

Padma Shri Dr Prakash Amte



Prakash Baba Amte is a social worker from Maharashtra, India. He and his wife, Dr. Mandakini Amte, were awarded the Magsaysay Award for 'Community Leadership' in 2008 for their philanthropic work in the form of the Lok Biradari Prakalp amongst the Madia Gonds in Gadchiroli district of Maharashtra and the neighbouring states of Telangana and Madhya Pradesh. *Prakashvata* (Pathways to Light) is an autobiography of Amte. It was originally written in Marathi and is now translated into English, Gujarati and Kannada. Amte has penned down his experiences with his "wild friends" in a book titled *Raanmitra* (Jungle Friends). Biopic film, starring Nana Patekar, as Amte and Sonali Kulkarni as Mandakini Amte has been released in three languages Hindi, Marathi and English. Dr. Prakash Amte Bang has been awarded the Padma Shri the fourth highest civilian award in the republic of India. .