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Pioneering chemist Sukh Dev to be felicitated

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Rajkot: Padma Bhushan Sukh Dev, a giant in the field of organic and natural product chemistry, will be felicitated on January 20 by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and Central Salt Marine Chemicals Research Institute (CSMCRI), Bhavnagar, a national laboratory which works under the aegis of CSIR.

Director of CSMCRI P K Ghosh said the felicitation will be through the hands of eminent organic chemist professor Goverdhan Mehta, FRS, who is presently national research professor and lilly-jubilant chair at the school of chemistry, University of Hyderabad. Professor Mehta is one of the distinguished PhD students of Sukh Dev.

"On January 20, CSMCRI has organized a national programme on 'Drugs and the Sea' and eminent orga-



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"Sukh Dev has the rare distinction of having served both in academia and industry with equal zeal. His contributions at Malti Chem Research Centre, Nandesari, focused mainly on development of new technology for exploiting indigenous raw material. His pioneering contributions cutting across many aspects of organic chemistry will be cherished for years to come," Ghosh added. Recently, Sukh Dev donated his entire library to department of chemistry in Bhavnagar University for students.

nic chemistry scientists will attend it. So, we decided to felicitate Sukh Dev for contribution in the field of organic and natural product chemistry. Sukh Dev has now settled in Bhavnagar," Ghosh said.

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