

Legendary Indian filmmaker Benegal dies at age 90

BY ASHOK SHARMA
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NEW DELHI — Shyam Benegal, a renowned Indian filmmaker known for pioneering a cinema movement that tackled social issues in the 1970s, has died after chronic kidney disease. He was 90.

His contribution to cinema was recognized as a director, editor and screenwriter. He came into the limelight with films — Ankur (1974), Nishant (1975), Manthan (1976) and Bhumika (1977) — that challenged mainstream Bollywood by dealing with the social realities of a poor nation.

Benegal died Monday at Mumbai's Wockhardt Hospital, and his cremation will take place on Tuesday, the Press Trust of India news agency reported, citing his daughter Piya.

"Benegal had been suffering from chronic kidney disease for several years but it had gotten very bad," Piya said.

Many paid tribute to the filmmaker on social media platform X.

Filmmaker Mahesh Bhatt wrote that Benegal told stories without pretense. "They were raw and real, about the struggles of ordinary people. His films had craft and conviction."

"Deeply saddened by the passing of Shyam

Benegal, whose storytelling had a profound impact on Indian cinema. His works will continue to be admired by people from different walks of life," Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi posted.

Benegal was a mentor to top Indian actors including Shabana Azmi, Smita Patil, Naseeruddin Shah and Om Puri who made their mark in Bollywood's popular cinema as well.

"I have lost my foster father, a man to whom I owe more than I can say," Shah posted.

"Shyam Benegal was not just a legend; he was a visionary who redefined storytelling and inspired generations," said actor Manoj Bajpayee.

The film Ankur explored the feudal divide in India, while Manthan was based on the story of the country's cooperative dairy milk movement.

Benegal also was widely known for "Bharat Ek Khoj," a landmark 53-episode television series based on the book "Discovery of India," written by India's first prime minister, Jawaharlal Nehru. It chronicled the country's troubled passages, from ancient times to modernity.

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State unemployment rate continues to edge upward

BY NEW ERA STAFF
Kentucky's seasonally adjusted preliminary November 2024 unemployment rate was 5.1%, according to a news release from the Kentucky Center for Statistics, an agency within the Kentucky Education and Labor Cabinet.

The preliminary November 2024 jobless rate was up 0.1 percentage points from October 2024 and up 0.8 percentage points from one year ago.

The U.S. seasonally adjusted jobless rate for November 2024 was 4.2%, which was up 0.1 percentage points from October 2024, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

Kentucky's civilian labor force was 2,079,894 in November 2024, an increase of 4,764 individuals from October 2024. The number of people employed in November increased by 2,384 to 1,974,423 while the number unemployed increased by 2,380 to 105,471.

"Both the number of people employed and the number of people in the labor force have increased steadily throughout the year," said University of Kentucky's Center for Business and Economic Research Director Mike Clark in the release. "Workers are entering the labor force faster than they are getting jobs, which has caused the state's unemployment rate to increase."

In a separate federal survey of business establishments that excludes jobs in agriculture and people who are self-employed, Kentucky's seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment increased by 5,500 jobs to 2,051,500 in November

2024 compared to October 2024. Kentucky's nonfarm employment was up 30,400 jobs or 1.5% compared to November 2023.

"Employers reported a strong increase in hiring in November," said Clark. "The job gains were fairly broad based with education and health services leading the way."

Nonfarm data is provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Current Employment Statistics program. According to the survey, employment increased for seven of Kentucky's major nonfarm North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) job sectors in November 2024, decreased for two, and was unchanged for two.

The educational and health services sector increased by 2,800 positions in November 2024. Employment in the health care and social assistance subsector rose by 2,200 jobs from October to November. The educational services subsector added 600 jobs. Since last November, this sector has grown by 17,900 jobs or 5.8%.

Kentucky's professional and business services sector gained 900 jobs in November 2024, according to the release. The administrative, support and waste management subsector accounted for all the job gains in this sector, with 900 additional jobs.

Employment in both the professional, scientific and technical services and the management of companies subsectors was unchanged from October to November. The sector was up 2,500 positions compared to November 2023.

The government sector employment was up 800 jobs from October 2024 to November 2024. The number of jobs increased by 100 in federal government; 200 in state government; and 500 in local government. The total number of government jobs rose by 2,300 positions or 0.7% compared to November 2023.

Kentucky's manufacturing sector rose by 500 jobs from October 2024 to November 2024. Employment was up by 400 in the durable goods manufacturing subsector and up by 100 jobs in the non-durable goods manufacturing subsector. Kentucky's manufacturing employment was up 2,200 positions or 0.9% compared to November 2023.

"While manufacturing employment was flat during the first half of year, it has been trending up over the past few months," said Clark in the release. "We're seeing employment gains in both durable and non-durable goods manufacturers."

The leisure and hospitality sector gained 500 positions in November. This sector reported 1,300 more jobs in November than one year ago. The accommodations and food services subsector was up by 700 positions in November. The arts, entertainment and recreation subsector decreased by 200 jobs from October to November.

Employment in the trade, transportation and utilities sector rose by 200 positions from October to November and was up 1,200 jobs compared to a year ago. Among the subsectors, employment was

down by 200 jobs in wholesale trade; up 200 jobs in retail trade; and up 200 positions in transportation, warehousing and utilities.

The number of jobs in the state's mining and logging sector increased by 100 jobs in November. This sector had 700 more jobs in November 2024 compared to November 2023.

Employment in the financial activities sector did not change from October 2024 to November 2024. Employment in both the finance and insurance and the real estate, rental and leasing subsectors were also unchanged. This sector had 200 fewer positions compared to November 2023.

The number of jobs in the construction sector was unchanged from October 2024 to November 2024 and was up 3,100 positions or 3.4% from one year ago.

Employment in Kentucky's information services sector was down 100 positions from October to November. The industries in this sector include traditional publishing as well as software publishing; motion pictures and broadcasting; and telecommunications. The number of jobs in this sector was down 1,000 from one year ago.

The other services sector was down by 200 jobs from October to November. This sector had 400 more positions in November 2024 compared to November 2023. This sector includes repairs and maintenance, personal care services and religious organizations.



LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE 36-2024

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING APPROXIMATELY 4.106 ACRES INTO THE CITY OF HOPKINSVILLE, KENTUCKY (Newcomb Oil Co., LLC)

WHEREAS, the City of Hopkinsville has declared it desirable to annex certain unincorporated property known as Newcomb Oil Co., LLC into the City of Hopkinsville limits; and

WHEREAS, the subject property is adjacent to the city's current boundaries and is urban in character or suitable for development for urban purposes; and

WHEREAS, Newcomb Oil Co., LLC gave prior written consent to annexation, copies of which are on file at the Christian County Courthouse.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOPKINSVILLE, KENTUCKY AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE

Pursuant to KRS 81A.410 and 81A.412 Hopkinsville City Council hereby annexes the following unincorporated area of Christian County into the City limits of Hopkinsville:

A portion of land consisting of approximately 4.106 acres more particularly described in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth.

Hopkinsville City Council hereby declares the service delivery plan and city taxes will be in effect on the first day after publication and notice as required in KRS 81A.470 and KRS 81A.475 have been met.

SECTION TWO

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is held unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such infirmities shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

SECTION THREE

Any and all existing ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION FOUR

This ordinance shall take effect after its passage and publication according to law.

Annexation Boundary Description
Containing 4.106 Acres

Being a certain parcel of land located on the southeast side of Hopkinsville, KY on the northeast side of the intersection of Bill Bryan Blvd. with U.S. Highway #41 and being further described as follows:

Unless stated otherwise, any monument referred to as an iron pin and cap is a 5/8-inch by 18-inch rebar with an orange plastic cap stamped "C. KENNER PLS 4120." All bearings contained herein are referenced to Grid North based upon GPS observation using a VRS network of KY CORS stations. Distances shown are grid distances based upon NAD83, Geoid 18US in Kentucky South state plane coordinate system.

Beginning at an iron pin and cap (set) in the northeast right-of-way line of U.S. Highway #41 (R/W Varies - KY DOH Project #FSP 024 0041 007-009 017 D), southeast corner to Sominco Farms, Inc. (Deed Book 469 Page 387) in the eastern corporate boundary line of the city of Hopkinsville (ordinance 02-2001); thence along the line of Sominco Farms, Inc. and the eastern corporate boundary line of the city of Hopkinsville North 38° 06' 16" East 421.54 feet to a 5/8-inch rebar and no cap (found), capped this survey, southwest corner to Ralph Collins (Deed Book 516 Page 635); thence along the south and west lines of Ralph Collins the following three (3) calls: South 46° 47' 17" East 210.54 feet to a 5/8-inch rebar and cap (found), PLS #2484; thence South 46° 46' 12" East 223.81 feet to a 5/8-inch rebar and no cap (found), capped this survey; thence South 34° 36' 02" West 380.23 feet to a 5/8-inch rebar and cap (found), PLS #2484, in the northeast right-of-way line of U.S. Highway #41 (R/W Varies- KY DOH Project FSP 024 0041 007-009 017 D); thence along the northeast right-of-way line of U.S. Highway #41 the following four (4) calls: North 50° 24' 06" West 23.83 feet to a point; thence North 53° 27' 33" West 211.45 feet to a 5/8-inch rebar and cap (found), PLS #2484; thence North 53° 26' 46" West 116.73 feet to a point; thence North 49° 07' 57" West 104.10 feet to the Point of Beginning; containing 178,842 sq. ft. or 4.106 acres more or less, according to a field survey completed on June 27, 2023 conducted by Kenner Randolph Engineering & Surveying under the direction of Chris R. Kenner, "PLS 4120".

ORDINANCE 36-2024
ANNEX 4.106 ACRES - NEWCOMB OIL CO., LLC

PUBLICLY READ AND PASSED FIRST TIME: DECEMBER 3, 2024

PUBLICLY READ AND PASSED SECOND TIME: DECEMBER 17, 2024

APPROVED: Mayor James R. Knight Jr.

ATTEST: City Clerk Brittany Byrum, CMC

8/26/24
DATE

CHRIS R. KENNER
LICENSED SURVEYOR
STATE OF KENTUCKY
LICENSE NO. 4120
KENNER RANDOLPH ENGINEERING & SURVEYING





SURVEYOR'S NOTES

IN PREPARING THIS SURVEY, NO GUARANTEE IS MADE AS TO THE ACCURACY OF THE DATA PROVIDED BY THE CLIENT OR ANY OTHER PARTY. THE SURVEYOR HAS CONDUCTED A VISUAL INSPECTION OF THE SITE, WHICH PRIVATE RECORDS OR PUBLIC RECORDS MAY NOT REFLECT THE ACTUAL CONDITIONS. RESTRICTIONS COULD BE ENCOUNTERED ON ANY OTHER PARTS OF A PROFESSIONAL TITLE SEARCH BY THE CLIENT.

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SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE SURVEY HEREON HAS BEEN PERFORMED UNDER MY DIRECT SUPERVISION AND THAT THE MEASUREMENTS WERE MADE BY ME OR UNDER MY CLOSE PERSONAL SUPERVISION AND THAT I AM A LICENSED SURVEYOR IN THE STATE OF KENTUCKY. I HAVE REVIEWED THE SURVEY AND THE INSTRUMENTS USED AND I AM SATISFIED THAT THE SURVEY IS ACCURATE AND THAT THE INSTRUMENTS USED WERE CALIBRATED AND ACCURATE AT THE TIME OF THE SURVEY. I HAVE REVIEWED THE SURVEY AND I AM SATISFIED THAT THE SURVEY IS ACCURATE AND THAT THE INSTRUMENTS USED WERE CALIBRATED AND ACCURATE AT THE TIME OF THE SURVEY.

REFERENCE MERIDIAN

THE BEARINGS SHOWN HEREON ARE REFERENCED TO GRID NORTH OF THE NORTH AMERICAN 1983 STATE PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM. DISTANCES SHOWN ARE GRID DISTANCES. ALL MEASUREMENTS WERE MADE USING A VRS NETWORK OF KY CORS STATIONS.

FLOOD PLAIN INFO

THE PROPERTY SHOWN HEREON IS NOT LOCATED WITHIN A FEMA SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREA ACCORDING TO FEMA FIRM 13020D.

LEGEND

- 5/8" x 18" REBAR & CAP (SET) PLS #4120
- 5/8" REBAR & CAP (FOUND) PLS #2484 U.I.D.
- MEASUREMENT POINT
- BOUNDARY LINE
- APPROXIMATE ALIGNMENT ON ROW LINES
- ORIGINAL TRACT LINE (HOW RECORDED)
- EXISTING ROADWAY AS LABELED
- EXISTING PRIMARY OVERHEAD ELECTRIC
- POWER POLE

VICINITY MAP HOPKINSVILLE, KY

