



Tributes paid to revered singer Asha Bhosle

The Indian singer Asha Bhosle, whose voice defined Bollywood cinema and whose career spanned almost eight decades, died in Mumbai at the age of 92.

Bhosle, who recorded more than 12,000 songs, became her country's pre-eminent exponent of playback singing - recording tracks that were then lip-synced on film by actors. She also boldly embraced cabaret and western-influenced melodies to forge a distinctive musical identity.

News of her death prompted tributes and fond memories from politicians, artists and sports stars.

India's prime minister, Narendra Modi, said he was deeply saddened by her death. "She will continue to inspire generations and her songs will forever echo in people's lives," Modi said.