

Current Affairs Roundup - 2020

Deaths

Siachen Hero, Colonel Narendra Kumar passes away

Colonel Narendra 'Bull' Kumar (Retired), who contributed significantly to the security of our country by paving the way for India's move into the Siachen Glacier, died.

- ★ Born in Rawalpindi - now in Pakistan - in 1933, the mountaineering legend led an expedition of the Indian Army to the Siachin Glacier in April 1984. The pre-emptive mobilization helped the then Prime Minister, Indira Gandhi, launch Operation Meghdoot



Aerospace scientist Roddam Narasimha passes away

Eminent aerospace scientist and Padma Vibhushan awardee Roddam Narasimha (87) died in Bengaluru due to a brain hemorrhage.

- ★ He served at the prestigious Indian Institute of Science (IISc).

Legendary Bangladeshi actor Aly Zaker passed away

Eminent Bangladeshi actor and Liberation Warfighter Aly Zaker passed away in Dhaka at the age of 76. He had been fighting cancer for the last several years. He was an actor, director, and playwright who contributed to theatre, TV, and Films in Bangladesh. He had adapted plays by Brecht, Chekhov, Moliere, Shakespeare, and many other great playwrights.

- ★ Aly was involved in the Liberation War movement of Bangladesh against Pakistan. He was also a founder trustee of the Liberation War Museum in Dhak.
- ★ He was awarded the second-highest civilian award of Bangladesh 'Ekushey Padak' in 1999 for his contribution in the field of theatre.

TCS Founder Faqir Chand Kohli Passes Away

A veteran of the Tata Group and the founder, the first CEO of India's largest software exporter TCS Faqir Chand Kohli, or FC Kohli, often called the Father of the Indian software industry passed away at the age of 96.

- ★ FC Kohli was born in Peshawar British India on 19th March 1924. He did his schooling in Peshawar and did his BA and BSc (Hons) at the Government College for Men in Lahore from Punjab University, Lahore, where he was a university gold medalist He went to Queen's University, Canada and completed his BSc (Hons) in Electrical Engineering in 1948. He then worked for a year at the Canadian General Electric Company and subsequently did his MS in Electrical Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1950.
- ★ He returned to India in early August 1951, and joined Tata Electric Companies in September 1969, he became the general manager of Tata Consultancy Services. In 1974, he was made the director-in-charge and in 1994 deputy chairman of TCS. TCS was established in 1968 with its headquarters in Mumbai and F C Kohli was appointed as the first CEO. He was president of NASSCOM for 1995-96.

Football Legend Diego Maradona Dies at 60

Diego Maradona, one of the greatest footballers of all time, died at the age of 60 from a heart attack.

- ★ The Argentine World Cup-winning captain Maradona will forever be known for his "Hand of God" goal against England in the 1986 World Cup quarter-final in Mexico when he appeared to use his hand to

push the ball into the net before later swerving through the English defenders for a memorable second goal that sealed the victory.

- ★ Maradona also coached Messi's Argentina in the FIFA World Cup 2010.

Former Assam Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi passes away

Former Assam Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi dies passes away at 86 years of age.

- ★ Born in 1936 at Rangajan Tea Estate, erstwhile Sibsagar District, now the Jorhat District of Assam.
- ★ As an Indian politician, he served as three times the Chief Minister of Assam (2001 to 2016), 6 times as a parliament member, 2 times as central minister. He represents the Titabor Assembly constituency in the Jorhat district.



Noted writer Devipriya passes away

Shaik Khaja Hassan popularly known by his pen name Devi Priya, a well-known poet, writer, journalist, and Sahitya Akademi awardee, died of illness. He was 69 years old.

- ★ Born in Guntur in Andhra Pradesh on August 15, 1951, Devipriya studied Telugu and English literature. The writer had several books and compilations of poems to his credit and his compilation of newspaper editorials with the title 'Adhyakshaa Mannichandi' (Pardon me, President).
- ★ Devipriya was honored with the Kendriya Sahitya Akademi award in 2017 for his collection of poems 'Gaalī Rangu'. He also bagged several other awards at the national and State-level for his contribution to the field of Telugu literature. He also bagged the Nandi film award as best lyricist in 1992. His documentary film script on saving the girl child also brought him the UNICEF award in 2010.

Renowned Kuchipudi dancer Shobha Naidu passes away

Renowned Kuchipudi dancer, Dr. Shobha Naidu (64), passed away with a prolonged illness.

- ★ She was born in 1956 at Anakapalle in Andhra Pradesh's Visakhapatnam district. Shobha Naidu had been one of the prominent exponents of Kuchipudi dance in the country.
- ★ She extensively toured the US, UK, Dubai, Turkey, Hongkong, Mexico, Venezuela, and Cuba to give stage performances of Kuchipudi dance.
- ★ Naidu was awarded the civilian honor of Padma Shri in 2001. She also won several other awards like Nritya Choodamani and Sangeet Natak Akademi award. She also served as the principal of the 40-year-old Kuchipudi Art Academy, Hyderabad, and trained more than 1,500 students from India and abroad.



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