

Kalpana Lajmi passes away



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MUMBAI: It's the day when Mumbai beloved Bappa leaves the city with much fan-fair and Kalpana Lajmi too chosen the day to say good bye to her friends and family !

Renowned woman filmmaker Kalpana Lajmi died today, Sunday, 23rd of Sep at 4.30 am in Mumbai's Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital.. She was 64 and was suffering from chronic kidney disease and liver [failure](#). The [writer](#)-director was cremated in the presence of family, friends and loved ones at the Oshiwara crematorium in Mumbai. Various personalities that includes [Film](#) Maker Mahesh Bhatt, his wife and Kalpana's close friend Soni Razdan, Shabana Azmi, Shyam Benegal and few others from the Hindi [film](#) industry paid their respect to the artist.

Her brother [Dev](#) Lajmi did 'mukhagni' when her relatives, her mama-mami stood by her aged mother Lalitha Lajmi.

Kalpana's school friend came all the way from Colaba to Lokhandwala to pay their homage to their beloved classmate.

Kalpana's long-time care taker and her house help are seen in deep sorrow as their beloved didi left them forever!

On behalf of CM of Assam Hon Sarbananda Sonowal, Devasish Sharma, DY Res Commissioner of Assam, Dhrubajyoti Phukan, [Jatin](#) Sharma, Jutikaa Mahanta, Nandini Sharma offered a bouquet to late Lajmi at Oshiwara Crematorium.

Eminent film maker Jahnu Barua was present at Kalpanas residence and in the crematorium and offered his last respect to the departed soul. Jahnu Barua is known to be close associate of late Dr. [Bhupen Hazarika](#) and also knew Kalpana for decades.

On Behalf of Assam Association Mumbai, Aparup Borpuzari, Jutika Mahanta offered their last Respect to the beloved companion of [Bhupen Hazarika](#).

Lajmi, daughter of well-known painter Lalitha Lajmi and niece of Guru Dutt, directed six critically acclaimed films Ek Pal (1986), Rudaali (1993), Darmiyaan (1997), Daman (2001), Kyun (2003) and Chingaari (2006) and a documentary called D.G. Movie Pioneer based on Bengali filmmaker Dhiren Ganguly. [Hazarika](#) composed music in all the films.

She also directed the [TV](#) serial Lohit Kinaare (1988) for Doordarshan and 26 episodes of Dawn, a serial on the freedom movement of [India](#).

Two prominent Hindi film actors have received the [National](#) Award for acting in Kalpana's films -- Dimple Kapadia for Rudaali and Raveena Tandon for Daman. Both Raveena and Dimple were not be seen today.

Due to Ganpati Visharjan the family have been requested to wind up everything before 2PM and hence they could not wait longer for Kalpana's friends to pour in. By 12 noon they sifted her body to Oshiwara Crematorium and around 12-30 they have started with the last process.

Many of her acquaintance, including me offered Gangajal to her at her residence at Lokhandwala.

Kalpana made her debut direction with 'Ek Pal' which featured Shabana Azmi, Naseeruddin Shah and Farooq Shaikh. The film explored female desire and marital complexities.

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