

Manna Dey | 1 May, 1919 — 24 October, 2013

One of India's most versatile and classically trained playback singers, was born in Kolkata and pursued his education at Scottish Church Collegiate School and later at Scottish Church College, where his musical talent first flourished. Guided by his uncle and mentor Krishna Chandra Dey, he developed a strong classical foundation that shaped his distinctive style in film music. Over a career spanning several decades, he sang thousands of songs in multiple languages, most were in Bengali and Hindi, earning admiration for his effortless blend of classical finesse and cinematic expression. He was presented the Filmfare Life Time Achievement Award in 2011. In recognition of his immense contribution to Indian music, he was honored with the *Padma Shri* in 1971 cementing his legacy as one of the greatest voices in Indian musical history.

