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The music plays on: India's 'VOICE' Lata Mangeshkar cremated with state honours

PTI, MUMBAI: Bharat's 'ratna' Lata Mangeshkar was cremated with full state honours here on Sunday, her life and death testimony that end of an era is not always a cliché and sometimes carries a ring of truth that imprints itself into lasting memory.

She was 92.

Mangeshkar, whose voice stirred millions of hearts everyday and who will forever be counted as one of India's greats with an estimated 25,000 songs in an almost eight-decade career, died in Mumbai's Breach Candy hospital on Sunday morning due to multiple organ failure.

Flames licked the rapidly darkening sky as her brother Hridayanath Mangeshkar lit the funeral pyre at Shivaji Park and a nation held its collective breath as it were, many searching through their mental -- and digital --

songbooks to identify their favourite Mangeshkar number.

The haunting strains of "Rahein na rahein hum, mehka kareng", "Ae mere watan ke logon" and "Nam gum jaayega" played in the

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The Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi has announced with profound sorrow the death of Bharat Ratna Lata Mangeshkar at Breach Candy Hospital, Mumbai on 6th February, 2022. As a mark of respect to the departed Dignitary, the Government of India has declared 2 days State Mourning on Feb. 6 & 7.

During the State Mourning, the National Flag is being flown at half mast throughout India and there will be no Official Entertainment on these two days. Meanwhile, State funeral was accorded to the departed soul on Feb. 6 evening.



Director (P&ME) conducts random visit to Polling Stations in & around Port Blair to review Assured Minimum Facilities

Port Blair, Feb 06:

The Director, Panchayat & Municipal Elections Shri Suneel Anchipaka, IAS alongwith the ADM (SA), SDM(SA), AC(S), Returning Officers, Tehsildar Port Blair, Asst. Returning Officer and officials from the line departments made random visit to the polling stations in around

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Air Marshal Balabhadra Radha Krishna, PVSM, AVSM, SC, Chief of Integrated Defence Staff to the Chairman Chiefs of Staff Committee (CISC) on visit to these Islands called on Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency today at Raj Niwas. Discussed various perspective plans, force accretion and other strategic projects.

Single Window System for Mike permission /Rally procession

Port Blair, Feb 05:

The District Administration keeping in view of the ensuing Panchayat and Municipal Election 2022 has initiated a service of Single Window System for obtaining Mike permission /Rally procession. The Applicant/General public are requested to

adhere the following procedure for applying for Mike permission /Rally procession under Single Window System.

1. Permit for using Loud Speakers available ONLINE for various locations of South Andaman District using the below URL. <https://edistrict.andaman.gov.in>

2. Applicant must register in the portal and create their User ID.

3. After Login, under Revenue department "Permit for Using Loud Speakers" can be selected and profile details are to be updated and proceed accordingly.


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MP mourns death of Bharat Ratna Lata Mangeshkar

Port Blair, Feb 06: Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma, the Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands today condoled the death of noted playback singer and Bharat Ratna Lata Mangeshkar ji.

He said that Lata Mangeshkar ji left a permanent impression for the last several decades in the playback singing in many languages and her death has left a void, which can never be filled in the music world of the country.

He added that Lata Mangeshkar ji's songs will remain on air every second in some or the other part of the world and hence she will remain in our hearts every moment and forever.



EDITORIAL

Letting lata go, seeking solace in her songs

The tug of film and classical music is an old one in the subcontinent. One represents excitement, the other exactitude. There's popularity in one, propriety in another. It's a conundrum that could break the best of singers, and it often has. "If you want to earn money, raise a family," warns a voice in Chaitanya Tamhane's The Disciple, "then perform love songs or film songs." That's how sharply, lest we forget, the lines are drawn.

Lata Mangeskar sang love songs, film songs and she earned a bit of money. Yet look at the reverence pouring out—all those tears and tributes—and a greater picture emerges. In life, Lata, who trained under her classical vocalist father, didn't so much break from tradition as recast it anew. Her most defining traits—composure, simplicity and grace—are consistent with her musical roots. Yet she also ran wild with the times, improvised where she had to, retreated where she couldn't. She adapted to film totally, spiritually—and that's no mean feat. If the pronouncement in The Disciple sounds dismissive today, how much more would it have stung in 1943? It's staggering how deeply Lata's voice is connected to our lives. The melodies, the lullabies—they've passed on, heirloom-like, through time. Technology plays a part. As this is penned down, strains of Tum Agaye Ho and Aaja Piya Tohe Pyar Du waft in from the other room. It's been played on Spotify on a mobile phone—there's compression involved, and a hint of crackle. It might not be how one remembers first hearing these songs, on a Sharp TV set in the late 90s. The prior generations, who grew up in the 60s and 70s, with the radio transistor, have a different story.

It's a time of mourning; flags stand at half-mast. Social media is flooded with pictures. "Feb 6 is a dark day," declares Hema Malini, the luminous star of some of Lata's brightest songs. A pandemic-stricken country joins in grief. The singer, for her part, goes in characteristic quiet. Consolation? Parting words? Find it in the songs.

Classes for Std. VI, VII , VIII & IX in schools of A&N Islands to reopen on alternate day basis from Feb. 8

Port Blair, Feb.4

Consequent on approval accorded by Competent Authority, Classes for Std. VI, VII , VIII & IX in all management (Govt., Govt. Aided, Private Unaided and Local Body) schools across Islands will reopen on alternate day basis with effect from 8th February, 2022 subject to certain conditions. All educational institutions have been directed to follow all COVID protocol and ensure COVID Appropriate Behavior. Students will be permitted to attend school only with the written consent of parents/

guardian. Physical attendance will not be compulsory and online instructions via the existing mode will continue. Meanwhile, for classes I to V teaching through existing online mode shall continue as usual.

Specific directions and standard operating procedures to be followed in the schools have been communicated to all the schools through Zonal Officers in order to comply with the COVID-19 protocols as well as to prevent the threat of spread of COVID-19.

Asaduddin Owaisi poll partner, ex-UP Minister Babu Singh Kushwaha says he too got threats along with AIMIM chief

PTI, BUDAUN: Days after gunshots were fired at AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi's car in Pilkhuwa of Hapur district, his poll partner and former state minister Babu Singh Kushwaha on Sunday claimed that he and the Hyderabad MP have been getting threats.

Kushwaha, the convenor of newly-launched Bhagidari Parivartan Morcha, said, "Owaisi told me that after the formation of the Morcha (outfit), he is getting death threats."

"I (Kushwaha) also told him that I am also getting threats. We took the threats as a joke but the attack took place and the threats proved to be true," Kushwaha, the chief of Jan Adhikar Party, added.

Kushwaha made the claim here while campaigning for his party candidate for the Bisauli assembly seat, Rekha Chandra.

Asked why did they not lodge any complaint, Kushwaha said, "We thought the threats were just jokes and felt as if someone was doing mischief. But the attack on Owaisi took place after recce."

Owaisi had launched last month Bhagidari Parivartan Morcha jointly with his party AIMIM, Kushwaha's outfit and an all-India body of government employees of the backward, Dalits and minority community, founded by Kanshi Ram in the 1970s.

Bullets were fired at Owaisi on Thursday in Pilkhuwa of the Hapur district which goes to the polls on February 10.

On Owaisi not taking the security cover, he said he (Owaisi) does not believe in violence and so, he had returned it.

Budaun will go to the polls on February 14 during the second phase of the assembly elections.

The Hapur Police on Friday said it has arrested the second suspect involved in the firing at Asaduddin Owaisi's car.

The police have lodged an FIR on the attempt to murder charge in the case and arrested two accused in the case.

The duo has been remanded in judicial custody.

The All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) chief's car came under attack in Hapur while he was returning to Delhi after attending election-related events in western Uttar Pradesh on Thursday evening, a week before assembly polls begin in the state.

No one was injured in the incident.

"One of the accused has been identified as Sachin, a resident of Badalpur in Gautam Buddh Nagar while the other is Shubham, a native of Nakur in Saharanpur," police said in a statement.

Two pistols were seized from their possession and a Maruti Alto car has also been impounded in connection with the case, police said.

Hapur Superintendent of Police Deepak Bhookar told PTI, "The weapons used to fire at Asaduddin Owaisi at Chhijrasi toll plaza, were bought from Meerut."

Zero tolerance to violations in Industrial Estates Intensive survey carried out in all Industrial Estates located in A&N Islands under the direction of Chief Secretary

Port Blair, Feb. 4

The Andaman and Nicobar Administration has setup Industrial Estates at various locations in A&N Islands to encourage growth of MSME's and other Industrial establishments in the Islands. Under this initiative, the Directorate of Industries has allotted space to various units both in Manufacturing and Service sectors on lease basis.

Under the active leadership of Respected Chief Secretary of Andaman and Nicobar Administration, Shri Jitendra Narain, the Department of Industries is maintaining zero tolerance to violations inside Industrial Estates and is carrying out verification from time to time through inspections for identifying such violations, and strict actions are being taken against violators.

Recently an intensive survey was carried out in all the Industrial Estates located in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The mandate of the survey was to verify the status of allotment of existing units. During the survey it was found that some of the units have violated the terms of agreement of allotment.

Further, as part of regular monitoring by the Chief Secretary and to cross verify case of any violation observed in the Industrial Estates by any individual, it is requested to bring any such violations to the notice of the Industries Department. Public have been requested to inform any such matter to the Secretary (Industries) at the earliest.

S&L show at National Memorial Cellular Jail and NSCB Island opened for visitors with 50 % capacity

Port Blair, Feb. 3

The Sound & Light show at National Memorial Cellular Jail and NSCB Island will be open for visitors with 50 % capacity with immediate effect. Accordingly, the tourism activities will operate as per the below mentioned timing:

Cellular Jail	Time Slots	Visitors Allowed
Museum	9 am – 12.30 pm 1 pm – 4 pm	--
Sound & Light Show	1 st Show – 5.20 pm to 6.15 pm (Hindi all days) 2 nd Show – 6.30 pm to 7.25 pm (Hindi all days)	With 50% capacity
NSCB Island (day visit)	9 am – 4 pm	--
Sound & Light Show at NSCB Island	6 pm – 8 pm	With 50% capacity

Apart from the above, any other orders or advisories issued by the Govt. of India, A&N Administration or any other Competent Authority with regard to COVID-19 protocol will also have to be followed, as applicable.

Statements made in Dharam Sansad not Hindutva, says RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat



PTI, NAGPUR: RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat on Sunday said some of the statements made at a recent event titled 'Dharam Sansad', which kicked up a row, were not "Hindu words" and those following Hindutva would never agree with them.

He was speaking on the topic 'Hindutva and National Integration' at a lecture series organised by Lokmat Media group to mark the golden jubilee of its Lokmat Nagpur edition.

"The statements, which came out of the Dharam Sansad are not Hindu words, work or heart. If I sometimes say something in anger, then it is not Hindutva. The RSS or those following Hindutva do not believe in this," he said.

The RSS chief was apparently referring to the Dharam Sansad held in Chhattisgarh recently, where Hindu religious leader Kalicharan Maharaj allegedly made derogatory statements against Mahatma Gandhi

while eulogising his assassin Nathuram Godse.

Another 'Dharam Sansad' was held in Uttarakhand's Haridwar in December, during which provocative speeches inciting violence against Muslims were allegedly made by participants.

An FIR had been lodged under section 153A of the IPC (promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion, race, place of birth, residence, language).

The Sangh chief said, "Even Veer Savarkar had said if the Hindu community gets united and organised, it will speak about the Bhagwad Gita and not about finishing or harming anyone."

Speaking about whether the nation was on its way to become a 'Hindu Rashtra', Bhagwat said, "It is not about creating Hindu Rashtra. (Whether) You accept it or not it is (Hindu Rashtra) there."

Bhagwat said the ethos that represents our

Constitution was Hindutva, which was the same as national integration.

He said the concept of national integration didn't need uniformity because "to be different is not being separate".

The Sangh doesn't divide people, but patches up differences, he said, adding, "We go by this Hindutva."

Vijay Darda, chairman of the Editorial Board of Lokmat Media and former Rajya Sabha member, said the foundation of Lokmat's Nagpur edition was laid by freedom fighter Jawaharlal Darda in 1971, which now had become a huge banyan tree.

The group will be organising several programmes till 2023 to mark the golden jubilee of the Nagpur edition, he said.

"We had organised an inter-religion conference, a rangoli contest and many other programmes as a part of the celebrations. Dr Bhagwat's talk is also a part of it," said Darda.

He said the RSS as an organisation was working not only in villages, but also at the international level, and comprised swayamsevaks (volunteers) who selflessly toiled in the shakhas firm in their nationalistic beliefs.

They believe whatever they do is in national interest, Darda said.

Stands strong on ethos of respecting nationalism, says Hyundai after social media backlash



PTI, NEW DELHI: Hyundai Motor India on Sunday said it stands strong on its ethos of respecting nationalism following a backlash in social media after a dealer of Hyundai in Pakistan posted a message supporting separatists in Kashmir.

A Twitter account of a Hyundai dealer in Pakistan with handle @hyundaiPakistan Official had posted a message supporting Kashmir Solidarity day, supporting what it called as "struggle for freedom".

Following it, #BoycottHyundai trended on Twitter in India with many people asking to stop buying the company's products in the country.

Reacting to the developments, Hyundai Motors India put out a message on social media reiterating its commitment to the Indian market.

"Hyundai Motor India has been committed to the Indian market for more than 25 years now and we stand firmly for our strong ethos of respecting nationalism," it said.

The company further said, "The unsolicited social media post linking Hyundai Motor India is offending our unparalleled commitment and ser-

vice to this great country."

Reiterating that India is second home to the Hyundai brand, the company said, "We have a zero-tolerance policy towards insensitive communication and we strongly condemn any such view."

Hyundai Motor India further said, "As part of our commitment to India, we will continue our efforts towards the betterment of the country as well as its citizens." Hyundai Motor India is the second-largest carmaker in the country after Maruti Suzuki India.

It currently sells 12 models including Creta and Venue in the domestic market.

In December last year, the automaker announced plans to invest around Rs 4,000 crore to drive in around six electric vehicles in India by 2028.

The company is planning to roll out a mix of models based on its existing range as well as completely new vehicles based on its global platform 'E-GMP' over the next few years.

Established in 1967, Hyundai Motor Company is present in over 200 countries with more than 120,000 employees.

Minor confessed to have planned, executed IED blasts in Shillong in 2021: Officials



PTI, SHILLONG: A 17-year-old boy, detained earlier this week in connection with a recent IED blast here, has revealed to investigating agencies that he had also planned and executed various explosions in the city last year, officials said Sunday.

The Class-12 student of a reputed college said he was involved in planting an improvised explosive device at the ruling NPP's office here, and

was part of the team that planned an IED attack in Laitumkhrah in August 2021, according to the officials.

The boy was detained in connection with the blast at Police Bazaar here on January 30, and a live IED along with some bombs were recovered from his residence, Meghalaya Home Minister Lakhmen Rymbui had said.

He got acquainted with his

handlers on social media, where he was influenced and misguided, a senior state government official said. Along with him, two other minor boys (aged around 17 years) were also detained and sent to a juvenile home here in connection with the case, he said.

The banned Hynniewtrep National Liberation Council, operating from Bangladesh, extensively uses social media to contact youths, and the investigating agencies are constantly monitoring the situation, he added.

Top officials of the National Investigation Agency have also arrived in the state to probe further, a home department personnel said.

Director (P&ME).....

Port Blair to review the 'Assured Minimum Facilities' (AMFs) in the polling stations in connection with the ensuing Panchayat & Municipal Elections.

During the visit the Director (P&ME) issued instructions to the concerned officials of the line departments to ensure that the AMFs such as Signage, Help Desk, Ramp, Toilets, Drinking Water, Separate Entry and Exit, Lighting, and Furniture as specified by the Election

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Commission should be made ready for the smooth conduct of the polling for the Panchayat & Municipal Elections.

He further directed the Returning Officers of the concerned Polling Stations to monitor and ensure with the line departments that the AMFs are ready by the polling day for the smooth conduct of polls for the ensuing Panchayat & Municipal Elections.

Steering Committee under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary deliberates on Annual Plan of Operation proposed for the year 2022-23

Port Blair, Feb. 4

The Steering Committee under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, A & N Administration, Shri Jitendra Narain deliberated on the Annual Plan of Operation (APO) proposed for the year 2022-23 during the meeting held on Feb. 2, 2022 in the Conference Hall of Secretariat and approved the activities worth of Rs. 15.89 crores to be taken up by the Department of Environment & Forests under CAMPA for the year 2022-23. The Department acknowledges the guidance, support and directions provided by the Chief Secretary, A&N Administration in formulating the APO with several new and key activities.

An amount of Rs. 1.50 crores have been earmarked for creation of new CA plantation in 56.16 ha and maintenance of 66.83 ha of old CA plantations.

Realizing the importance of food and nutritional security, an impetus is given to raise 26 lakhs seedlings of fruit bearing seedlings of different species such as Bel, Sita pal, Kaju, Jack fruit, Amla, Jamun, Drumstick, Chiku, Papaya, Lemon, etc. in Andaman and Nicobar Islands through the

forest nurseries and also planting of 6 lakhs fruit bearing seedlings during 2022-23 at an estimated cost of Rs. 5.32 crores to improve the food and wood availability in the Islands besides increasing the green cover outside the notified forest areas. This will go a long way to ensure food and nutritional security in the Island Territory.

Conservation of wildlife and management of Protected Areas have been accorded top priority and an amount of Rs. 3.72 crores is earmarked for taking up various measures which include consolidation of Wildlife Protected Areas, strengthening the protection measures in WLS, Habitat improvement and management, research and monitoring, species conservation programme, education and outreach.

Another significant component of APO is measures to improve the infrastructure for protection and strengthen the communication network for protection of coastal forest areas for an amount of Rs. 4.00 crores. These include creation of inspection paths in inaccessible forest areas in South Andaman particularly, Northbay to Shoalbay, Manjeri

to Badabalu and Bhadakahr to Jhajidera in Rutland Island and establishment of protection camps and inspection huts in remote areas of South, Middle and North Andaman Islands. These measures will not only ensure improved surveillance and monitoring of forests by the Department, but also provide accessibility and connectivity to remote areas. Further, to enhance the forest /wildlife protection efforts, the Steering Committee approved field vehicles/machineries/equipments worth of Rs. 1.00 crore for frontline staff/field functionaries of the Department. An amount of Rs. 0.28 crore has been earmarked for State CAMPA.

The Steering Committee further decided to send the approved Annual Plan of Operation (APO) for the year 2022-23 to the Executive Committee of the National Authority for final approval.

Recognising the need for infrastructure development in the Environment & Forest Department particularly at Divisional level, the Chief Secretary has assured for more infrastructure facilities in the form of vehicles and boats for the Department.

ORDER NO.111

Dtd: 03/02/2022

WHEREAS, several specific orders were issued by the District Administration, South Andaman from time to time to ensure compliance of the Containment Measures for COVID-19, in view of the recent surge in the positive cases.

AND WHEREAS, the Union Home Secretary and Chairperson, National Executive Committee (NEC), Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India vide No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 27th January 2022 has directed that the Order of Ministry of Home Affairs of even number dated 27th December 2021 to ensure compliance to the normative frame work for taking evidence based COVID-19 containment measures at district/local level as conveyed vide Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW), Govt. of India D.O.No.Z.28015/318/21-EMR dated 21st December 2021, will remain in force upto 28th February 2022.

AND WHEREAS, in view of the current COVID wave, led by the new variant, "OMICRON" there has been a steady increase in the number of COVID cases, though a majority of the active cases are recovering fast and a lows of cases are in hospitals in different parts of the country, MoHFW vide D.O.No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 27th January 2022, has issued an advisory to all the States and Union Territories (UTs).

AND WHEREAS, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 24 (1) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the Chairperson, Union Territory Disaster Management Executive Committee for the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands has ordered to ensure compliance of Containment measures for COVID-19 as well as increased detection of the Variant of Concern (VoC), "OMICRON" in different parts of this Union Territory as per the advisory issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) dated 21st December 2021 for ensuring strict compliance prescribing a normative framework for taking evidence based containment measures at District/Local Level for the whole of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and shall remain in force till 28th February 2022.

AND WHEREAS, in order to ensure compliance to the containment measures of isolation and social distancing in the South Andaman District and with special emphasis on continued focus on the fivefold strategy, i.e, Test-Treat-Track-Vaccination and adherence to COVID appropriate behaviours, i.e., wearing of face masks and maintaining safe social distancing in all public areas/gatherings to control any surge of the cases of COVID-19-Variant of Concern (VoC), "OMICRON" and also to prevent any disturbance to the peace and tranquility and taking into consideration the request of the public representatives and general public, I, Suneel Anchipaka, IAS, District Magistrate, South Andaman District, in exercise of the powers vested in me U/s 144 of Cr.P.C., hereby order the following in partial modifications to Order Nos. 05 dt. 03rd January 2022 and No. 30 dt. 10th January 2022:-

1. Night curfew shall be enforced in the entire District of South Andaman with no movement of men and materials between 10:00 PM to 05:00 AM until and unless permitted by the District Magistrate on case to case basis.

2. Tourism activities at the National Memorial "Cellular Jail" and Netaji Subash Chandra Bose Island (NSCBI) shall be permitted as per the Order No.70 dt. 03.02.2022 issued by the department of Tourism in this regard.

NOW THEREFORE, in view of the emergent circumstances, this order is being issued ex-parte and is addressed to the public in general. This order shall be promulgated in the South Andaman District by announcement through publicity vans and affixing of copies thereof at notice boards of the Office of the District Magistrate/Sub-Divisional Magistrates/Executive Magistrates as well as prominent public places and publication in the newspapers having circulation in the district. Further, the Superintendent of Police/Sub-Divisional Magistrate/Executive Magistrates and all authorities concerned shall ensure strict compliance of this order and shall adequately inform and sensitize the field functionaries to note that these restrictions fundamentally relate to movement of people, but not to that of essential services.

Any disobedience of the above orders shall invite penal action u/s 188 of Indian Penal Code, 1860 and the relevant provisions of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 against the violator(s) and fine shall also be imposed as per orders issued by this office from time to time.

This order shall come into immediate effect and shall remain in force till further orders.

MCC Team operative on field

Port Blair, Feb 05:

In pursuance of Press note by Election Commissioner (UTs), dated 28/01/2022 to hold General Election to Gram Panchayats, Panchayat Samities, Zilla Parishads and P BMC, the District Administration has constituted Enforcement team Police Station wise for maintaining Model Code of Conduct and defacement of Public Property vide Nodal Officer (PME) Order no. 76, dated 03rd Feb, 2022. Altogether 09 Flying Surveillance team, 09 Video Surveillance team and 09 Check Point teams have been constituted within the South Andaman district for maintaining Model Code of Conduct. All the Enforcement teams and the Videography teams are active on field.

The MCC Enforcement team during the field



surveillance has removed many posters/banners/flags and hoardings etc. which were found placed/pasted at the public places particularly in the market area at various locations of Municipal area today.

The General Public are requested not to indulge in any such activity which is in contravention and violation to the Model Code of Conduct.

The District Administration has established a dedicated Control room for Panchayat and Municipal Election 2022 to assist General Public which will work on 24 x 7 hrs with phone nos 03192-230178/238881 & 240127 and toll free no.1077. In case of any violation found the General public have been requested to inform the Control Room on the above phone nos.

General Elections to Panchayat and Municipal Council-2022

Port Blair, Feb. 3

As part of the ensuing General Elections to Panchayat and Municipal Council, a media briefing was held in the conference hall in the office of Director (Panchayat and Municipal Election).

Addressing the media persons present on the occasion, the DPME, Shri Suneel Anchipaka, IAS reminded the media persons about their role & responsibilities, said media plays an important role during elections. It not only creates voter's awareness but also contributes towards maintaining peace during the entire election process. About elections, the Deputy Commissioner stated that notifications will be issued for the General Elections to Panchayats & P BMC (except Gram Panchayat Netaji Nagar and Hut Bay) as per schedule appended below: -

Issue of notification for general elections by the Election Commission under rule 36 of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Panchayats) (Preparation of Electoral Rolls and Conduct of Elections) Rules, 1995	04.02.2022 (Friday)
Last date for making nominations	11.02.2022 (Friday)
Date for the scrutiny of nomination	12.02.2022 (Saturday)
Last date for the withdrawal of candidatures	14.02.2022 (Monday)
Date on which a poll shall, if necessary, be taken	06.03.2022 (Sunday)
The date of Counting of Votes	08.03.2022 (Tuesday)
Date before which the elections shall be completed	11.03.2022 (Friday)

The polling will take place from 7am to 5PM.

About the preparations, the DPME, A & N Islands said ROs and AROs and Nodal Officers for elections have already been appointed for the smooth conduct of Elections. The Model Code of Conduct (MCC) is already in force and the Police Department has been directed to make an assessment of the Sensitive and Vulnerable Poling Stations in A&N Islands.

The DPME, A & N Islands said that Control Room with Ph. Nos 230178, 23881, 240127, toll free no.1077 is functioning in DC Office wherein violations of MCC, if any, can be reported immediately for taking necessary action against the violators. He also urged the media persons to report the violations of MCC, if they come across, in these phone numbers for taking strict action against the violators.

The DPME, A & N Islands stated that ballot papers will be used for Panchayat Elections while EVMs will be used for Municipal elections. The total number of electors for Municipal Election is 1, 32, 965 and for Panchayats the number of electors are 1,64,975, he said adding that the UT Election Commission is in process for formulating COVID -19 guidelines which shall also be disseminated for information.

The DPME once again urged all concerned to observe the Model Code of Conduct scrupulously.

MP demands Construction of approach road for Baratang Helipad for public, ambulance and Fire Tenders

Port Blair, 3 Feb:

The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has demanded for construction of an approach road for Baratang Helipad so that it becomes easily accessible for public, ambulances and Fire Tenders.

In a letter addressed to the Chief Secretary, the Member of Parliament pointed out that nearly seven years back a helipad was constructed at Baratang Island but no approach road has been constructed till date for the helipad.

He mentioned that due to lack of an approach road neither ambulances can enter the helipad area with serious patients nor can Fire Tenders enter the helipad area, which is mandatory for landing of helicopters in any helipad.

The Member of Parliament added that in many occasions in past patients were carried by public on their shoulder upto Baratang Helipad from main road due to lack of an approach road.

He added that there is also no shed for the public and patients at the Baratang Helipad because of which people face huge difficulties.

The MP said that Baratang is one of the most popular Tourist destinations and if this

Single Window System...

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- Online** (Net banking, Debit Card, Credit Card, UPI) which will be available under pending application.
7. Applicant can also pay the requisite amount with the Cashier of Sub-Divisional Magistrate office, South Andaman.
4. Fill the Form A and upload revelant documents and submit the application.
5. After approval an SMS alert will be sent in the registered mobile number.
6. Once approved by the competent authority, Applicant can pay requisite amount

PRESS RELEASE



Port Blair, Feb. 5: Shri. Suneel Anchipaka, IAS, Director (Panchayat and Municipal Elections) reviewed and took stock of the preparedness for the ensuing Panchayat and Municipal Elections with all Assistant Commissioner(s), Tehsildar(s), Nodal Officer(s) of Forest Department, Nodal Officer(s) designated with various works related to Elections as well as the Returning Officers/Assistant Returning Officers through Video Conferencing.

During the interactions all aspects related to the preparatory arrangements regarding contingency plans for transportation of men & materials, Assured Minimum facilities available at all Polling Stations, communication plans, Distribution centre, collection centre, strong rooms, counting centre of each constituencies etc were discussed in brief.

The DPME reviewed in detail the strategy to be implemented during the enforcement of Model Code of Conduct to curb misuse of money/drugs/liquor & freebies distribution during the election. He urged all the Nodal Officer to attach maximum importance to ensuring conducive environment for free and fair elections in the UTs. Effective monitoring and vigilance should be ensured. Concerns at each level should be addressed. All Nodal Officers and Returning Officers have been asked to make comprehensive action plans so as to instill absolute confidence in all stakeholders.

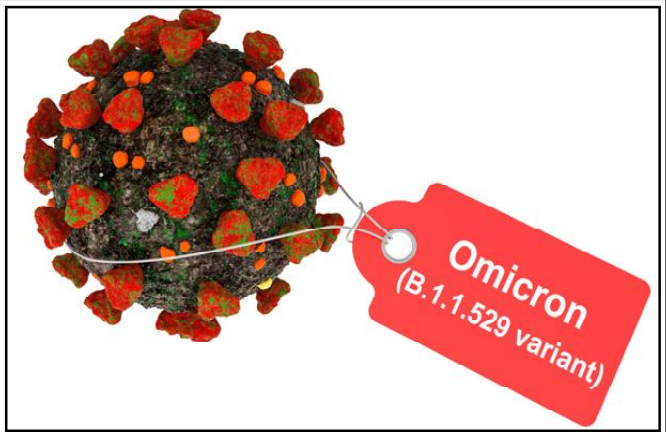
The Director (Panchayat and Municipal Elections) further briefed that Election Commission (UTs) has directed the electoral machinery of the Islands to gear up with logistics arrangements and urged everyone to gear up all the preparatory arrangements and report completion within two days time for appraisal of the Election Commission (UTs).

He further reiterated that the procedures to be scrupulously followed for smooth conduct of elections are based on the operational focus on management. All other action, hinges on the need to ensure that these are implemented effectively. The DPME also took note of the concerns of all Nodal Officers for holding free, fair and peaceful elections

Earlier in the day, the Director (Panchayat and Municipal Elections) held a meeting with all the Head of Departments/ Head of Offices and discussed the issues and arrangements regarding deployment of Polling Officers and Security Personnel for the ensuing Elections.

It was briefed that the deployment of Polling Personnel shall be done through ONLINE module and each department shall appoint Nodal Officers who shall coordinate and upload and furnish the information related to staff of the department to the Office of the Director, P&M Elections.

The Director (Panchayat and Municipal Elections) urged for effective cooperation from all HODs/HOOs and informed them that the back-end preparations for the upcoming elections are underway in full swing.



The music plays on.....

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backdrop as politicians, film stars and the many thousands whose lives she had touched with her music paid their last respects to her.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi was also in Shivaji Park to pay tribute to the singer whose name was written into legend long before she took her last breath.

Also, there were Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray, NCP chief Sharad Pawar, MNS supremo Raj Thackeray and actors Shah Rukh Khan and Aamir Khan.

Earlier in the afternoon, as a flower-bedecked cortege went from her Peddar Road home to Shivaji Park, surging crowds of mourners walked 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, one of India's most well known and well loved personalities who voiced songs for actors down generations, died at 8.12 am, almost a month after she admitted to hospital with mild Covid symptoms, her doctor said.

She was also diagnosed with pneumonia.

The government announced a two-day "state mourning" for the playback singer, who had a prodigious career in not just Hindi and Marathi but in more than 30 other Indian languages, and across classical and other genres.

The national flag will fly at half mast from February 6 to February 7 throughout India.

There will also be no official entertainment in this period.

The Indore-born Mangeshkar is survived by her siblings Meena, Asha, Usha and Hridaynath.

Her coffin was draped in the tricolour and placed on the hearse draped in white flowers with a giant photograph of the singer known as "Nightingale of India", "melody queen" or simply "Lata didi".

"...I'm just shattered that Didi, who has shaped my life and that if crores of others, is not anymore," said 60-year-

old Savita Shah, one of the many who had gathered outside her home to pay their respects to the woman whose voice they woke up to, listened to as they went about their day and as they turned in for the night.

As millions mourned her and said thank you for your music, the tributes came pouring in with President Ram Nath Kovind and Modi leading a heartbroken nation in remembering her.

But hers was an appeal that transcended boundaries.

Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan, Sri Lanka's Mahinda Rajapakse and Nepal President Bidya Devi Bhandari were among those who condoled the death of the singing maestro.

"Lata-ji's demise is heart-breaking for me, as it is for millions the world over. In her vast range of songs, rendering the essence and beauty of India, generations found expression of their inner-most emotions. A Bharat Ratna, Lata-ji's accomplishments will remain incomparable," Kovind said.

The prime minister said he is "anguished beyond words".

"The kind and caring Lata Didi has left us. She leaves a void in our nation that cannot be filled. The coming generations will remember her as a stalwart of Indian culture, whose melodious voice had an unparalleled ability to mesmerise people," he said in a tweet.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said she remained the "most beloved voice of India for many decades" and added that her immortal golden voice will continue to echo in the hearts of her fans.

Mangeshkar received the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian honour, the Padma Vibhushan, the Padma Bhushan, the Dada Saheb Phalke Award and multiple National Film Awards.

The film world she had worked with for decades expressed its condolences too.

Gulzar, her long-time collaborator, said Mangeshkar was a miracle who can't be bound in mere words.

"Lata ji is a 'karishma' (miracle) in herself and this 'karishma' doesn't happen always and 'aaj ye karishma mukammal (complete) ho gaya',

she is gone," he told PTI.

"She has left usâ€¦ The voice of a million centuries has left us...her voice resounds now in the Heavens! Prayers for calm and peace....," Bachchan said in his personal blog.

Actor Waheeda Rehman, who danced to Mangeshkar's playback most memorably in "Guide" in "Aaj phir jeene ki tamanna hai", and "Piya tose naina laage re", said there was magic in her voice.

"She had such a beautiful voice and her songs will be remembered for years to comeâ€¦ Behind this magic was a lot of hard work and determination," Rehman told PTI.

Actor Shabana Azmi said, "Lataji...our national treasure no more...her voice lit up our lives, gave us solace when we were sad, gave strength when we were low...Thank you Lataji and RIP."

Mangeshkar's first recorded song was in 1942 in the Marathi film "Kiti Hasaal" when she was just 13.

In October last year, 79 years later, Vishal Bhardwaj released "Theek Nahi Lagta", a song with her favourite lyricist Gulzar.

Her list of unforgettable songs is long.

But some of them include "Lag Jaa Gale", "Mohe Panghat Pe", "Chalte Chalte", "Satyam Shivam Sundaram", "Ajeeb Daastan Hai", "Hothon mein aisi baat", "Pyaar kiya to darna kya" and "Neela asman so gaya."

Such was the pull of her voice that Bade Ghulam Ali sahab, a musician that Mangeshkar greatly admired, is believed to have said, "Kambakhq kabhi besuree hee nahee hoti (She can never be out of tune)."

Many, including some the biggest musicians and actors, equated her voice with that of 'goddess Saraswati'.

And fate willed it that she died a day after Saraswati Puja.

M a n g e s h k a r acknowledged the love but remained humble till the end.

"Some people call me 'Saraswati' or say that I have her blessings...It is their blessing that people like whatever I sing. Otherwise who am I? I am nothing. There have been better singers than me and some of them are not even with us," she said.

BCCI announces Rs 40 lakh for U-19 team members, Rs 25 lakh each for support staff



NEW DELHI: The BCCI on Sunday announced cash reward of Rs 40 lakh for each member of the victorious Indian U-19 team.

The support staff will be paid Rs 25 lakh each.

India beat England in the U-19 World cup final in Antigua on Saturday to lift the record-extending fifth title.

"They were impressive across departments and sealed India's fifth World Cup. While their on-field performances were fantastic, the team also showed grit, determination and courage to bounce back strongly despite the Covid-19 cases in the camp," said BCCI president Sourav Ganguly in a statement.

"I must also appreciate the efforts put in by the Head Coach Hrishikesh Kanitkar along with his members of the coaching group, support staff and VVS Laxman – Head Cricket at the National Cricket Academy – for the way they kept the team in good spirits and guided them to victory. We have the best structure in place for our age-group cricketers and some of the best coaches work closely with the boys."

Six India players, including captain Yash Dhull, had tested positive for COVID-19 during the group stages of the tournament but the team over-

came the crisis to lift the trophy.

"They had very little cricket in the run-up to the World Cup this time and despite that, India remained unbeaten," Ganguly said.

"This is truly remarkable. The selectors have done an excellent job in picking the right team from a wide pool of cricketers. The boys have a long career ahead of them and I wish them the best."

Asked to field first, India bowled out England for 189 after having them at 61 for six at one stage.

Bowling his medium pacers to deadly effect, Raj Bawa (5/31) ran through the English middle-order after the in-form left-arm seamer Ravi Kumar (4/34) laid the opposition low with two early blows.

India completed the chase with 14 balls to spare.

Secretary Jay Shah said: "India is the most successful side in the history of U19 World Cups and the fifth title is a testament to the robust system and structure we have in place for our age-group cricketers. "The Board takes age-group cricket very seriously and works closely to ensure we remain fluid with our approach to suit the demands of the team amidst the pandemic."

