



Nana Patekar: Actor, Director and National Award Winner

Veteran actor **Nana Patekar**, who died at 75, made his film debut with *Gaman* (1978) after studying at Mumbai's Sir J.J. School of Art. *Ankush* (1986) and *Parinda* (1989) established him as a major performer; his portrayal in *Parinda* earned a National Film Award.

His performance in *Krantiveer* (1994) won the **National Film Award for Best Actor**, followed by another Best Supporting Actor award for *Agni Sakshi* (1996). He also directed *Prahaar: The Final Attack* (1991). His association with the **Territorial Army and Maratha Light Infantry**, including service during the **1999 Kargil War**, reflected his longstanding connection with the armed forces.

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