

A Tribute to Bappi Lahiri: The OG Disco King of India

In the world of songs, February 2022 will be remembered as Black February. Nine days ago, vocal queen Lata Mangeshkar had taken the last hiccup and now on February 15, Bappi Lahiri also said goodbye to the world. The original name of disco king Bappi Da is Alokesh Lahiri, but in the film world he was known as Bappi Lahiri.

Of course, Bappi Da's original identity was his music, but he was known no less than the goggles on his eyes, the gold chain around his neck and the diamond rings adorned in his fingers. Seeing his appearance, it does not seem that he is the composer of serious songs like 'Kisi Nazar Ko Tera Intezaar Aaj Bhi Hai' (film Ebaar) and serious songs like 'Chalte Chalte Mere Yeh Geet Yaad Rakna Kabhi Alvida Na Kehna'.

Songs like 'I am a disco dancer' (film disco dancer) and 'Jalta Hai Jiya Mera Bheegi Bheegi Raaton Mein' fit his lifestyle. This quality of his puts him in the category of versatile composer.

The most asked question about Bappi Da is 'Why did he wear so much gold and diamond jewellery?' You must have heard the name of American pop star Elvis Presley, he used to wear a gold chain during his every concert. Influenced by Bappi da Presley, he used to wear gold. He himself said this in an interview. He also considered it lucky for himself. Anyway, Bollywood has been very famous for believing in tricks. However.

Bappi inherited music. Born in Jalpaiguri (West Bengal), Bappi's parents Bansari Lahiri and Arpesh Lahiri were both Bengali singers and musicians. He introduced his only child to the world of music at a young age. At the age of three, he made friends with Bappi's tabla. With this tabla playing, Bappi Da took his early education in music from his parents. It is a different matter that he got inspiration to become a film composer from Sachin Dev Burman.

As soon as he stepped on the threshold of puberty, he started listening and singing songs of Burman Da. Bappi Lahiri's first film was the Bengali movie 'Dadu' (1972) and 'Ninha Shikari' (1973) was his first Hindi film. But the credit for awakening his luck goes to producer Tahir Hussain, whose film 'Zakhmi' (1975) took him to the peak of popularity. Apart from the songs "Aao Tumhe Chand Pe Le Jayen" and "Jalta Hai Jiya", a unique work is also in the name of Bappi in this film.

He made both Kishore and Rafi sing the song 'Nothing is Impossible', but he also



sang it himself, adding his voice to their voice. Let us tell you that Bappi was also a very good singer. Now in 2020, he sang the popular number 'Bhankas' for Shraddha Kapoor and Tiger Shroff's film 'Baaghi 3'. Which was composed by Tanishk Bagchi. This was his last film as a singer. As a singer, he also worked a lot with other musicians.

Bappi is a disco style and rock music composer. He got the opportunity to compose his favorite music in 1982 with 'Disco Dancer', on whose music another Bengali

Babu Mithun Chakraborty was seen grooving and singing 'I'm a Disco Dancer'. In the same year, Amitabh Bachchan and Smita Patil were seen setting rain water on fire when they sang the song 'Aaj Rapat Jaane To Hum Na Uthayeyo' to the tune of Bappi Da.

Then came Amitabh's 'Sharaabi' (1984) in which he sang two different mood songs from Kishore. 'Stories are your place, way is your place' and 'De de pyar de, pyar de re'. Then his song 'Yaar Bina Chain Kahan Re' in 'Saheb' (1985) made a splash.

When Michael Jackson's show took place in Mumbai in 1975, the only musician he called in his show was Bappi Lahiri, who used pop music in Hindi music. Bappi, who made the entry of pop music in Bollywood, also had to face criticism for this experiment.

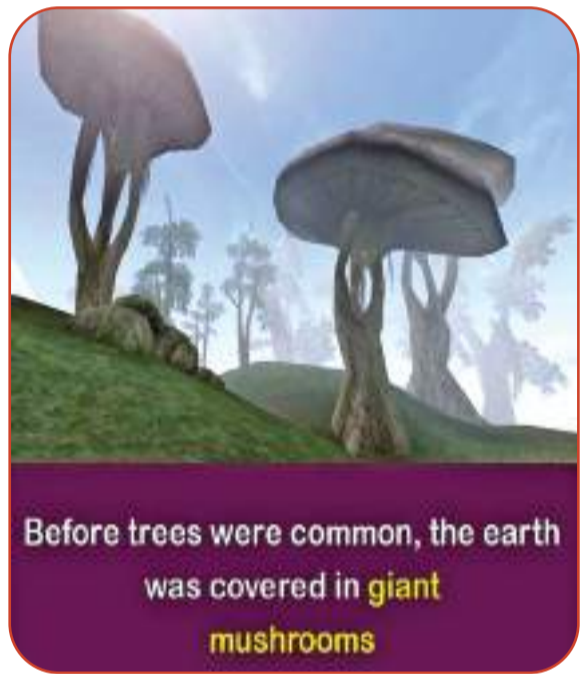
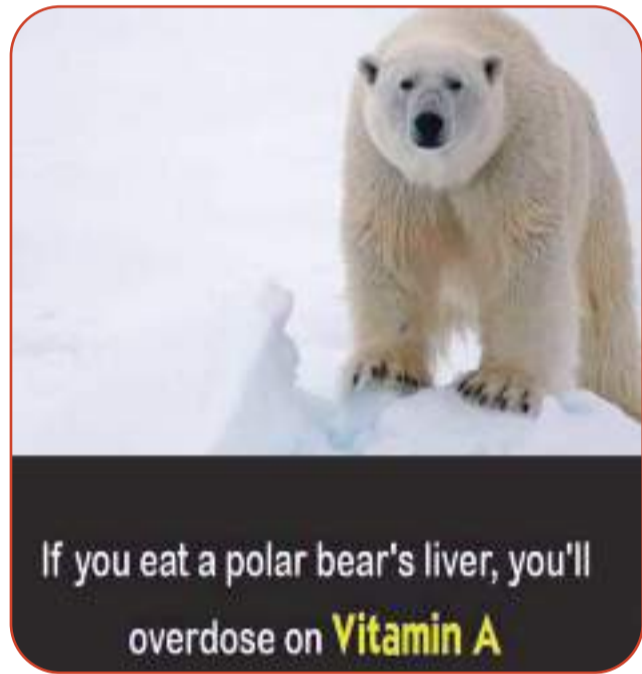
Bappi Da, who started the musical journey of Bollywood starting from 1973, has worked in his career for Aapki Kakeer, Suraksha, Lahu Ke Do Rang, Vardaad, Jyoti, Himmatwala, Kasam Waane Wale Ki, Arrested, Adventure of Tiger, Dance Dance, Aag. He not only gave music in films like Aag, Commando, Guru, Nakabandi, Aaj Ka Arjun and Ghayal but also did playback singing in many films. Apart from Hindi, he also composed music in Bengali, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada and Gujarati films.

He received the Filmfare Award for Best Music for the film Sharaabi and later he was also honored with the Life Time Award of the Filmfare. Also received Mirchi Music Award for Best Item Song for 'O La O Lala' (Dirty Picture).

Let us tell you that this song was sung by Bappi with Shreya Ghoshal in Naseer, Vidya and Emraan Hashmi's hit film 'Dirty Picture' and it was the hit item number of the year 2011. This song was performed on screen by Sakar Naseeruddin Shah and Vidya Balan. Vishal-Shekhar composed it.

A portion of Lahiri's song "Thoda Resham Lagta Hai" (film Jyoti) was included by American singer R&B in his song 'Addictive' (2002). Due to this, the copyright holder music company Saregama India also sued the issuing company Interscope Records and the parent company Universal Music Group. After this \$500 lawsuit, a federal court in Los Angeles ruled that the sale of CDs of the song was banned. The judgment said that this ban will remain in force until Lahiri is given credit for the song.

THE FACT CORNER



BRAIN TEASERS

- Which word does NOT belong with the others?
A. parsley B. basil
C. dill D. mayonnaise
- Which word does NOT belong with the others?
A. tulip B. rose
C. bud D. daisy
- Which word does NOT belong with the others?
A. guitar B. flute
C. violin D. cello
- Which word does NOT belong with the others?
A. heading B. body
C. letter D. closing
- Which word does NOT belong with the others?
A. tape B. twine
C. cord D. yarn
- Odometer is to mileage as compass is to
A. speed B. hiking
C. needle D. direction
- Marathon is to race as hibernation is to
A. winter B. bear
C. dream D. sleep

SOLUTION:
1. Mayonnaise.
2. Bud
3. Flute
4. Letter
5. Tape
6. direction
7. sleep

English Proverbs and Meanings

* **A bad penny always turns up.**
An unwanted or disreputable person constantly comes back.

* **A bad tree does not yield good apples.**
A bad parent does not raise good children.

* **A bad workman blames his tools.**
Blaming the tools for bad workmanship is an excuse for lack of skill.

* **A black plum is as sweet as a white.**
People should not be judged by their appearance.

* **A broken friendship may be soldered but will never be sound.**
Friendships can be rebuilt after a dispute but will never be as strong as before.

* **A burden of one's own choice is not felt.**
Something difficult seems easier when it is done voluntarily.

* **A constant guest is never welcome.**
If you come to visit too often, your host will be less pleased to see you.

Rajma Sandwich



Ingredients needed
Brown bread - 6, Onion - 1
Ginger - 1/2 inch piece finely chopped
Green chilli - 1 finely chopped or chilli powder -1/2 tsp
Rajma /kidney beans - 1/2 cup cooked

Pepper powder to taste, Salt
Butter for toasting the bread
For the seasoning
Oil - 2 tsp, Cumin seeds - 3/4 tsp
Preparation
Wash and soak rajma overnight or for 6-7 hours and pressure cook until soft. After it cools, grind it to a coarse paste.
Method -
Heat 2 tsp of oil, add cumin seeds, when it splutters, add finely chopped onions, green chillies, ginger and saute until onions turn transparent.
If it is for kids, you can add 1/2 tsp chilli powder instead of green chillies.
Add the ground rajma, needed salt, pepper powder and mix it well.
How to prepare sandwich toast
Butter both sides of the bread, place 1-2 tbsp of the rajma filling and cover it with another buttered bread. Place it in a sandwich toaster and toast until golden brown. If you do not have a sandwich toaster, use a tawa to toast the bread. Cut diagonally and serve hot with tomato ketchup or tomato chutney.

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Chilli Dosa



Ingredients needed
Thick spongy dosas -3
Cheese
Onion -2

Tomato -2
Green chilli - 1 finely chopped (optional)
Ginger - a small bit finely chopped
Capsicum - 1 medium
Red chilli powder - 3/4 -1 tsp
Turmeric powder -1/4 tsp
Kitchen king masala or garam masala powder - 1/4 tsp
Salt as required
Oil - 1 1/2 tbsp
Method
Heat oil, add onions, green chilli, ginger and saute till onions turn translucent.
Then add Cheese, tomatoes, chilli powder, turmeric powder and cook till tomatoes become mushy.
Now add capsicum, kitchen king masala and cook for a few more minutes.
Do not overcook the capsicum.
The capsicum should retain its crunchiness.
Add salt needed.
Now add the dosa bits and mix well till the dosa gets coated with the masala.
Serve warm and your child is going to enjoy it for sure.
Enjoy it with tomato Ketchup.