



## Babasaheb Purandare

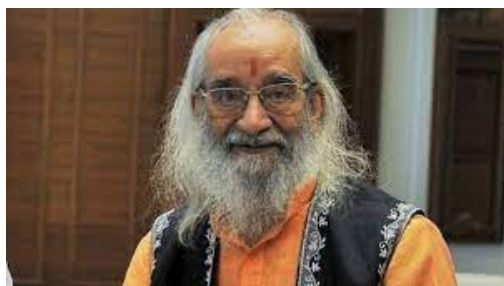
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### Why in News

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Babasaheb Purandare, a noted Historian and writer of India, has passed away recently.



### Key Points

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- **About:**

- Balwant Moreshwar Purandare, born on 29<sup>th</sup> July 1922 in Maharashtra, popularly known as Babasaheb Purandare.
- He was an author and a historian and was known for his work on **Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj**.
- He is famously entitled as **Shiv Shahir** i.e. '**Shivaji's poet**'.

- **His famous work:**

- He is known as an eminent authority on the **Maratha King Chhatrapati Shivaji** and started writing on his life and achievements at a very young age. He **published a book called Thinagya** which translates to Sparks on Shivaji.
- Other works of Babasaheb include books titled Raja Shiva Chatrapati and Kesari along with the **book Narayanrao Peshwa**.
- Apart from this, he is best known for **his drama Jaanta Raja** which has been enacted in 5 languages, since 1985. It was originally written in Marathi.  
For this drama, he also **received the Kalidas Samman from the Government of Madhya Pradesh** in 2007-08.

- **Awards & Honours:**

- In 2019, he was awarded **Padma Vibhushan**, India's second-highest civilian award.
- In 2015, he was awarded with **Maharashtra Bhushan Award**. It is Maharashtra's highest Civilian Award.

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