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***“MAJA KOENE SOCIAL ACTIVIST AWARD 2019”***

Conferred on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2019

**By CESCI Foundation India and Switzerland**

**Ms .Pratibha Shinde, Maharashtra  
(Social Activist)**

Ms. **Pratibha Shinde** is a well-recognized social activist from Maharashtra, and her efforts have yielded very important results in the life of marginalized people specially the tribal communities. Pratibha is more like a role model when it comes to organizing and mobilizing the tribal communities. Through her efforts she was able to influence the Govt. of Maharashtra to implement Forest Right Act (FRA) with greater commitment. It is worth noticing the level of community titles that is available to the tribal communities in Maharashtra. Ms. Pratibha Shinde has taken her efforts beyond Maharashtra to a national level and she is part of many important national networks that are trying to influence national policies in the interest of farmers and the marginalized communities. Ms. Pratibha Shinde through her life and work demonstrates a new culture of leadership that can attract many upcoming new generation leaders.

In appreciation of her contribution in empowering the marginalized communities, We at CESCI (Centre for Experiencing Socio-Cultural Interaction) are happy to confer the ***“Maja Koene Social Activist Award 2019”*** to **Ms. Pratibha Shinde** for her pursuit in making social activism as a tool for positive transformation. We wish her a very bright future.

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