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Teary-eyed nation bids adieu to Lata Mangeshkar

Music legend cremated with state honours; PM among luminaries present at funeral; 2-day national mourning announced

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

MUMBAI: Singing legend Lata Mangeshkar, who enthralled millions with her divine voice for eight decades, was cremated with full state honours in Mumbai on Sunday.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi was among the luminaries from politics and entertainment industry present at her funeral at Shivaji Park in Dadar area in the evening.

Modi left the venue after offering her floral tributes. Floral tributes were also paid to her at Shivaji Park on behalf of President Ram Nath Kovind.

Lata's brother Hridaynath Mangeshkar lit the funeral pyre of the singing legend, who died at 92 in a hospital here on Sunday morning after multi-organ failure.

Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray, Deputy CM Ajit Pawar, NCP chief Sharad Pawar, actors Shah Rukh Khan and Aamir Khan, cricketer Sachin Tendulkar and MNS chief Raj Thackeray were present as Lata's mortal remains were consigned to flames in presence of people from all walks of life.

Hridaynath Mangeshkar was inconsolable as he performed the last rites.

Modi laid a wreath and bowed in front of the mortal remains. He also met the Mangeshkar family members and consoled them. He left the venue before the funeral.

Just before the last rites, the national Tricolour in which the mortal remains were draped, was handed over to the family members.



Lata's last audio message for India was a Shloka from Bhagavad Gita

Lata Mangeshkar's recitation of a verse from Bhagwad Gita was her last audio message, which was recorded by Anupam Kher. He shared the recording on Twitter today, remembering the legendary singer. Today, February 6, an era has come to an end, as legendary singer Lata Mangeshkar breathed her last.

In the voice clip, Lata Mangeshkar greeted Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the second meeting of the Amrit Mahotsav Committee. After congratulating the PM on India's 75th year of Independence, she said, "Yeh sab main kehne ke baad Bhagwad Gita mein Bhagwan Shri Krishna, ek unka shloka hai jo main sunane ja rahi hoon. Yada yada hi dharmasya glanirbhavati bharata. Abhythanamadharmasya tadatmanam srijamyaham. Paritranaya sadhunam vinashay cha dushkritam."

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The mortal remains of Lata Mangeshkar, draped in the national flag, were taken in a truck from her residence Prabhu Kunj in south Mumbai to Shivaji Park for the last rites.

J&K Govt declares two days mourning

JAMMU: The Government decided to observe two days UT Mourning on February 6 and 7, 2022 as a mark of respect to Kumari Lata Mangeshkar, who has passed away today morning.

"As Government of India has decided that there shall be two days State Mourning on February 6 to 7, 2022 throughout the country, it has been decided that the National Flag shall fly at half-mast during the mourning on all buildings and places where it is flown regularly; and there shall be no official entertainment during the Mourning," reads a notification issued by

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India's national treasure whose voice stirred millions of hearts every day for close to eight decades. She was 92.

As a flower-bedecked cortege went from Mangeshkar's Peddar Road home to Shivaji Park for the last rites, surging crowds of mourners walked or jogged along, many thousands lined the 10-kilometre route and millions tuned into their screens -- to say goodbye to the woman who had been an integral part of their lives and to fuse into memory a moment in contemporary history.

Mangeshkar, whose name was written into legend long years before she took her last breath in Mumbai's Breach Candy Hospital, had been in hospital since

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Govt lifts weekend lockdown in J&K, night restrictions to continue

J&K reports 1,151 new COVID cases, 9 fatalities

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JAMMU: The authorities on Sunday decided to lift weekend lockdown after decline in COVID-19 cases in Jammu and Kashmir and also allowed coaching centres to take offline classes with 50 percent capacity subject to the condition that both staff as well students are fully vaccinated.

According to an order, issued by State Executive Committee, night curfew will remain in force in the entire Union Territory from 10:00 PM to 6:00 AM with complete restriction on non-essential movement.

The order also stated that coaching centres from civil services, engineering and NEET etc. are permitted to adopt offline medium of teaching at 50 per cent capacity subject to condition that both faculty members and students are fully vaccinated and ensuring of following of SOPs and Covid Appropriate Behaviour.

It, however, stated that all educational institutions will continue to remain closed from offline mode of teaching and shall continue

to take online classes.

Meanwhile, Jammu and Kashmir has reported 1151 new Covid cases during the past 24 hours, 511 from Jammu division and 640 from Kashmir division, thus taking the total number of positive cases in the Union Territory to 446648.

Officials said nine Covid related deaths were recorded, five in the Jammu Division and four in the Valley.

According to the daily Media Bulletin, out of 446648 positive cases, 17412 are Active Positive (5698 in Jammu Division and 11714 in Kashmir Division), 424521 have recovered and 4715 have died; 2307 in Jammu division and 2408 in Kashmir division.

The Bulletin further said that out of 21859471 test results available, 446648 samples have tested positive and 21412823 samples have been tested as negative till date. Besides, 71,708 COVID tests have been conducted in last 24 hours.

Till date 5865440 persons have been enlisted for observation which included

33311 persons in home quarantine including facilities operated by government, 17412 in isolation and 434603 in home surveillance.

Besides, 5375399 persons have completed their surveillance period.

Ladakh's Covid caseload increased to 26,821 as 111 more people tested positive for the viral disease during the past 24 hours, officials said.

The death toll remained unchanged at 226.

While 57 fresh cases were reported from Kargil district, 54 were from Leh district, the officials said.

Of the total 226 deaths, 167 were reported from Leh and 59 from Kargil, according to the officials.

As many as 165 patients -- 134 in Leh and 31 in Kargil -- were discharged from hospitals after recovering from COVID-19. With this, the total number of recoveries in Ladakh has gone up to 25,570, the officials said.

There are 1,025 active cases -- 586 in Leh and 439 in Kargil -- in the union territory. The positivity rate stands at 4.2 per cent, they said.

Five PDD CEs transferred

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JAMMU: The Government on Sunday transferred five I/c Chief Engineers (CEs) of Power Development Department (PDD).

According to the order issued by Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary Power Development Department, Ashwani Kumar Sachdeva, I/c Chief Engineer (Distribution), JPDCL, Jammu has been transferred and posted as I/c Chief Engineer (Trading), Jammu

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Zargar posted as SP, CID (A) Hqrs

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JAMMU: The Government on Sunday posted Aijaz Ahmad Zargar, Additional SP Samba as SP, CID (A) Headquarters.

According to the order issued by Shaleen Kabra, Principal Secretary, Home Department, Aijaz

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Seven JKAS officers transferred

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JAMMU: The government on Sunday transferred seven JKAS officers.

According to the order issued by Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, Principal Secretary, General Administration Department, Khalid Majeed, JKAS, Special Secretary to the Government, Home Department has been

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BSF thwarts major narcotic smuggling bid; 3 Pak intruders killed along IB in Samba

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Three Pakistani intruders were gunned down on Sunday by the BSF as it scuttled a major narcotic smuggling attempt and recovered 36 kgs heroin worth crores of rupees along the International Border in Samba sector of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said.

This was the fourth narcotic smuggling bid foiled by the BSF troops along the border this year, while a total of nine Pakistani intruders were eliminated in various such attempts in the past one year, Inspector General of Border



IG BSF, Jammu Frontier, D K Boora briefing media.

Security Force (BSF), Jammu frontier, D K Boora said.

We had a very good operation the previous night when

the alert troops eliminated a narcotic smuggling attempt from Pakistan. The smugglers tried to take advantage

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All withdrawn posts to be re-advertised; fast tracked for fair, transparent recruitment: J&K Govt

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JAMMU: All the vacancies recalled by a recent decision of the Administrative Council shall be referred again to recruitment agencies for fast track recruitment as per the new domicile, reservation and recruitment rules providing equal opportunity to all. A free, fair and merit based selection shall be quickly ensured.

It is also clarified that withdrawal of posts referred to PSC /SSB before October

Only those posts have been withdrawn where selections have not been made & results not declared

31, 2019 has only been done for posts where selections have not been made and results have not been declared.

The J&K government further clarifies that now these posts shall be put to fresh advertisement for selection on fast track basis to ensure that they are filled up in a time bound manner taking into account reservation and

domicile rules.

It is important to note that a number of posts referred to PSC /SSB by various departments, have remained stuck up for long time, in some cases 2004 onwards. Some of these posts could not have been advertised, as they were against recruitment rules. Therefore, selection against these posts could not

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'Drug peddler' found hanged inside lock-up; probe ordered

SHO Hiranagar attached; 3 cops placed under suspension



Family members, relatives of deceased along with locals blocked national highway at Hiranagar.

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HIRANAGAR: A 35-year-old suspected drug peddler allegedly hanged himself to

death inside police lockup in Hiranagar Police Station in Kathua district on Sunday, prompting the authorities to

order a magisterial inquiry, officials said.

Three policemen were placed under suspension and the Station House Officer (SHO) Inspector Yash Pal Sharma concerned was attached to the district police lines as the police also ordered a separate departmental inquiry, they said.

Sunil Verma, son of Narayan Dutt, of Tappal village was arrested after 12 gms of heroin was found from his possession him during a vehicle checking in the Hiranagar area on Thursday, and he was

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Humidity

Max: 80 Min: 75

Sunset : 18:08 Hours

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