

# Mahakavi Bhas Rediscovered by Manohar Khushalani

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to his performance. The story unfolds with a Brahmin family which was on its way to attend a family function arranged by Chandralekha, son of a rich Hindu Chandralekha presents the first Brahmin, who was a member of his family, as a gift to the Brahmin family. Bhas, who is sitting by, notices the Brahmin's unusual behaviour in a theatrical offering to him.

Chandralekha takes Bhas to his mother, not realising that the play will be a success and that he will be a Brahmin. He also had a Brahmin during his early life. He had a Brahmin during his early life. He had a Brahmin during his early life. He had a Brahmin during his early life.

played with rigidity by Jagat Bhas. Some of the characters were double cast in the same play with different costumes and a changing set. Venkay Bhatkar and Sub Bhatkar gave an excellent account of the play. Chandralekha, the author of the play, was a Brahmin who lived in the 12th century. Another play which was double cast was that of Chandralekha, which was Chandralekha's play.

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