

It the faces who braved
 1995 emerged victorious.
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ration for many aspiring starlets in the city. Kalpana Chandra dreamt big and made it too. A finalist at the

Gladrags Megamodel Hunt 2002, she is one of the first female contestants from Vadodara to gain entry to this reputed pageant. But her success story didn't come to a halt after the contest. She shifted base to Mumbai and bagged some chunky roles in prime time television serials. Apart from doing cameo role in *Kahani Ghar Ghar Ki*, *Kkusum*, *Kuch Jhuki Palkein*, *Kammal* and other Balaji Telefilm ventures, she is also playing the lead role in a Gujarati serial to be aired on ETV Gujarati. What's more she has gained a passport into Bollywood too with a sizzling item number for a Raj Babbar production movie titled *Thoda Tum Badlo, Thoda Hum*.

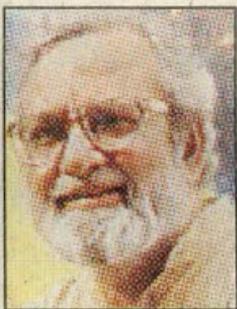
The sultry model has not bid goodbye to modelling. She continues to model for ramp shows and product advertisements, apart from anchoring stage shows. Watch out for her because she is surely reaching out for the stars.

Fame on canvas

GULAM MOHAMMED SHAIKH

Artist

Art city Vadodara's painters brought us laurels this year. While a retrospective of Bhupen Khakkar was held in Spain, his contemporary Gulam Mohammed Shaikh was awarded the Kalidas Samman for his contribution to art. This award is just another jewel in his crown. Writer, poet and artist, Shaikh is



one of the foremost representative of the famed Baroda School of Art.

No wonder the city is an integral part of his artistic content. Besides having taught art, history and painting for nearly three decades at The Faculty of Fine Arts, M S University, he has also edited a book *Contemporary Art in Baroda* that traces the evolution of the city as an important centre of contemporary art and art education. His other achievements include a stint at the Art Institute of Chicago, US where he was a visiting artist and an artist-in-residence at the South Asia Regional Studies, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

Books, awards, exhibitions around the world, Shaikh remains unfazed by all the recognition, quite like the true artist drawing inspiration from his surroundings. Shaikh is also game to try out new methods like digital art. Staying in the quiet environs of Pratapgunj this 65 year-old Padmashree recipient continues his artistic journey bringing more life to art, and vice versa.

Designs on the future

KARAN GROVER AND ANAND SHIRGAOKAR

Architects

Eco-friendly architecture and use of local material won these MSU alumnus the prestigious Indian Institute of Architects (IIA)

— Snowcem awards 2001. While Shirgaokar bagged it in the residential category for Mulla brothers residential complex at Deolali, Maharashtra, Karan Grover & Associates were conferred the award for excellence in urban architecture with the Confederation of Indian Industries' Institute of Quality (IQ), Bangalore being adjudged outstanding public building of the year.

