



National Lata Mangeshkar and Kishore Kumar Awards

Why in News?

The Madhya Pradesh government has announced the recipients for the prestigious **National Lata Mangeshkar Award** and **National Kishore Kumar Award** for the years 2024 and 2025.

- The ceremony for the Lata Mangeshkar Award will be held at the legendary singer's birthplace, **Indore**, on 28th September 2025, while the Kishore Kumar Award will be presented in his birthplace, **Khandwa**, on 13th October 2025.

Key Points

- **About:** The **National Lata Mangeshkar Award** and the **National Kishore Kumar Award**, instituted by the Madhya Pradesh government, serve as a **tribute to the legacies** of two of India's most iconic performers, Lata Mangeshkar and Kishore Kumar.
- **National Lata Mangeshkar Award:** The award recognizes **outstanding contributions** to **Indian music**, particularly in music direction and singing.
 - **Recipients:**
 - **2024:** Shankar-Ehsaan-Loy (Music Composer Trio)
 - **2025:** Sonu Nigam (Playback Singer)
- **National Kishore Kumar Award:** The award honours achievements in Indian cinema, including lyric writing and filmmaking.
 - **Recipients:**
 - **2024:** Prasoon Joshi (Lyricist)
 - **2025:** Sanjay Leela Bhansali (Filmmaker)
- **About the Recipients:**
 - **Shankar-Ehsaan-Loy:** **Shankar Mahadevan**, Ehsaan Noorani, and Loy Mendonsa, an iconic Indian music trio, are known for their **diverse compositions across multiple languages**, with notable works like Dil Chahta Hai and Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara.
 - **Sonu Nigam:** A versatile **playback singer** celebrated across Hindi, Telugu, and Tamil cinema, famous for songs like Kal Ho Naa Ho and Suraj Hua Maddham.
 - **Prasoon Joshi:** A distinguished **lyricist and poet**, known for his impactful work in films like Taare Zameen Par and Chakde! India.
 - **Sanjay Leela Bhansali:** A **legendary filmmaker** and music composer, renowned for epic films such as Devdas and Padmaavat.
- **Lata Mangeshkar:** Lata Mangeshkar (28th September 1929 – 6th February 2022), known as the "**Nightingale of India**," was a **legendary playback singer** whose career spanned over seven decades.
- **Kishore Kumar:** Kishore Kumar (4th August 1929 – 13th October 1987) was a **legendary Indian playback singer**, actor, composer, lyricist, director, and producer who remains one of the most influential and beloved icons in the history of Indian cinema and music.

