

Legendary singer Lata Mangeshkar passes away

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Dhaka: Iconic singer Lata Mangeshkar passed away on February 6 at the age of 92.

She was admitted to a hospital in early January, after being tested positive for Covid-19. She was also diagnosed with pneumonia. Lata Mangeshkar was admitted to the ICU with mild symptoms and was recovering slowly, according to reports.

Around January 28, the singer was taken off the ventilator, after she showed slight signs of improvement. However, on February 5, her condition deteriorated and she was back on ventilator support.

As her condition was critical, the veteran singer was put under aggressive therapy and was tolerating the procedures before her unfortunate demise.

"Lata Didi's songs brought out a variety of emotions. She closely witnessed the transitions of the Indian film world for decades. Beyond films, she was always passionate about India's growth. She always wanted to see a strong and developed India," said Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi in a tweet.

Lata Mangeshkar was born on September 28, 1929 to Marathi musician Pandit Deenanath Mangeshkar and Shevanti in Indore. She was the oldest of the siblings, Meena Khadikar,

Asha Bhosle, Usha Mangeshkar and Hridaynath Mangeshkar.

Lata Mangeshkar took keen interest in singing and had studied fine art of music with Aman Ali Khan Sahib and Amanat Khan, celebrated singers of her time. She had also received music lessons from her father.

Known as the 'Nightingale of India', Lata Mangeshkar was initially rejected as a playback singer but later on she went on to deliver some of the biggest hits of the industry and will always be fondly remembered for her massive contribution to the music industry.

Lata Mangeshkar was a recipient of the Padma Bhushan, third-highest civilian award in 1969, the Padma Vibhushan, second-highest civilian award in 1999 and the highest civilian award, Bharat Ratna in 2001.

Lata Mangeshkar was also conferred with France's highest civilian award, 'Officier de la Legion d'Honneur' (Officer of the Legion of Honour) in 2009.

She received three National Awards for the songs 'Beeti Na Bitai Raina' from 'Parichay' (1972), 'Roothe Roothe Piya' from 'Kora Kagaz' (1974) and 'Yara Seeli Seeli' from 'Lekin...' (1991).

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