Alappuzha's sandy land with over 3,000 trees including medicinal and rare plant species.

**Smt. Devaki Amma G**

SOCIAL WORK | Kerala



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Eminent social worker duo, who dedicated more than 40 years to the upliftment and healthcare of tribal communities in Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh.

**Dr. Ramchandra Godbole  
Smt. Suneeta Godbole**

MEDICINE | Chhattisgarh



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Eminent social worker and Nyishi conservationist from Arunachal Pradesh, dedicated to preserving the indigenous Donyi-Polo faith and strengthening national integration in border villages.

**Shri Techī Gubin**  
SOCIAL WORK | Arunachal Pradesh



## Padma Shri 2026



Veteran physician, author and former Health Minister of Tamil Nadu who led major immunization drives to eradicate polio and measles and served the poor for over seven decades. Translated Kamba Ramayana (Tamil) into English prose.

**Dr. H. V. Hande**

MEDICINE | Tamil Nadu



## Padma Shri 2026



Distinguished folk artist, internationally recognized for his life-long dedication to playing Bhopang and the preservation of rare oral narrative traditions.

**Shri Gafaruddin Mewati Jogi**

ART | Rajasthan



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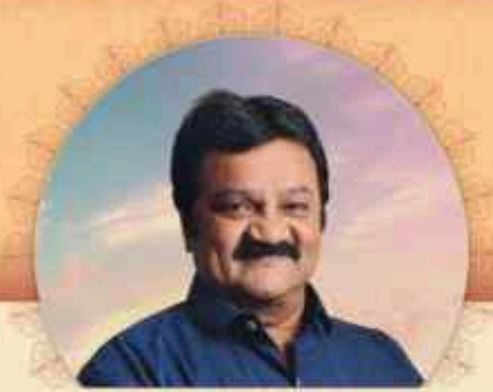
Legendary Dholak Player, known for his devotion to Gujarati traditional music and led over 35,000 charity events for cows.

**Shri Mir Haji Kasam**

ART | Gujarat



## Padma Shri 2026



Prolific Tamasha artist, performed over 12,000 shows. Used the stage to highlight social issues.

**Shri Raghuvir Khedkar**

ART | Maharashtra



## Padma Shri 2026



Distinguished Agile Bottu artist from Alu Kurumba community of Nilgiris. Known for use of natural pigments, played a significant role in revitalizing and promoting Agile Bottu painting.

**Shri R. Krishnan Kitna** (Puducherry)

ART | Tamil Nadu



## Padma Shri 2026



Internationally renowned ethnomusicologist, his works strengthened cultural and academic exchange between India and Germany.

**Prof. Dr. Lars-Christian Koch**

ART | Germany



## Padma Shri 2026

Eminent academician, former Chairman UGC and former VC, JNU, known for his contribution to the realization of outcome oriented reforms in higher education.



**Prof. Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar**  
LITERATURE & EDUCATION | Delhi



## Padma Shri 2026

Divyang high jumper and Paralympic gold medalist, first para-athlete to secure gold in an able-bodied national athletics championship.

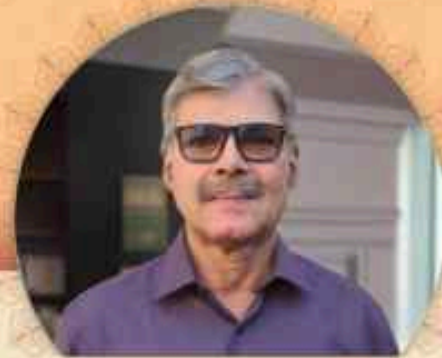


**Shri Praveen Kumar**  
SPORTS | Uttar Pradesh



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Veteran IPS officer, architect of strategic policing and major operations against Left-wing Extremists and Veerappan. Introduced double-handed fast shooting practice in India.

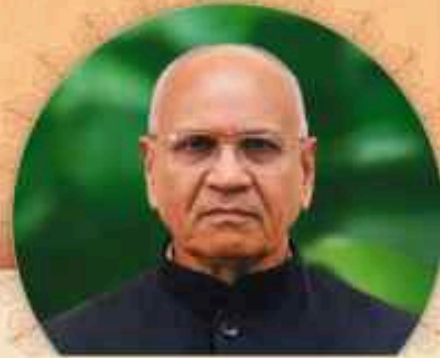


**Shri K. Vijay Kumar**  
Civil Service | Tamil Nadu



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Groundbreaking agricultural innovator known for developing high-yield techniques in cotton, jowar, and tur cultivation, significantly improving farm productivity across India.



**Shri Shirang Devba Lad**

Agriculture | Maharashtra



## Padma Shri 2026

Renowned bibliophile and knowledge conservator, built a big free public library by himself at his residence with over 20 lakh books.



**Shri Ankegowda M**

SOCIAL WORK | Karnataka



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Eminent interventional cardiologist, founded Krishnaya Institute of Cardiac and Fetal Sciences in Kolkata, offering affordable treatment, independently performed and supervised 15000 angioplasties and 15000 pacemaker device implantations.



**Professor (Dr.) Saroj Mandal**

MEDICINE | West Bengal



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**Prof. Buddha Rashmi Mani**

Archaeology | Uttar Pradesh

Eminent archeologist, excavator, epigraphist and numismatist; former Director General of National Museum, directed 20 excavations including Ayodhya (Ram Janmabhoomi), Samath, Kunal and Kurdi.



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**Shri Nilesh Vinodchandra  
Mandlewala**

SOCIAL WORK | Gujarat

One of the most committed and influential advocates of organ donation in the country. Founder of Donate Life. Facilitated over 1,300 organ donations.



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**Dr. Mahendra Kumar Mishra**

LITERATURE & EDUCATION | Odisha

Famous Odia linguist folklorist and educationist, dedicated in preserving endangered tribal voices while embedding them in modern pedagogy.



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**Smt. Tripti Mukherjee**

ART | West Bengal

Famous artist of Kantha stitch embroidery, dedicated her life in training rural and marginalized women, empowering them with skills that provide sustainable livelihoods and regular income.



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**Shri Harimadhab Mukhopadhyay**

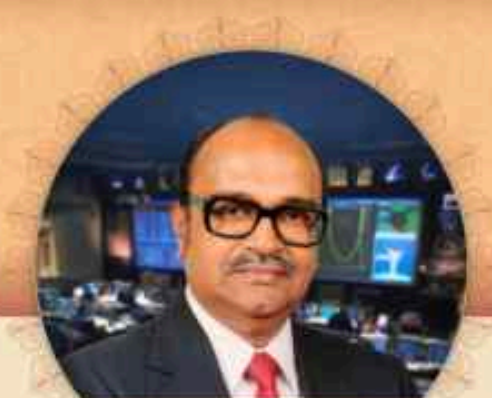
(Posthumous)

ART | West Bengal

Famous theater director, playwright and actor, directed and acted in over 60 productions, written over 50 plays.



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**Dr. 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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Founder & Chairman of the Solar Group of Industries - India's largest manufacturer and exporter of industrial explosives.

**Shri Satyanarayan Nandlal Nuwal**  
TRADE & INDUSTRY | Maharashtra



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Silambam coach who revived the ancient martial art form. Trained over 5,000 students in the discipline.

**Shri K. Pajanivel**  
SPORTS | Puducherry



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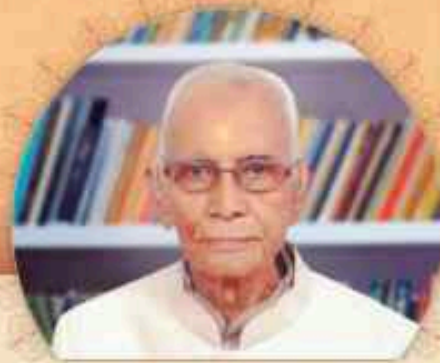


Foremost master of Gujarat's ancient Moanbhaff "Moan Aakhyan" tradition, dedicated to revive and sustain this endangered tradition, imparting training through the Shree Moan Aakhyankala Shikshan Kendra.

**Shri Dharmiklal Chunilal Pandya**  
ART | Gujarat



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Famous journalist and author, launched weekly Jan Dharam & monthly Shiksha Pradeep, served as General Secretary of Madhya Pradesh Rashtra Bhasha Prachar Samiti.

**Shri Kailash Chandra Pant**  
LITERATURE & EDUCATION | Madhya Pradesh



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Asthana Vidwan, composer, most prolific tunesmith of Annamacharya Sankeerthanams, presented more than 6,000 concerts across India and abroad, created 22 new Indian classical ragas.

**Shri Garimella Balakrishna Prasad**  
(Purushotham)  
ART | Andhra Pradesh



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Acclaimed chest physician, global authority in the field of Tuberculosis, established the first DOTS centre to run in a medical college campus in India, known as 'Father of Pulmonary Medicine' in India.

**Prof. (Dr.) Rajendra Prasad**  
MEDICINE | Uttar Pradesh



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**Dr. Guduru Venkat Rao**

MEDICINE | Telangana

A leading surgical gastroenterologist in minimally invasive gastrointestinal surgery and therapeutic endoscopy, he co-pioneered "No Scar Surgery". Performed the world's first Transoral Endoscopic Appendectomy, over 12,000 complex gastrointestinal surgeries and 16,000 advanced endoscopic procedures.



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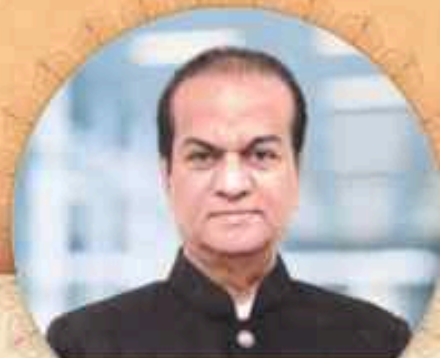
**Smt. Deepika Reddy**

ART | Telangana

Distinguished exponent of the Kuchipudi art form with a remarkable journey spanning over five decades. She belongs to three generations of classical dancers and is an accomplished performer, choreographer and cultural ambassador.



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**Dr. Palkonda Vijay Anand Reddy**

MEDICINE | Telangana

Distinguished Oncologist, treated more than 15,000 Cancer cases, passionate educator, played a key role in elevating Oncology training in India as Chairman of Indian College of Radiation Therapy.



## Padma Shri 2026



**Shri Haricharan Salkia**

ART | Assam

Revered maestro of Sattriya, one of India's classical dance traditions. Recognised for his exceptional contributions to Sattriya dance and music. Began his training in Sattriya dance, at the historic Old Kamalabari Sattri in Majuli at the age of eight, and continues to mentor younger generations even at the age of 97.



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**Prof. Vempaty Kutumba Sastry**

LITERATURE & EDUCATION | Andhra Pradesh

Eminent Sanskrit Scholar, served two consecutive terms as President of International Association of Sanskrit Studies, authored and edited 15 books and more than 50 research papers.



## Padma Shri 2026



**Prof. Shafi Shauq**

LITERATURE & EDUCATION | Jammu & Kashmir

Noted creative writer from Kashmir, authored/edited and translated more than 106 books in Kashmiri, English Hindi and Urdu. Wrote scripts for numerous TV serials and films.



## Padma Shri 2026



Veteran Hockey Coach, developed the Shahbad Markanda Hockey Nursery into India's most productive centers for Hockey talent. Guided Indian Men's Hockey Team to a Gold Medal in Asia Cup 2004.

**Shri Baldev Singh**

SPORTS | Punjab



## Padma Shri 2026



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

**Shri Yumnam Jatra Singh** (Methuen)

ART | Manipur



## Padma Shri 2026



Transformative agriculture scientist, who developed over 25 rice varieties, including 11 basmati rice varieties and India's first genome-edited rice.

**Dr. Ashok Kumar Singh**

Science & Engineering |  
Uttar Pradesh



## Padma Shri 2026



Famous Tamil writer, authored over 30 novels, 40 collection of short novels, 100 short stories. Her magnum opus 'Knif India Through Literature' is a landmark achievement in Indian literary history.

**Smt. Sivasankari**

LITERATURE & EDUCATION | Tamil Nadu



## Padma Shri 2026



Veteran radio broadcaster with experience of more than 5 decades, known as 'Father of Community Radio' in India. Designed and launched India's first Community Radio Station in 2004 and has been instrumental in establishing more than 300 Community Radio Stations.

**Dr. R. Sreedher**

Radio Broadcasting | Tamil Nadu



## Padma Shri 2026



Internationally acclaimed clinician - scientist in infectious disease, particularly Kala - Azar, developed the first orally effective drug, and a test for rapid diagnosis of this disease.

**Prof. Shyam Sundar**

MEDICINE | Uttar Pradesh



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Distinguished social worker and Founder President of Sumangali Seva Ashrama, Bengaluru. Dedicated her life to the service of abandoned children, distressed women, tribal communities, senior citizens etc.

**Dr. S. G. Susheelamma**  
SOCIAL WORK | Karnataka



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Eminent artist of Tamil music, supreme artist of present - day Othuvans who sing Thirumurai (the collection of hymns to Lord Shiva in Tamil), released more than 100 cassettes and CDs of Thirumurai Paan Isai.

**Shri N. Swaminathan**  
ART | Tamil Nadu



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2026



Practicing Surgeon based on Ayurvedic principles, pioneered the Kshar Sufra Treatment for fistula and Karna Vedhan treatment for bronchial asthma.

**Dr. Kewal Krishan Thakral**  
MEDICINE | Uttar Pradesh



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2026



Agriculture scientist and former VC of Rajendra Agriculture University, Pusa, Bihar; famous lichi farmer, first farmer to adopt rejuvenation and canopy management in lichi orchards.

**Dr. Gopal Ji Trivedi** (Mathurapur)  
Science & Engineering | Bihar



Padma  
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2026



Eminent artist of Gujarati theatre, Hindi television and films; directed/performed in more than 300 plays and over 100 TV appearances.

**Shri Arvind Vaidya**  
ART | Gujarat



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Renowned Professor of Electrical Engineering, known for pioneering research in MOS device technology, silicon photovoltaic devices and nanoelectronics.

**Prof. Juzer Vasi**  
Science & Engineering |  
Maharashtra



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Reputed Archaeologist, known for his contribution towards World Heritage Sites, namely Bhimbetka and Sanchi of Madhya Pradesh and Rani ki Vav of Gujarat, discovered the Great Wall of India in Raisen.

**Dr. Narayan Vyas**

Archaeology | Madhya Pradesh



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Distinguished environmentalist, pioneer in the ancient art of 'bio-weaving', spent more than fifty years nurturing and building the iconic 'Living Root Bridges'.

**Shri Hally War**

SOCIAL WORK | Meghalaya



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Distinguished botanist, educationist and environmentalist. Established permanent M.Sc. courses in Botany and Zoology, along with doctoral research facilities, at Darjeeling Government College. Established a rural library in his native village. Donated land for disadvantaged children, founded animal shelters and created the Science Centre.

**Prof. Gambir Singh Yonzone**

LITERATURE & EDUCATION | West Bengal

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