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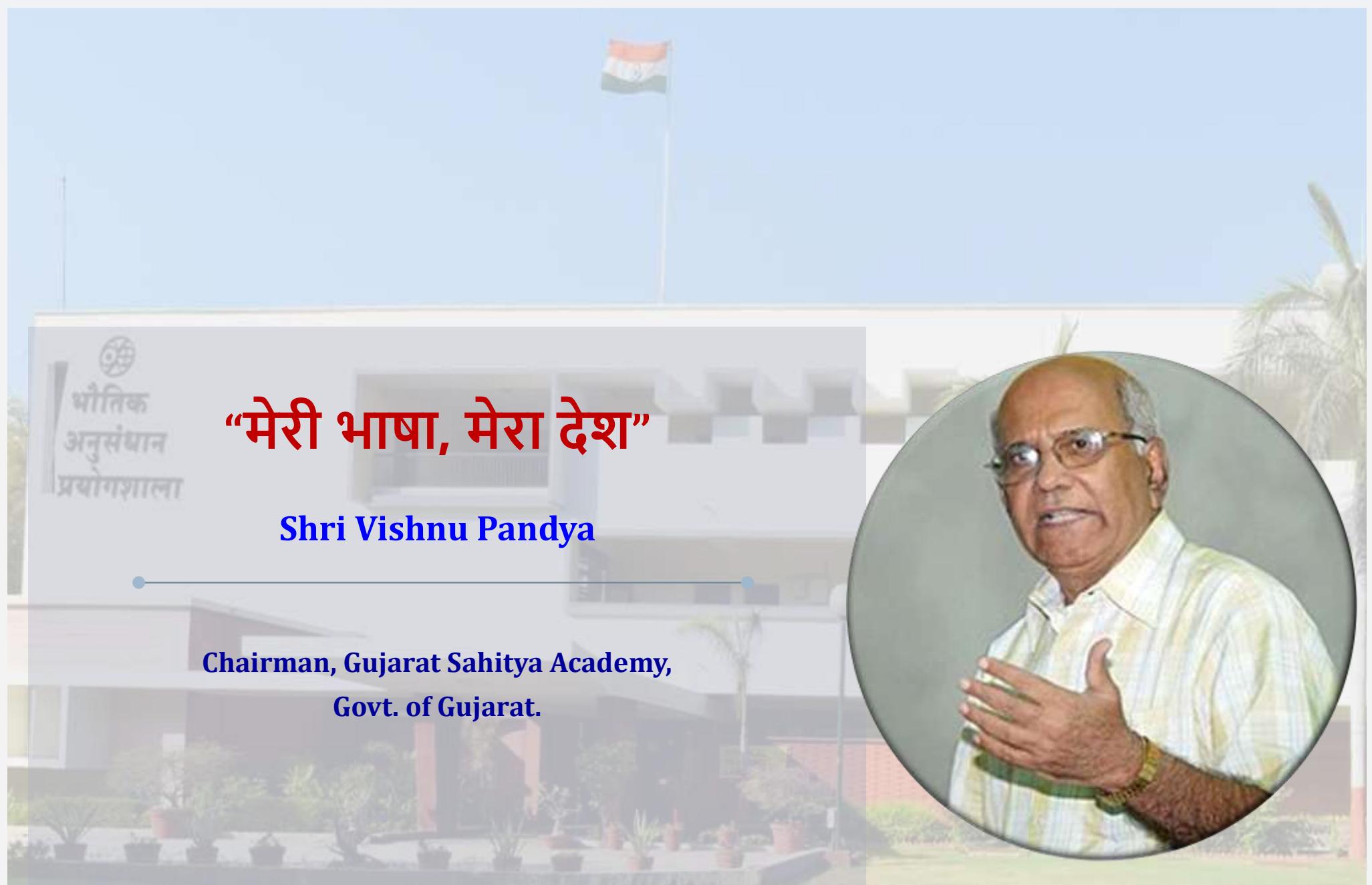
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## **Abstract**

देश आत्मा है और उसकी अभिव्यक्ति भाषा है। एक हो या अनेक, भाषा बड़ी शक्ति होती है। व्यक्ति और समूह दोनों का शास्त्र और शास्त्र का निर्माण भाषा से होता है। अपना इतिहास, समाज दर्शन, तत्त्वदर्शन, अर्थ शास्त्र, विज्ञान, शिक्षा और साहित्य का संबंध देश और भाषा से जीतना मजबूत होगा इतना राष्ट्र श्रेष्ठ बनेगा।

## **The Speaker**

Shri Vishnu Pandya is a renowned journalist, editor, thinker, author of three novels, essays, orator, and political commentator with profound political insight. He has edited several newspapers and magazines like Jansatta, Sadhana (Weekly) and contributed as a columnist to national newspapers and magazines- Dharmayuga, Dainik Jagaran, Samay Sahara, Ravivar, Organizer, Panchjanya, Janmabhoomi, Janshakti, etc. He is appreciated widely as a political analyst in Gujarat and Pan-India. His in-depth study of Indian history and political theories has made him a distinguished political analyst and critic.

Born on September 14, 1945, in a small town Manavadar of the Saurashtra region in Gujarat, Shri Pandya received the degrees of M.A. and L.L.B. He taught as a professor at S.N.D.T. Women's College, Ahmedabad, G.L.S. Girls, and City Arts College, Gujarat University and St. Xavers College, Ahmedabad. He has been an honorary member of the Board of Studies at Saurashtra University, M. S. University, Vadodara, and a member of Pandit Shyamji Krishna Verma Smarak Samiti, Gandhinagar and Swarnim Gujarat Pradesh Samiti, Gandhinagar. He served as general secretary of Vishwa Gujarati Samaj from 2009 to 2015. He is also chairman of Gujarat History Research Centre, Gandhinagar.

Shri Pandya is a prolific writer and columnist who has penned and published more than two thousand articles in various newspapers and magazines. He and his wife, Dr. Mrs. Arti Pandya, have written ninety-two books on journalism, history, politics, essays, biographies, and novels.

Shri Pandya is an independent thinker who critiques political events from historical perspectives. He is frequently invited to present his views on current political and cultural events as a panelist on many Gujarati and national television channels. He is an impressive orator and teacher of journalism and history. His contribution to the theory and history of journalism in the Gujarati language is commendable. He has contributed to the Vibrant Gujarat Summit since 2005, writing and producing Mega Event Show based on Gujarat's local history and historical places.

Shri Pandya has been conferred with numerous awards and prizes. His fifteen books have been honored with awards by Gujarat Sahitya Parishad and Gujarati Sahitya Academy. In 1991, he was awarded Narmad Chandrak from Narmad Sahitya Sabha for his writings on history. Abhivadan Trust, Mumbai, Gujarat Patrakar Sangh and N.C.G.O. (England) have felicitated him. He was conferred upon Kaka Kalelkar Prize for his book Misavasyam. His contribution to journalism, history, political analysis, literature, and biography is exceptional. Shri Vishnu Pandya was honored with Padma Shri in 2017.



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