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Homai Vyarawalla

JANUARY

Jan. 2: K.J. Sarasa (78), dance guru, in Chennai after a brief illness.

Jan. 8: M.N. Sukumaran Nambiar (64), a member of the BJP National Executive and son of M.N. Nambiar, due to a cardiac arrest in Chennai.

Jan. 15: Homai Vyarawalla (98), India's first woman photojournalist, in Vadodara, Gujarat.

Jan. 10: Gevork Vartanyan (87), Soviet spy, in a Moscow hospital.

Jan. 18: K.V. Balasubramanian (78), former Chief Advertisement Manager of Kasturi & Sons Ltd., in Chennai.

Jan. 24 : Sukumar Azhikode (86), Malayalam writer, at a private hospital in Thrissur, Kerala of cancer.

Jan. 31: A.K. Damodaran, (90), veteran diplomat and writer in New Delhi a prolonged illness.

FEBRUARY

Feb. 6: Sharada Dwivedi (69), Mumbai's art and heritage historian, at her home in Mumbai.

Feb. 13: Akhlaq Mohammed Khan (76) (Shahryar), Urdu poet and Jnanpith Awardee in Aligarh.

Feb. 19: S. N. Lakshmi (85), veteran actor of a heart attack in Chennai.

Johan Frederik Staal (82), renowned Indologist, at his home near Chiangmai in Thailand.

MARCH

March 1: Andrew Breitbart (43), American Right's online warrior, in Los Angeles.

March 7: Bombay Ravi (86), Hindi and Malayalam music composer, in Mumbai.

March 9: Joy Mukherjee (73), Bollywood veteran actor in a Mumbai hospital after a prolonged illness.

March 26 : Manik Godghate (75), celebrated Marathi poet and author of cancer at a hospital in Pune.

APRIL

April 1 : N.K.P. Salve (91), veteran Congress leader and cricket administrator, in New Delhi.

April 6: Promode Gogoi (82), veteran Communist leader and president of the AITUC, in Guwahati.

April 7: Mike Wallace (93), American broadcast journalist and pioneer of '60 Minutes', at a care facility in New Canaan, Connecticut.

April 10: N. Varadarajan (87), former CPI(M) State secretary, in Chennai.

April 23: Appachan (88), renowned Malayalam movie director and producer, at a hospital in Kochi.

April 30: Achala Sachdev (91), Hindi actor, at a hospital in Pune due to respiratory failure.

MAY

May 10: Horst Faas (79), a giant in the world of photojournalism, in Munich, Germany.

May 15: Carlos Fuentes (83), celebrated Mexican novelist, in a Mexico City hospital.

May 17: Donna Summer (63), Grammy-winning disco legend, in Florida after a battle with cancer.

May 20: Robin Hugh Gibb (62), Bee Gees singer in London, of cancer.

JUNE

June 5: Ray Douglas Bradbury (91), a giant of science fiction writing, in Los Angeles.

June 13: Mehdi Hassan (84), known as the Ghazal King, of multiple organ failure at the Aga Khan hospital in Karachi.

June 21: Abid Hussain (85), India's former Ambassador to the U.S. in London of a massive heart attack.

Radha Vinod Raju (62), founding Director-General of the NIA, in Kochi of leukaemia.

Sunil Janah (94), ace photographer known for his searing coverage of the 1943 Bengal Famine, at his home in Berkeley, California.

June 26: Nora Ephron (71), essayist, author and Hollywood filmmaker, of leukaemia at a hospital in New York.

June 29: Joan Dunlop (78), champion of women's rights, of breast cancer at her home in Connecticut.

JULY

July 4: Hiren Bhattacharyya (80), Assamese poet in Guwahati.

July 12: Dara Singh (83), wrestler-hero, at his Mumbai residence.

July 14: Mrinal Gore (84), veteran social activist, in Vasai, Thane following a cardiac arrest.

July 23: Lakshmi Sahgal (97), INA veteran, at a Kanpur hospital.

Sally Ride(61), U.S. physicist and first American woman to enter into low earth orbit in 1983, at La Jolla, California, of pancreatic cancer.

July 29: Vempati Chinna Satyam (82), kuchipudi exponent at his residence in Chennai.

July 31: Gore Vidal (86) , American essayist, of complications from pneumonia at his home in the Hollywood Hills, in Los Angeles.

AUGUST

Aug. 13: Helen Gurley Brown (90), former Editor of Cosmopolitan, after a brief illness in New York.

Aug. 17: Martine Franck (74), the world famous photographer and president of the Henri Cartier-Bresson Foundation, in Paris of ill health.

Aug. 18: Ra.Ki.Rangarajan (85), Tamil journalist, novelist in Chennai.

Aug. 26: A. K. Hangal (95), Hindi actor, at a hospital in Mumbai.

Aug. 28 : K. Pankajakshan (84), veteran Leftist leader and former general secretary of the RSP, in Thiruvananthapuram.

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 1: Hal David (91),'Raindrops' lyricist, of complications from a stroke, in Los Angeles.

Sept. 13: A.M.Gopu (83), freedom fighter and Communist leader,in Chennai.

Ranganath Misra (85), former Chief Justice of India,at a private hospital in Bhubaneswar after a prolonged illness.

Sept .15: Kuppahalli Sitaramayya Sudarshan (81), former RSS chief,in Raipur following a heart attack.

Sept. 20: Dinesh Thakur (65), noted Hindi film actor , in Mumbai.

Sept. 21: Konda Laxman (97), noted freedom fighter and Telangana protagonist of cardiac arrest at his residence in Hyderabad.

Sept. 24: Thilakan (77), veteran Malayalam actor,at a hospital in Thiruvananthapuram after battling multiple organ failure.

Sept. 28: Brajesh Mishra (84), India's first National Security Advisor , in New Delhi.

K.S.Narayanan (93), Chairman Emeritus, of the Sanmar Group, in Chennai.

Sept. 29: Arthur Ochs Sulzberger (86), former *New York Times* publisher, at his home in Southampton, New York after a long illness.

OCTOBER

Oct. 1: Eric J. Hobsbawm (95), British Marxist historian, at the Royal Free Hospital, in London.

Oct. 5: Keith Campbell (58), British biologist and key member of the Ian Wilmut team that created Dolly the Sheep.

Oct. 15: Cambodia's Prince Norodom Sihanouk (89), of heart failure in Beijing.

Oct. 21: Yash Chopra (80), Hindi film director, at Lilavati hospital in Mumbai.

Oct. 29: N.C.Soundaravalli (76), noted classical musician, in Chennai after a brief illness.

NOVEMBER

Nov. 4: Jacob Sahaya Kumar Aruni (37), popularly known as Chef Jacob , in Chennai of cardiac arrest.

Nov. 14 : Kamala Sadagopan (77), Tamil writer , in Chennai.

Nov. 17 : Tulsi Govinda Baruah (87), the Chairman of *The Assam Tribune* Group of Newspapers at his residence in Rajgarh.

Nov. 22: Govinda Pillai (86), Leftist intellectual, at a private hospital in Thiruvananthapuram.

Nov. 23: Veerapandi Arumugam (75), former Tamil Nadu Agriculture Minister and DMK leader at a private hospital in Chennai.

Nov. 25: Samayanallur S. Selvaraj (67), former Tamil Nadu Minister for Adi Dravidar Welfare at a private hospital in Chennai.

Nov. 26: Dr. Joseph E. Murray (93), who won the Nobel Prize for the first successful organ transplant, of a stroke at Boston's Brigham and Women's hospital.

DECEMBER

Dec. 5: Oscar Ribeiro de Almeida Niemeyer Soares Filho (104), Brazilian architect, in Rio de Janeiro.

Dave Warren Brubeck (91), U.S. jazz legend, of heart failure in Hartford, Connecticut.

Dec. 7: Sister Mary Theodre (86), founder of MITHRA, in Chennai.

Dec. 9: Patrick Moore (89), British astronomer who helped map the moon and presenter of the BBC programme, The Sky At Night, at his home in Selsey, West Sussex.

Norman Joseph Woodland (91), co-inventor of the barcode, in Edgewater, New Jersey.

Dec. 10: Iajuddin Ahmed (81), former Bangladesh President in Bangkok, Thailand.

Dec. 11: B.B.Nimbalkar (93), former Ranji cricketer at his residence in Kolhapur, Maharashtra.

Dec. 20 : Leslie Claudius (85), India's triple Olympic gold medallist and one of the legends of hockey, in Kolkata after prolonged illness.

Dec. 24 : Jack Klugman (90), veteran U.S. actor, at his home in Los Angeles.

Dec. 29 : Tony Greig, English cricketer, of a cardiac arrest in Sydney, Australia.

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