Actor Nana Patekar dies at 75

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News

Veteran Hindi and Marathi actor Nana Patekar (75) died of a severe cardiac arrest at his home in Goa on 8 Oct 2026. He won National Awards for 'Parinda', 'Krantiveer' and 'Agni Sakshi', and the Padma Shri in 2013.

Key facts

Real name	Vishwanath Patekar
Born	1 Jan 1951, Murud-Janjira (Raigad district, Maharashtra)
Died	8 Oct 2026, Goa – cardiac arrest
National Awards	Parinda – Best Supporting Actor; Krantiveer – Best Actor; Agni Sakshi – Best Supporting Actor
Other	Debut 'Gaman' (1978); directed 'Prahaar' (1991); Padma Shri 2013; 'NAAM Foundation' (2015)

Background

- Social work: in 2015 he founded the NAAM Foundation with Makarand Anaspure to help drought-hit farmers in Maharashtra and families of farmers who died by suicide.
- Career: films such as 'Salaam Bombay!' (1988), 'Tirangaa', 'Angaar', 'Khamoshi', 'Apaharan' and 'Welcome'; famous for his intense dialogue delivery.

- National Film Awards began in 1954 and are given by the Information and Broadcasting Ministry; the highest honour is the Dadasaheb Phalke Award (since 1969).
- Padma awards: since 1954 – Bharat Ratna, Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan, Padma Shri; announced on Republic Day.
- Geography: Murud-Janjira is a famous sea fort in the Arabian Sea (Siddi dynasty), in Raigad district on Maharashtra's Konkan coast.

Tamil Nadu link: Nana Patekar played the villain 'Hari Dada' in the Tamil film 'Kaala' (2018), directed by Pa. Ranjith and starring Rajinikanth.

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