

**Renowned Sculptor, Jyotsna  
Bhatt, passes away**



Jyotsna Bhatt

With a sense of deep regret, sharing the news of passing away of Jyotsanaben Bhatt, in Vadodara. Known to be one of India's best-known ceramic artists, Baroda-based Bhatt breathed her

last on July 11, two days after she suffered a stroke. She was 80. "She was a gentle and generous person, who made wonderful work. A nodal figure for artists working in ceramics, her works received wide recognition and she would often travel to conduct workshops across the country," says artist Nilima Sheikh.

Her profile excerpted from a recent publication is as below :

Jyotsna Bhatt is a name synonymous with fine arts and sculpture in Baroda. She studied sculpture at the Faculty of Fine Arts, MS University, Baroda and then pursued a course in Ceramics at Brooklyn Museum Art School, USA. In an illustrious career spanning over 50 years, Jyotsna Bhatt has mentored several young minds, who have carved a niche as prominent ceramicists. Jyotsnaben has several arts shows, exhibitions and workshops to her credit. She has been constantly supported by her husband Jyoti Bhatt.

She once spoke about herself: "I have received tremendous support from my family since I was a kid. I grew up in a joint family and lost my father at a young age; my uncle saw that I had an aptitude for art and encouraged me to pursue fine arts. Even after I got married, my husband has been incredibly supportive. My family is a very big part of all my achievements."