

# Lata Mangeshkar

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**In news**— Lata Mangeshkar who is lovingly referred to as the 'Nightingale of India' passed away recently.

## About Lata Mangeshkar-

- She was an Indian playback singer and occasional music composer.
- **Born in Indore**, her contribution to the Indian music industry in a career spanning seven decades gained her honorific titles such as the Nightingale of India, Voice of the Millennium and Queen of Melody.
- **She began her career at the age of 13 in 1942** and recorded songs in over thirty-six Indian languages and a few foreign languages, though primarily in Hindi, Bengali and Marathi.
- **Her first breakthrough song**, Dil Mera Toda, was for the film Majboor **in 1948**.
- **Her last full album was for the late filmmaker Yash Chopra-directed 2004 film 'Veer Zaara'**.
- Her **last song was 'Saugandh Mujhe Is Mitti Ki,'** which was released on March 30, 2021, **as a tribute to the Indian Army**.
- She was **awarded the Bharat Ratna**, the highest civilian honour in 2001.
- She was also the recipient of several awards including Padma Bhushan, Padma Vibhushan, Dada Saheb Phalke Award, and multiple National Film Awards.