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Murlidhar Devidas Amte was the eldest son of Devidas and Laxmibai Amte. His father Devidas was a powerful bureaucrat with the pre-independence British administration and a wealthy landowner in the Wardha district.

Being the first child of an affluent family, Muralidhar was never denied a single thing by his parents since childhood.

His parents lovingly called him ‘Baba’ and the name stuck with him. At a very young age, Baba owned a gun and used to hunt wild boar and deer.

Later, he went on to own an expensive sports car, cushioned with panther skin.

Baba studied law and earned his LLB degree from Law College in Wardha. He set up a law practice in his native town which soon became successful.

One day, he stumbled upon a a bundle of rags which was moving. On closer inspection, he was a human in his last stage of leprosy. Rotting mass of human flesh, only holes instead of nostrils, no trace of fingers or toes.



At first, Baba fled in fear; later, he returned, realizing that the only way to mitigate the fear he felt was to replace it with love. It was a turning point in his life.

He had no idea about leprosy and its treatment.

After several discussions, he and his wife Sadhanatai decided to commit themselves to work for the leprosy patients.

Their decision welcomed extreme criticism from their parents and society.



Determined Baba familiarised himself with the treatment of leprosy and learnt the rudiments of the treatment.

With Rs 14 and six leprosy patients, he approached the Maharashtra government and was granted 250 acres of land for the same.

This was the creation of a famous ashram called Anandwan in 1948.

Later he found two more ashrams and was awarded with Padma Shri, Padma Vibhushan and several such awards.



We all know Mother Teresa working for leprosy. Any idea about Baba Amte?

Baba Amte did a clean job unlike Mother Teresa who had a hidden motive in the name of social service.

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