

Baba Amte's Letter

It is unfortunate that, because of ill health, I cannot be in Karjat for the Bhoomi-Pujan of 'Shraddha Farms' on the 23rd of January 2005.

I sincerely believe that Shraddha Rehabilitation Foundation is doing pioneering work in the rehabilitation of psychiatrically afflicted roadside destitutes. It was my cherished dream to work for the mentally ill destitutes during my lifetime, a dream which somehow remained incomplete but which I firmly believe Shraddha will help to realise, fulfil and complete.

Mental illness has long been a shunned, neglected and rejected aspect of society, just as leprosy was and is. By taking up the responsibility of assisting, rescuing, treating and rehabilitating schizophrenic roadside destitutes, Shraddha is performing a laudable and courageous task.

I wish them all the support and encouragement along with God's own strength, patience, perseverance and resilience in their undertaking. May their work continue to expand and help in providing succour to the thousands of psychiatrically ill destitutes on the streets of India in the years to come.

With heartfelt blessings from me and my family to the entire team of Shraddha,

Affectionately,

Baba Amte

15th January 2005