**Film actor Om Puri passes away at 66**

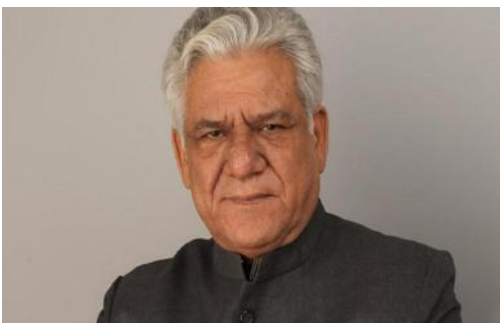
India, Jan. 6 -- Veteran Bollywood actor Om Puri died of a heart attack Friday morning. He was 66. Om Puri was a versatile actor who excelled in 'parallel cinema' as it was called as well as he pioneered in commercial cinema. Director Karan Johar expressed grief on his death on Twitter and said that he was a 'solid actor' with 'solid filmography'. Anupam Kher said he cannot believe that Puri is no more. "Seeing him lying on his bed looking so calm can't believe..."

'Om Puri died because of Modi, Ajit Doval': Pak TV anchor's conspiracy theory

India, Jan. 9 -- Even as the Mumbai Police recorded the statements of Om Puri's driver Ram Mishra and producer Khalid Kidwai in connection with his death, a Pakistani TV anchor has been promulgating a conspiracy theory about what caused the veteran actor's demise. As per the anchor — Amir Liaqat — Puri...

Mumbai Police rules out 'foul play' as cause of Om Puri's death

India, Jan. 8 -- News regarding veteran actor Om Puri's death took a turn for the worse when foul play was alleged by some after postmortem report surfaced. However, even as Mumbai police doubts foul play as the reason for death of the iconic actor, authorities have stated that the cause of death is 'unknown'.

PURI' CINEMATIC JOURNEY**From Ambala to Patiala to being Om Puri: Journey of the actor**

India, Jan. 6 -- Om Puri was an arts student in Khalsa College, Patiala, when local thespian Harpal Tiwana was invited there to judge a talent fest.

For an hour, as Puri took stage in a Punjabi play, Tiwana was awestruck, and later invited him to join his theatre group, Punjab Kala Manch. That proved to be turning point, though it almost did not happen.

"Om was initially hesitant in joining the group as he used to work as a lab assistant too at the college at Rs 100 per month, and didn't want to leave that job," Tiwana's wife, Neena Tiwana, recounted. "But my husband was adamant.

Om Puri: An outsider who dared to bring change to Hindi cinema

India, Jan. 6 -- Om Puri's brilliance can be summed up in one scene from Govind Nihalani's hard-hitting drama Ardh Satya (1983). As Anant Welanker, a promising young man who is travelling in a bus, Puri tries to confront a fellow passenger who tries to touch Jyotsna Gokhale (Smita Patil). He does this without wanting to be seen as over-protective of Gokhale. Many actors wouldn't be able to portray the many shades of...

Om Puri's death saddens artistes of region

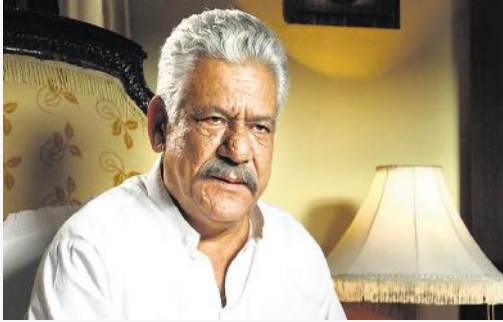
India, Jan. 6 -- The news of the death of actor Om Puri came as a shock to the artiste fraternity of his native city Ambala and other parts of the region, on Friday. Puri's childhood friend and senior journalist Naresh Kaushal, who flew to Mumbai to attend the veteran actor's cremation, told HT that Puri was born in Ambala where his father worked as a railway employee for a few years. Kaushal, who was Puri's childhood friend...

Bollywood legend Om Puri's 'Hundred Foot Journey' in Hollywood

India, Jan. 7 -- Veteran actor Om Puri's death on Friday morning shook not just the Indian film industry, but also Hollywood. Western publications including Hollywood Reporter and The Guardian also paid tributes, calling him a "versatile artist" known for his "craggy features and penchant for taking unusual roles", which made him a critics' favourite. Puri's stint in Hollywood started with a cameo in the Oscar-winning film, Gandhi (1982), in...

PURI'S LAST WISHES

Om Puri wanted photo chart of 'mentors' made



India, Jan. 8 -- The day before he died, veteran actor Om Puri went into a photo studio that his family used often, with an unusual request. "He wanted to make a photo chart titled 'My Mentors'," says Rajeev Bhatija...

Om Puri wanted son's theatre debut in Lucknow



India, Jan. 7 -- Om Puri wanted to launch his son Ishaan Puri in Lucknow with the play Bicchoo, an adaption of French playwright Moliere's famous play Scapian the Schemer. Directed by his brother-in-law Ranjit Kapoor...

HIGHLIGHTS

▶ Salman Khan to Shah Rukh Khan: Bollywood reacts to Om Puri's death

India, Jan. 7 -- Veteran actor Om Puri, known for a variety of roles in many Bollywood and Hollywood films, died on Friday. He was 66 years old. Veteran actor Om Puri, known for a variety of roles in many Bollywood and Hollywood films, died on Friday. He was 66 years old.

▶ Om Puri was suffering, his mental health was in a shambles: Naseeruddin Shah

India, Jan. 8 -- Naseeruddin Shah, who shared a 'parallel career in parallel cinema' with the late Om Puri, shared his memories of the actor in an interview with DNA. He spoke at length about various aspects of his friendship, their careers, and even Om Puri's troubled final years.

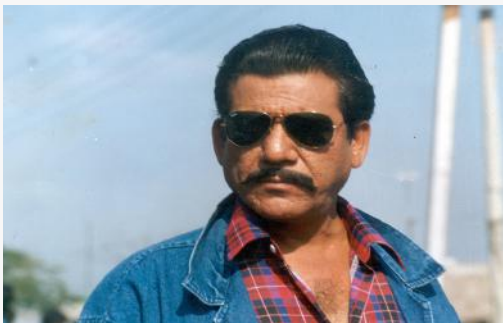
▶ Om Puri: Revisiting his award-winning roles

India, Jan. 7 -- Veteran Bollywood actor Om Puri died on Friday morning of a heart attack. The actor, who made everyone laugh with his comic timing in films like Jaane Bhi Do Yaaron, Malamaal Weekly, Hera Pheri on one hand and left everyone in his awe with his acting prowess in films like Ardh Satya...

▶ I came to pick Om Puri up, but had to pick up his body: Ashoke Pandit

India, Jan. 7 -- "I went to pick him up as we had a meeting scheduled at the American Embassy for a musical show in the US. I didn't know I would have had to pick up his body," said film-maker and social activist Ashoke Pandit...

PHOTOS



Rare Pictures of Om Puri: A Visual Journey of This Talented Actor

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Actor Om Puri dies of cardiac arrest at 66