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LOK BIRADARI PRAKALP

MAGSAYSAY AWARD WINNER-2008

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Prakash Amte is a medical doctor and social worker from Maharashtra. He is known for the philanthropic work in the form of Lok Biradari Prakalp amongst the Madia Gonds in Gadchiroli district of Maharashtra and the neighboring states of Andhra Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh

He left his M.S. and moved to Hemalkasa to start the Lok Biradari Prakalp in 1973, a project for the development of tribal people, most of whom were the Madia Gond in the forests of Gadchiroli district in 1973. He lived and worked there without electricity, telephone etc. for almost twenty years and at times performed emergency surgical procedures without electricity.

The project transformed into three things: a hospital, Lok Biradari Prakalp Davakhana, a residential school Lok Biradari Prakalp Ashram Shala and an orphanage for injured wild animals the Amte Animal Arc. It seeks to improve health and educational services for tribals in the area. Hemalkasa lies in a tribal belt and the project provides health care to about 40000 individuals annually. The Lok Biradari Prakalp Ashram School has over 600 students, residents and day scholars

He was awarded the Magsaysay Award for community leadership in 2008.