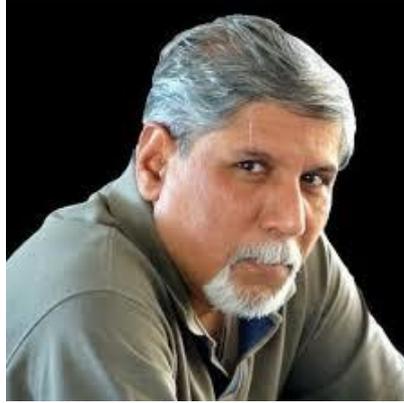


## Profile



**Shri Abhilash Khandekar**  
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Shri Abhilash Khandekar is an eminent multi-lingual journalist of a standing of more than 35 years in the profession. He is also a leading Environment campaigner and wildlife volunteer. He began his career as a specialised sports journalist with the Free Press Journal Group of Newspapers at Indore in early 1980s. Born in Mumbai, he studied at Indore and at Pune. Having done an MA in Political Science and another post-graduation in Commerce (Economics) from Indore University (DAVV), he chose to enter journalism. He writes in English, Hindi and Marathi.

He has worked with Hindustan Times, DNA (Daily News & Analysis) and headed Editorial operations as the State Editor of Dainik Bhaskar Group in Madhya Pradesh and then in Maharashtra between 2007 and 2014. He was the National Political Editor of DB group until 2016. He later joined as the Consulting Political Editor with FPJ Group in New Delhi. He has covered proceedings of State Assemblies and the Parliament for many years. He writes on politics, environment and urban issues among others.

A widely travelled person, Shri Khandekar has covered international summits such as G-20 in Germany, SAARC summit in Maldives and Rio World Earth Summit in Brazil and so on. He had also covered World Cup Cricket Championship in Australia and New Zealand in 1992. He has written several books on environment, besides a political biography of Madhya Pradesh. The book deals with the socio-economic progress of the Central Indian state.

His areas of interest range from political and social fields to wildlife conservation and classical music to sports. He also hosts/anchors a weekly environment programme (Astitva) on the Lok Sabha TV since June 2015.

He is Member of SRI, a think tank formed by Lok Sabha Speaker and inaugurated by PM Modi in August 2015. Shri Khandekar has been nominated as expert member of Central Zoo Authority by MoEF & CC. Khandekar has been a member of MP Wildlife Board for many years. He founded The Nature Volunteers (TNV) in 1992 at Indore as a not-for-profit organisation to save a bird habitat.

He has written books on birds, on politics and a Marathi book on books. He is associated with a number of sports bodies such as kho kho, cricket and basketball. His interests vary from politics to sports and classical music to bird watching and nature conservation. He divides his time between New Delhi and Bhopal.

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