

OBITUARY

JANUARY

Jan. 1: Freya von Moltke (98), German anti-Nazi leader, in Norwich, Vermont in the U.S. of a viral infection.

'Honorary Tiger' Billy Arjan Singh (92), instrumental in the formation of the Duhwa National Park in Uttar Pradesh.

Jan. 11: Miep Gies (100), who helped hide Anne Frank's German Jewish family in Amsterdam from 1942-44 and preserved the diary, in The Netherlands capital.

Eric Rohmer (89), French filmmaker and a key figure in New Wave Movement in a Paris hospital.

Jan. 17: Erich Segal (72), American writer at his London home.

Jan. 18: K. S. Ashwath (84), Kannada actor of cardiac arrest in Mysore.

Jan. 22: Janeshwar Mishra (77), socialist leader and former Union Minister, in Allahabad of a heart attack.

Jean Simmons (80), British born film icon at her home in Santa Monica after battling lung cancer.

Sultan Iskandar of Johor (77), the Eighth Constitutional monarch of Malaysia at Johor Bahru.

Jan. 26: Boa Senior (85), the last speaker of the Bo language in the Andaman Islands.

Jan. 27: Jerome David Salinger (91), America's great literary hermit at his home in Cornish, New Hampshire.

Howard Zinn (87), U.S. activist and historian, who in 1980 wrote "A People's History of The United States, of a heart attack while travelling in California.

Jan. 29: Ram Niwas Mirdha (87), senior Congress leader and former Union Minister in New Delhi of multiple organ failure.

FEBRUARY

Feb. 1: Subir Raha (62) former chairman of the Oil and National Gas Corporation of lung cancer in New Delhi.

Madeleine Biardeau (88), French Indologistin Cherveux, western France.

Feb. 2: Cochin Haneefa (61), actor in Chennai of liver cancer.

Feb. 3: Mrinal Banerjee (72), West Bengal Power Minister at a Kolkata hospital after a prolonged illness.

Feb. 10: K.N. Raj (85), development economist of cardiac arrest in Thiruvananthapuram.

Feb. 14: Dick Francis (89), British author at his Caribbean home in Grand Cayman from "old age".

Feb. 18: Amlan Datta (85), economist, of a cardiac failure in Kolkata.

Feb. 20: Alexander Haig (85), former U.S. Secretary of State, of complications from an infection.

Madhukar Sarpotdar (75) veteran Shiv Sena leader and two time MP in Mumbai after a cardiac arrest.

Feb. 24: Sheikh Mabarab bin Mohammed Al Nahyan, the first Minister of the Interior of the United Arab Emirates in Adu Dhabi.



Billy Arjan Singh



Janeshwar Mishra



Ram Niwas Mirdha



Alexander Haig



Fatima Meer



P. Obul Reddy



U.S. Senator Robert Byrd



Pravin Chandra Gandhi

Feb. 27: Nanaji Deshmukh (94) Sangh Parivar veteran in the temple town of Chitrakoot.

Feb. 28: P.N. Lekhi (85), one of the defence counsels in the Indira Gandhi assassination case at the AIIMS, New Delhi.

Lawrence Dana Pinkham (83), journalism educator in Massachusetts.

Carlos Montemayor (63), Mexican author and journalist, in Mexico city.

MARCH

March 3: Michael Mackintosh Foot (96), British Labour Party leader, at his London home.

March 5: Ganga Prasad Birla (87), eminent industrialist, in Kolkata.

March 9: Pravinchandra V. Gandhi (87), former chairman of Dena Bank and PTI, in Mumbai after a prolonged illness.

March 10: Sheikh Mohammed Sayed Tantawi (81), the Grand Imam of Cairo based Al-Azhar, Sunni Islam's highest seat of learning, of a heart attack during a visit to Saudi Arabia.

March 12: Fatima Meer (81) ANC stalwart, of a stroke in a Durban hospital.

March 14: Vinda Karandikar (91), noted Marathi poet and winner of Jnanpith award in 2003 at a hospital in Mumbai.

APRIL

April 1: Henry Edward Roberts (68), a developer of an early personal computer that inspired Bill Gates to found Microsoft, in Macon, Georgia after a long bout with pneumonia.

April 2: R. Eswaran (95), husband of legendary Carnatic musician D.K. Pattammal, in Chennai after a brief illness.

April 3: Mother Antoniette Sala (96), former Mother Superior of the Canossian (Canossian Daughters of Charity) convent at Cherukunnu in Kannur of age-related ailments.

April 8: Vasant Vasudev Paranjape, India's former Ambassador to China, in Pune.

April 17: C. K. Prahalad (68), a world authority on management thought at a hospital in San Diego, the U.S. after a brief illness.

April 20: Dorothy Height (98), U.S. civil rights activist, in Washington D.C.

April 21: Juan Antonio Samaranch (89), a giant of the Olympic movement, at a Barcelona hospital.

April 26: Prabha Rau (75), Rajasthan Governor, at the AIIMS, New Delhi following a massive heart attack.

Varkala Radhakrishnan (84), former Speaker of the Kerala Assembly in, Thiruvananthapuram of injuries sustained in an accident on April 22.

John Wakefield (95), the torch-bearer of Karnataka's first eco-tourism project — the Kabini River Lodge on the banks of the Kabini at Karapur, Mysore — at the lodge of age-related illness.

MAY

May 3: Peter O' Donnell (91), English comic script writer in Brighton on the south coast of England.

May 10: Mac Mohan (71), veteran Hindi actor of cancer in Mumbai.

May 15: John Shepherd Barron (84) Indian-born Scot who invented ATM after a short illness at Inverness's Raigmore Hospital in northern Scotland.

May 16: Anuradha Ramanan (62), noted Tamil writer, in Chennai

May 18: K.A. Krishnasamy (78), former Tamil Nadu Law Minister at his home in Chennai.

Tirupampuram S. Shanmugasundaram (73), noted vocalist and director of Tamizh Isai Sangam.

May 20: Ashish Mandloi (38), a key Narmada Bachao Andolan activist, of cardiac arrest at his residence in Chhota Barda in Badwani district, Madhya Pradesh

May 28: Gary Coleman (42) of *Diffrent Strokes* fame of brain haemorrhage at a hospital in Provo, Utah.

JUNE

June 11: D. Jayavarthanavelu (70), chairman and managing director of Lakshmi Machine Works Limited, Coimbatore, at a Chennai hospital.

June 14: Manohar Malgaonkar (97), Indian novelist in Jagalpet in Karnataka's Uttara Kannada district.

June 18: Jose Saramago (87) Nobel Prize winning Portuguese novelist in Spain of multiple organ failure.

June 25: Digvijay Singh (55), former Union Minister and sitting Lok Sabha MP from Bihar, in London following a brain haemorrhage.

June 26: D. Sudarssanam (67), leader of the Congress Legislature Party in the Tamil Nadu Assembly in Coimbatore.

June 28: Robert Byrd (92), the longest serving member ever of the U.S. Congress in history at the Inova Fairfax Hospital, West Virginia.

June 29: Vidya Shankar (90), musicologist, veena vidushi and teacher after a brief illness in Chennai.

June 30: P. Obul Reddy (85), industrialist, philanthropist in Chennai after a prolonged illness.

JULY

July 2: Dr. S. Krishnamurthi (90), doyen of oncology in India, who spearheaded the growth of the Cancer Institute, in Chennai.

July 19: Kottakkal Sivaraman (74) Kathakali maestro at his home

in Karalmanna in Palakkad district.

July 20: Milon Kumar Banerjee (80), former Attorney General of India in New Delhi after a brief illness.

July 25: S.R.G. Sambandam (91), noted nagaswaram player in Chennai.

July 26: Peer Abdul Ahad (80), the Sopore saint popularly known as Ahad Bab after a brief illness at the SKIMS, Srinagar.

July 27: Ravi Baswani (64), Hindi comedian of a massive heart attack.

July 28: Ivy Bean (104), the world's oldest Twitter user at her residential home on the outskirts of Bradford in north England.

AUGUST

Aug. 1: K. M. Mathew (93), Chief Editor of *Malayala Manorama* at his residence in Kottayam.

Aug. 9: Mithran Devanesan (61), Chennai-based theatre personality in Chennai after a battle with cancer.

Aug. 27: Ravindra R. Kelekar (85), Konkani litterateur and Jnanpith award winner, in Margoa, Goa.

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 2: Dilip Roy (79), well-known Bengali actor and director, in Kolkata of cancer.

Sept. 5: Jefferson Thomas (67), a key figure in the anti-segregation civil rights movement in the U.S. of pancreatic cancer in Columbus, Ohio.

Sept. 8: Murali (46), Tamil actor, of a massive cardiac arrest in Chennai.

Sept. 12: Claude Chabrol (80), French filmmaker who helped start the New Wave movement in the 1950s, in Paris.

Swarnalatha (37), playback singer, in Chennai following a lung infection.

Sept. 13: Chudamani Raghavan (79), eminent Tamil short story writer, in Chennai.

Sept. 14: V. Narayanan (91), the former Chairman of Goodyear India and Founder-Trustee of Chennai Willington Corporate Foundation, at his residence in Chennai.

Sept. 22: Eddie Fisher (82), one of the best pop singers of his era, in Berkeley, California.

Sept. 26: Arjun K. Sengupta (73), developmental economist at the AIIMS, New Delhi after a brief illness.

Gloria Stuart (100), Hollywood actress at her home in Los Angeles.

Sept. 29: Tony Curtis (85), Hollywood star at his home in Nevada of a cardiac arrest.

T. V. Vasam (61) renowned ghatam exponent in New Delhi of a cardiac arrest.

Ashok Bhatt (71), Gujarat Assembly Speaker in Ahmedabad.

Sept. 30: Chandrabose (60), noted film music director, in Chen-

nai following multiple organ failure.

OCTOBER

Oct. 8: S. S. Chandran (69), former AIADMK MP and comedian of a heart attack in Mannargudi, Tamil Nadu.

Oct. 16: Soundara Kailasam (83), Tamil poet and writer at her residence in Chennai.

Benoit Mandelbrot (85), father of fractal geometry, in Cambridge, Massachusetts of pancreatic cancer.

Oct. 19: Forooq Ahmad Khan Leghari (70) Pakistan's eighth President, in a Rawalpindi hospital.

Oct. 23: K. E. Eapen (87), a pioneer in journalism and communication education in the country, in Bangalore.

Oct. 26: Satyavati (106), mother of the former Vice-President Krishan Kant and oldest living freedom fighter, in New Delhi.

Oct. 27: Sheikh Saqr bin Mohammad al-Qasimi (92), the longest serving ruler of Ras al-Khaimah, a Gulf Emirate.

Oct. 30: T. R. Ramasamy (62), Tamil Nadu Information Commissioner in Chennai after battling lung cancer for a few years.

Oct. 31: Theodore C. Sorenson (82), President John F. Kennedy's closest advisor at New York Presbyterian Hospital, Manhattan.

NOVEMBER

Nov. 3: Viktor Stepanovich Chernomyrdin (72), former Russian Prime Minister, in Moscow.

Nov. 6: Siddhartha Shankar Ray (90), former Chief Minister of West Bengal, at his residence in kolkata.

Nov. 13: Sikkil Kunjumani (83), flautist, the elder of the renowned 'Sikkil Sisters' duo, in Chennai.

D.V.S. Raju (82), doyen of the Telugu film industry in Hyderabad.

Nov. 14: L. C. Jain (85), economist, in New Delhi following prolonged illness.

Nov. 17: 'Calcutta Viswanathan' (81), an academic and an actor, at his residence in Kolkata after a brief illness.

Nov. 24: Huang Hua (97), former Chinese Vice-Premier, in Beijing.

DECEMBER

Dec. 1: Dashrath Patel (83), India's first multi-disciplinary artist, in Ahmedabad.

Dec. 12: Bindiganavile Srinivasa Iyengar Ranga (93), veteran Kannada film director at his residence in Chennai.

Dec. 17: Surendra Mohan (84), socialist thinker and activist of a cardiac arrest in his sleep in New Delhi.

Pappa Umanath (80), CPI (M) leader, in Tiruchi after a brief illness.

Dec. 23: Jayaben Desai (77), a pioneer of Asian women workers' movement in Britain.

Dec. 24: Nalini Jayawant (84), Hindi actor in Chembur, Mumbai.

Dec. 27: Ramaprasad Banik (56), eminent thespian, in Kolkata.

Dec. 30: Vettath Balakrishna Eradi (88), a former Supreme Court judge, in Kozhikode.

K.G. Kannabiran (81), civil rights activist, in Hyderabad.

Bobby Farrell (61), the charismatic front man of Boney M, in Russia.



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