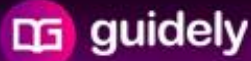


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Dear Readers, Here we have given the list of Important Weekly Current Affairs 4<sup>th</sup> week of January 2021. Candidates those who are preparing for Upcoming IBPS, SBI and other competitive exams can make use of it.

### CURRENT AFFAIRS: DAYS

- **Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Jayanti** or **Subhas Chandra Bose's birthday** is celebrated on **23rd January** every year to remember and honour Netaji's vigour as one the greatest freedom fighters of India.
- The **National Girl Child Day** is celebrated in India every year on **January 24**.
- To encourage more young voters to take part in the political process, the Government of India has decided to celebrate **January 25** every year as "**National Voters' Day**".
- Every year, **January 25** is observed as **National Tourism Day** in the country.
- **Uttar Pradesh** is celebrating its foundation day on **Jan 24**.
- On **January 24, 2018**, the **United Nations General Assembly** adopted a resolution proclaiming this day as **International Day of Education** in celebration of the role of education for peace and development.
- Every year on **26<sup>th</sup> January**, **International Customs Day (ICD)** is celebrated worldwide
- **India** is Celebrating the **72nd Republic Day** on **26 January 2021**, at the **Rajpath in New Delhi**.
- The **International Holocaust Remembrance Day** is an international Memorial Day observed on **January 27 every year**.
- **Data Privacy Day** is an international event that occurs every year on **28 January**
- The day marks the **death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi**. On this day in **1948**, Gandhi was assassinated by **Nathuram Godse** in the compound of **Birla House** after one of his routine multi-faith prayer meetings.
- **January 30, 2021** will mark the **second annual World Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTD) Day**. Theme of **2021** is **Face NTDs: End the Neglect**. The first **World NTD Day** was held on **30 January 2020**
- **World Leprosy Day** is observed on the **last Sunday of January**. The day was chosen by **French humanitarian Raoul Follereau** in **1953** to coincide with the anniversary of **Mahatma Gandhi's death** which happened on the last Sunday of **January 1948**.

### CURRENT AFFAIRS: NATIONAL NEWS

- **Indian Railways** in a tribute to freedom fighter **Subhas Chandra Bose** who is also known as '**Netaji**' has decided to **rename the Howrah-Kalka Mail** as '**Netaji Express**'

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- Meghalaya chief minister **Conrad K Sangma** inaugurated India's longest road arch bridge, the **Wahrew Bridge** at **Sohbar** in **East Khasi Hills** district.
- The **Supreme Court** held that the successful bidders for a corporate debtor under the **Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC)** would be immune from any investigations.
- The **Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)** has launched a **regulatory compliance portal** that will act as a **bridge between citizens, industries** and the government to minimise burdensome compliances.
- The Union Home Minister **Shri Amit Shah** inaugurated the new 4-lane **Thaltej-Shilaj-Rancharda** railway overbridge, in **Ahmedabad** city of **Gujarat** through video conferencing from **New Delhi**.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** will visit **West Bengal** to address the inaugural function of the '**Parakram Diwas**' celebrations at **Victoria Memorial** in **Kolkata**.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** will interact with **Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar** awardees through video conferencing.
- Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** has launched the **Ayushman CAPF** health scheme in **Guwahati** for about **28 lakh Central Armed Police Forces** and their families in all the states where **Ayushman Bharat- Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana** is operational.
- Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** has said that due to the efforts of Prime Minister **Narendra Modi**, a new era of development and peace has prevailed in **Bodoland Territorial Region**.
- Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** is visiting **Shillong** to chair the **69th Plenary Meeting of the North Eastern Council (NEC)**.
- In **UP**, a new **3300 meter long airstrip** has been constructed near **Kurebhar** On **Purvanchal Expressway**
- **Indian Railways' South Eastern Central Railway (SECR)** zone has created another record when it operated the longest freight train on the Indian Railways network.
- **Bharat Parv 2021**, a festival to celebrate the spirit of India has begun on **Jan 26, 2021**. The festival is being organised on a virtual platform **bharatparv2021.com** this year from **Jan 26 to till 31st of January**.
- **India** has announced a pledge of **\$150,000** to activities of the **Peacebuilding Fund** this year and said that 2021 provides the international community with an opportunity to look at peace-building in a more focused manner
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** chaired the meeting of **35th edition of PRAGATI**, the **ICT based multi-modal platform for Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation**, involving **Central and State governments**.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** will address the rally of the **National Cadet Corps** at **Cariappa Ground** in **Delhi**.

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- National Security Adviser **Ajit Doval** had a telephone call with his US counterpart, **Jake Sullivan**
- Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs **Nirmala Sitharaman** inaugurated the **Chennai Bench of National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT)** through virtual mode.
- The **Supreme Court** on January 27 appointed conservationist **Nandita Hazarika** as Member of a Technical Committee constituted by it on October 14 last year to hear complaints by landowners against the action taken by the Nilgris Collector, which included sealing of their buildings and allegations about the “arbitrary variance in acreage of the elephant corridor.”
- The **Election Commission** rolled out the electronic version of the voters' **photo identity card** on the **National Voters' Day**.
- Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved **Minimum Support Price (MSP)** of copra at **Rs 10,335 per quintal for 2021** season which is an increase of Rs 375 over 2020 rates.
- A conservation paradigm for **marine mega fauna and marine turtles**, the **Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC)** has released ‘**Marine MegaFauna Stranding Guidelines**’ and ‘**National Marine Turtle Action Plan**’ in New Delhi.
- The **High-Level Committee** under the Chairmanship of Home Minister **Amit Shah** approved Additional Central Assistance of over **one thousand seven hundred 51 crore rupees** under the National Disaster Response Fund, NDRF to five states.
- **External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar** has had a telephonic conversation with US Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken.
- The government has said that the country is witnessing a **V-Shaped Economic Recovery** which is a testimony to the resilience and intrinsic strength of its economy.

### CURRENT AFFAIRS: INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- For the first time ever, a **122 member** strong contingent of the Bangladesh Armed Forces will participate in the Republic Day parade.
- **19th meeting of the Joint Steering Committee** on India Bangladesh cooperation in the energy sector was held in **Dhaka**.
- The **19th Dhaka International Film Festival (DIFF)** During the **9-day long festival** which started on 16 January, **226 films from 73 countries** were shown.
- through racial barriers in a 41-year career, won Senate confirmation to become the **nation's first Black secretary of defense**.
- **China** overtook **Germany** to become the country with the **world's largest current account surplus** in the year 2020, as per a survey by the **Munich-based Ifo institute**.

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- **Mongolia's** Prime Minister **Khurelsukh Ukhnaa** submitted his **resignation** to parliament
- On 24 Jan 2021, **SpaceX** created a unique world record of launching **143 satellites on a single vehicle**.
- **China** climbed to the **1 ranking globally** attracting **foreign direct investment (FDI)** of **\$163 billion** in 2020.
- Bangladesh Liberation War fighter **Col. (Retd.) Quazi Sajjad Ali Zahir** and well-known musicologist, **Rabindra Sangeet** exponent and academic **Sanjida Khatun** from Bangladesh has been awarded the **Padma Shri** for the year 2021.
- Kaja Kallas, the leader of the Reform Party, has become Estonia's first female prime minister. Estonia would thus currently become the only country in the world where both the president and the prime minister are women.
- **Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte** resigned on Jan 26 after a key coalition ally pulled his party's support over the prime minister's handling of the coronavirus pandemic, setting the stage for consultations this week to determine if he can form a third government.
- The Government of India and the World Bank signed a **500-million US dollar Strengthening Teaching-Learning and Results for States Programme (STARS)** to improve the quality and governance of school education in **six Indian states**.

### CURRENT AFFAIRS: STATE NEWS

- **Uttarakhand** Chief Minister **Trivendra Singh Rawat** inaugurated the state's **first child friendly police station** describing it as a major reformative step by the police.
- Ladakh administration organises Opening Ceremony of Archery Competition
- **Himachal Pradesh** is celebrating its golden jubilee statehood day (Jan 25<sup>th</sup>) with full zeal across the state.
- A new scheme has been initiated in Sirohi district, Rajasthan to make people aware about the importance of **nourishment of pregnant women and children**.
- In Kargil of Ladakh Union territory, the Union Tourism Minister **Mr Prahlad Singh Patel** has inaugurated a branch of **Indian Institute of Skiing and Mountaineering (IISM)**.
- Madhya Pradesh has become the **first state to get additional funds** for capital projects for successfully carrying out reforms in various citizen-centric areas.
- In Madhya Pradesh, **WIPRO group is all set to act as knowledge partner of the State Government**.
- In Gujarat, the State Government has announced to set up new industrial estates under the Gujarat **Industrial Development Corporation-GIDC**.
- In Tamil Nadu, Union Minister for fisheries **Giriraj Singh** disbursed subsidy amounts to three boat building yards for construction of deep sea fishing boats scheme worth

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- For the **71st foundation day of Uttar Pradesh**, Chief Minister **Yogi Adityanath** launched '**Udyam Sarathi**' app
- To mark the **National Girl Child Day**, **Haridwar teenager Srishti Goswami** will take charge as the chief minister of **Uttarakhand** for one day.
- The **15th edition** of the famous '**Toshali National Crafts Mela**' began in **Odisha's Bhubaneswar** on **January 21**.
- **D K Joshi**, the **Lieutenant Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands** flagged-off a **fleet of electric buses**.
- In **Maharashtra**, Chief Minister **Uddhav Thackeray** inaugurated **Balasaheb Thackeray Gorewada International Zoological Park** in **Nagpur**.
- The Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, **Meghalaya** was selected for a **Special Award for Information Technology applications in Elections** by the **Election Commission of India (ECI)**, in the **National Best Electoral Practices Awards-2020**.
- **Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray** launched a '**jail tourism**' initiative of the state government from **Pune's Yerawada prison**, in a move to **help students learn about historical experiences**.
- **Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Edappadi Palanisamy** inaugurated **Jayalithaa Memorial at Chennai**. The **79 crore** worth grand memorial is built on a **nine acre land** situated on the shores of the **Marina Beach**.
- **Union Minister of Coal and Mines Pralhad Joshi** has assured that the proposed **brownfield expansion of National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO)'s smelter plant** at **Angul** is very much on track and will be executed on priority.
- **Uttar Pradesh** government will establish the **first leather park of the country** in **Kanpur district**. The park is expected to provide employment to **50 thousand people directly** and more than **1 lakh 50 thousand people indirectly**.
- The **Karnataka government** launched a **first-of-its-kind initiative** in the country to automatically select beneficiaries for old-age pensions that will be paid through the **direct benefit transfer (DBT) mode**.
- In the Union Territory of **Jammu and Kashmir**, Adviser to Lieutenant Governor **Farooq Khan** reviewed the functioning of **One-Stop-Centres for women** in the UT during a meeting at **Civil Secretariat, Jammu**.
- In the Union Territory of **Jammu and Kashmir**, **over 22 lakh people** have so far applied for the **golden card** under newly launched **Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (ABPMJAY) SEHAT** scheme in various districts across the Union Territory.
- The **Kerala government's Gender Park** in **Kozhikode** will become **functional from next month**, coinciding with the second edition of the **International Conference on Gender Equality (ICGE-II)**.

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### CURRENT AFFAIRS: BANKING AND ECONOMY

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of 2 crore on Standard Chartered Bank–India for delays in reporting of frauds.
- The RBI state-owned SBI, along with private sector lenders ICICI Bank and HDFC Bank continue to be Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs) or institutions which are 'too big to fail'.
- Axis Bank has unveiled a credit 'AURA' exclusively loaded with several health and wellness benefits for its users at an affordable price.
- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has pegged contraction in India's economy at 8 percent in the current financial year, higher than the 7.7-per cent decline projected by the government's advance estimates.
- Board of Directors of Kerala-based Dhanlaxmi Bank have given approval to appoint J K Shivan as managing director and CEO of the Bank.
- India's economy is projected to grow at 7.3% in 2021, even as it is estimated to contract by 9.6% in 2020.
- India's gross domestic product (GDP) is expected to contract by 8 per cent in 2020-21, according to the latest round of FICCI's Economic Outlook Survey.
- Global financial services major HSBC inaugurated its International Banking Unit (IBU) branch at GIFT City near Gandhinagar city in Gujarat.
- Engineering college students in Hubballi have come up with 'Maya', a robot that has been programmed to serve in banks and speaks in many regional languages.
- Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman presented the Economic Survey, that details the state of the economy ahead of the government's budget for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2021.

### CURRENT AFFAIRS: APPOINTMENTS

- Maharashtra government has appointed A L Jarhad IAS as secretary to the chief minister Uddhav Thackeray.
- Portuguese President Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa won a landslide reelection.
- The command of Indian Army's Frontier Gajraj Corps changed hands from Lieutenant General Shantanu Dayal, to Lieutenant General Ravin Khosla.
- Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte has resigned - and it is not clear if he will be able to form and lead a new coalition government.
- Shri U. P. Singh, a 1985 batch Indian Administrative Service Officer (IAS) of Odisha Cadre has taken over as Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India.

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- The Appointments Committee (ACC) of the Cabinet cleared the names of two officials — **Swaminathan Janakiraman** and **Ashwini Kumar Tewari** as new managing directors of State Bank of India (SBI) for a period of **three years**.
- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of **Swaminathan Janakiraman** as **Managing Director** of State Bank of India, the country's largest commercial bank.
- Lieutenant General **Chandi Prasad Mohanty** on **February 1, 2021**, will take over as the next **vice-chief of Army Staff**.
- The **National Health Authority (NHA)** has appointed **RS Sharma** as the new **Chief Executive** to head its health insurance scheme **Ayushman Bharat** or **Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana**, a flagship programme of the government.
- Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, **Shri Prakash Javadekar** and **Ms Barbara Pompili**, the French Minister for Ecological Transition launched the **Indo-French Year of the Environment in New Delhi**.

### CURRENT AFFAIRS: BUSINESS NEWS

- India's gross domestic product (GDP) is expected to contract by **8 per cent** in **2020-21**, according to the latest round of **FICCI's Economic Outlook Survey**.
- In Economic Survey India to become **Fastest Growing Economy** in next 2-years reported by **IMF**
- **Microsoft** announced the launch of its new **India Development Center (IDC)** facility at **NCR** that will serve as a premier **hub for driving cutting-edge engineering and innovation**.

### CURRENT AFFAIRS: AWARDS AND HONOURS

- **Rakesh Rathi**, The Inspector General of Police of Magadh range, present Lakhisarai **SP Sushil Kumar** and Jamui ASP (operation) **Sudhansu Kumar** are the IPS officers, who would be awarded with the Internal Security Service Medals.
- Music composer **AR Rahman** and social activist from **Saidapet Hari Krishnan** were among the **14 people** who were presented the **fourth edition** of the **Alert Being Awards 2020** by the **NGO ALERT**, for their **Good Samaritan** work.
- Chief Minister **Pinarayi Vijayan** presented the **2019 Kerala State Film Awards** and the **J C Daniel Award** at a function here.
- **Dr Pathi** is a noted orthopaedic surgeon who is known for his landmark work in **tribal districts of the State**.
- Fondly known as '**Nanda Mastre**', centenarian **Nanda Prusty** of **Kantira** in **Sukinda block** had never imagined he would be bestowed the coveted **Padma Shri** award for his service to the society.

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- Purnamasi Jani has over a lakh poems and devotional songs to her credit, but **Purnamasi Jani has never been to a school.**
- **Nikhil Srivastava**, a young Indian mathematician, has been named **winner of the prestigious 2021 Michael and Sheila Held Prize** along with two others for solving long-standing questions on the Kadison-Singer problem and on Ramanujan graphs.
- The closing ceremony of the **51st edition of the International Film Festival of India** was held in the **Shyama Prasad Mookerjee Stadium in Goa.**
- **Rajendra Kumar Bhandari**, who laid the foundation of scientific studies on geo hazards, was selected for the **Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar for 2021** for his work in **disaster management.**
- **Shyam Srinivasan**, managing director and chief executive officer (CEO) of **Federal Bank**, is the **Business Standard Banker of the Year for 2019-20.**
- President has approved awards of **455 Gallantry** and other Defence decorations to Armed Forces personnel and others.
- **Manjamma Jogathi**, the **Padma Shri** comes after decades of social and financial struggle. The list of Padma awards recipients this year includes a **transgender from Karnataka** who has over the past many decades practised and single-handedly popularised rural folk arts.
- The **Ram Temple tableau of Uttar Pradesh** that was on display during the **Republic Day** has bagged the **first prize among all tableaux.**
- The **Textiles Committee of the Ministry of Textiles** has signed a **Memorandum of Understanding- MoU** with **Nissenken Quality Evaluation Centre, Japan** to boost export of Textile and Apparel to Japanese market.
- The **International Cricket Council (ICC)** on January 27, 2021 announced the '**ICC Player of the Month**' awards to recognise the best performances of male and female cricketers across all three forms of international cricket.

### CURRENT AFFAIRS: MOU

- Ministry of Road Transport and Highways and Indian Institute of Technology, IIT Roorkee signed an MoU in New Delhi

### CURRENT AFFAIRS: SCHEMES

- **Amit Shah** has launched the **Ayushman CAPF health scheme in Guwahati** for about 28 lakh Central Armed Police Forces and their families in all the states where **Ayushman Bharat- Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana** is operational.
- The Union Minister of Tribal Affairs **Shri Arjun Munda** virtually through a Video Conference launched "**ShramShakti**", a National Migration Support Portal at a programme held at **Panjim, Goa.**



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- The government has approved the **Rs 945-crore Startup India Seed Fund Scheme (SISFS)** for the period **2021-25** to offer early-stage funding to startups for proof of concept, prototype development, product trials, market entry and commercialization.

### CURRENT AFFAIRS: SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

- Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family welfare today inaugurated the **7th Edition of "MASCRADE 2021"**- Movement against Smuggled & Counterfeit Trade
- Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare addressed the **4th edition of the Future Investment Initiative Forum**, through a Video Conference.

### CURRENT AFFAIRS: AGREEMENTS

- The **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** approves acquisition of a minority stake in **Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail Limited (ABFRL)** by **Flipkart Investments Private Limited (FIPL)**.
- **India and the International Energy Agency (IEA)** signed a **framework for a strategic partnership to strengthen mutual trust and cooperation** and to enhance global energy security, stability and sustainability.

### CURRENT AFFAIRS: DEFENCE NEWS

- A large-scale joint military exercise '**Excercise Kavach**' will be conducted in the coming week under the aegis of **Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC)**, the only Joint Forces Command of India.
- **Border Security Force (BSF)** launched **Operation Sard Hawa** on the western international border of **Rajasthan**.
- **AMPHEX – 21** was conducted in the **Andaman & Nicobar** group of islands from **21 – 25 Jan 2021**.
- The **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** conducted a successful trial of the indigenously developed **Smart Anti-Airfield Weapon (SAAW)** off the **Odisha coast** from the **Hawk-I jet** of **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)**.
- The **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** successfully conducted the **maiden launch** of the new generation of **surface-to-air Akash missile** from integrated test range off the coast of **Odisha**.
- Vice President **M Venkaiah Naidu** inaugurated the **Integrated Weapons System Design Centre** at **DRDO's Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Missile complex** in **Hyderabad**.

### CURRENT AFFAIRS: APPS & PORTAL

- **Bharti AXA General Insurance** has launched its new app '**Krishi Sakha**' to cater to the specific needs of the farmers in the country and guide them in adopting best farming practices and enhancing productivity.

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### CURRENT AFFAIRS: RANKING

- Infectious diseases topped the global risks chart, displacing climate change, in a report by the **World Economic Forum (WEF)**.
- **Tata Consultancy Services Ltd. (TCS)** is now the **world's third most-valued IT services brand**, only behind industry heavyweights Accenture Plc and International Business Machines Corp. (IBM), according to a report.
- **India is among the top 10 most affected countries** in the **Global Climate Risk Index 2021** published by the **Bonn-based environmental think tank Germanwatch**.
- **India's rank has slipped six places to 86th among 180 countries** in **corruption perception index (CPI) in 2020**.
- **India has ranked at 86th position among 98 countries** in the new **Coronavirus Performance Index**. It was Released by **Australia-based Lowy Institute**.
- **Billionaire Mukesh Ambani's four-year-old telecom venture Reliance Jio** has been ranked the **fifth strongest brand globally** behind the likes of **Ferrari and Coca-Cola**.
- **India ranked 10th out of 11 Asia Pacific countries** in a newly-launched health index to measure the progress towards **personalised healthcare**.

### CURRENT AFFAIRS: SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- The **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)** has announced the establishment of a **Quantum Computing Applications Lab** in partnership with **Amazon Web Services (AWS)**.
- **IT and Communications Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad** will launch virtual intelligence tool **Tejas** and **'Work from Anywhere'** portal.

### CURRENT AFFAIRS: SPORTS NEWS

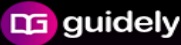
- The **Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)** has won the **10th National Ice Hockey Championship** organised by the **Ice Hockey Association of India**, after defeating **Ladakh** with **five goals to one**.
- **Syed Mustaq Ali Trophy 2020-21** will be played from **26-31 January**, at **Sardar Patel Stadium, Ahmedabad**.
- The **BCCI** will not be conducting its premier **first-class domestic tournament Ranji Trophy** for the first time in **87 years** as the parent body opted for the **Vijay Hazare Trophy**.
- **BCCI secretary Jay Shah** was unanimously elected as the **president of the Asian Cricket Council (ACC)** at its **Annual General Meeting (AGM)**.

### CURRENT AFFAIRS: OBITUARIES

- Popular **bhajan singer Narendra Chanchal** passed away in **New Delhi**. He was **80**.

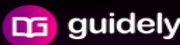
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- **Larry King**, the longtime CNN host who became an icon through his interviews with countless newsmakers and his sartorial sensibilities, has died. He was 87
- **Civil servant, historian, author, poet and chronicler Narendra Luther** passed away. He was 89.
- Former India and Mohun Bagan, East Bengal goalkeeper **Prasanta Dora** died aged 44.
- Academy Award winner **Cloris Leachman**, one of the most decorated actors in television history, best known for playing nosy neighbor Phyllis on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show," died. She was 94.
- The man most responsible for that moniker, Nobel Prize-winning chemist **Paul Crutzen**, died. He was 87.



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