

## Padma Shri Dr Abhay Bang



Padma Shri Dr **Abhay Bang** is Indian social activist, and researcher working in the field of community health in Maharashtra, India. He along with his wife Mrs Rani Bang have revolutionized healthcare for the poorest people in India and have overseen a programme that has substantially reduced infant mortality rates in one of the most poverty-stricken areas in the world. The World Health Organisation (WHO) and UNICEF have endorsed their approach to treating newborn babies and the programme is currently being rolled out across India and in parts of Africa. The Bangs founded the 'Society for Education, Action and Research in Community Health' (SEARCH) – a non-profit organisation, which is involved in rural health service and research. Dr Bang has been awarded the Padma Shri the fourth highest civilian award in the republic of India.