

MOTI SAGAR

(by Namita Sagar Kanungo)

Moti Sagar, popularly known as Bhole by his near and dear ones, was a famous film actor, director, writer and singer.



Born in 1927 in New Delhi, he belonged to a Mathur Kayastha family. His fondness for acting started when his cousin Motilal became a famous actor; he idolised Motilalji, which made him leave Delhi at the age of 15. So he went to Lahore to pursue his dream as an actor. After trying his acting stunts in Lahore, he reached Mumbai, where he stayed with Motilal and met Mukesh, another cousin of him who had also come to follow the footsteps of Motilal.

Both of them became very close and were guided by Motilal Ji. He introduced them to the Mumbai film industry. Mukesh as a singer and Moti Sagar as an actor.

Not many know that Moti Sagar's name was Rang Bihari Tawakley, later it was changed by Motilal, and his screen name became Moti Sagar.

He is remembered for his performance in his films as a main lead, such as Chhoti Chhoti Batein, Burma Road, Apna Ghar, Dharam, Patni, Shikar, etc.



For Chhoti Chhoti Batein he won a National Award. He married Angela Mehta, who belonged to a noted Gujarati Naagar Bhramin Family.

They had three daughters Preeti Sagar a famous playback singer, Niti, who wrote the famous Manthan song and Namita, who is an author, anchor and creative writer. In 1993 he established his production house Angela Films along with his daughters Preeti Sagar Saran and Namita Sagar Kanungo.

Since then, the production house has produced many successful television shows, short films, and ad films. He was very popular in the Mathur gatherings with his jokes and music sessions.
