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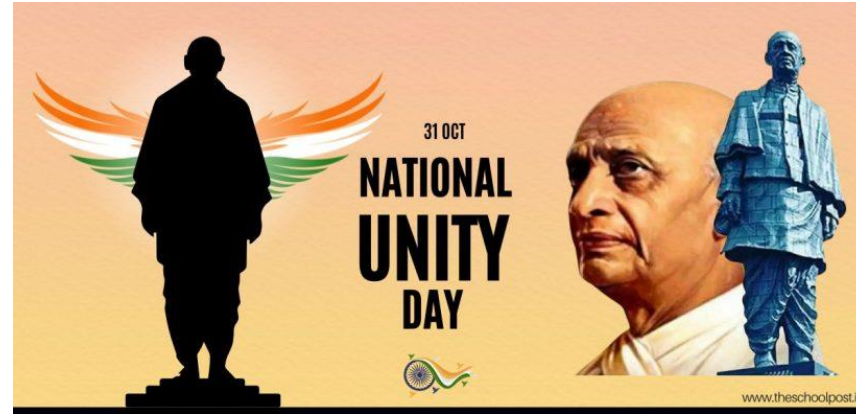
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Punjab Police Launches 'Cyber Jago' Initiative to Ensure Online Safety for School Students

- The 'Cyber Jago' Program launched by Punjab Police to promote online safety.
- A statewide program 'Cyber Jago', has been launched by the Punjab Police Cyber Crime Division to promote online safety among government school students.
- The initiative aims to safeguard children from increasing online threats and ensure digital well-being.
- Special DGP Cyber Crime V. Neeraja highlighted that widespread digital exposure increases risks for children.
- She stated that inappropriate online content and cyberattacks need to be collectively addressed.
- She also stated that as guardians of the next generation, we need to understand these dangers and take proactive steps to protect children from online threats.
- Teachers and parents should have open conversations with children about online safety and initiate discussions about online dangers.



150 Years of the Iron Man: Celebrating Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on Rashtriya Ekta Diwas 2025



- National Unity Day (Rashtriya Ekta Diwas) is celebrated every year on **October 31**, marking the **birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel**.
- **Year 2025 Significance:** The 2025 celebration marks the **150th birth anniversary** of Sardar Patel.
- **Theme:** The day emphasizes **national integration, unity, and patriotism**.
- Sardar Patel is remembered as the **“Iron Man of India.”**
- He was instrumental in **integrating over 560 princely states** into the Indian Union after independence.
- Born on **October 31, 1875**, in **Nadiad, Gujarat**, into a Patidar family.
- Studied law at **Middle Temple, London**, and practiced in Ahmedabad.
- Joined the freedom struggle after meeting **Mahatma Gandhi in 1917**.
- **Kheda Satyagraha (1918):** Fought for tax relief for farmers during famine.
- **Bardoli Satyagraha (1928):** Earned the title **“Sardar”** for leading a successful farmers’ protest.
- As **India’s first Deputy PM & Home Minister**, he unified princely states through the **Instrument of Accession**.

- Brought Junagadh into India through **public referendum and diplomacy**.
- Ordered **Operation Polo (1948)** to integrate Hyderabad.
- Created the **Indian Administrative Service (IAS)**, calling it the “**steel frame of India.**”
- Conferred the **Bharat Ratna (1991)** posthumously.
- In **2014**, his birth anniversary was declared as **Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day)**.
- **Statue of Unity:** World’s tallest statue (182 meters), inaugurated in **2018** in Gujarat, symbolizes national unity.
- **Institutions in His Honour:** Includes **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy** and **various housing and agricultural schemes**.
- **2025 Celebrations:** Include **Run for Unity, pledge ceremonies, cultural programs, and tributes at Statue of Unity**.
- **Relevance Today:** His ideals promote **inclusive governance, secularism, and national discipline** amid modern challenges of regionalism and communalism.
- Patel’s life inspires citizens to **rise above divisions** and work collectively to strengthen India’s unity and integrity. inspiring quotes of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel,
- There is something unique in this soil, which despite many obstacles has always remained the abode of great souls.”
- “A war based on Satyagraha is always of two kinds. One is the war we wage against injustice and the other we fight against our own weaknesses.”

Prime Minister Modi to Attend International Aryan Summit 2025 in New Delhi

- The International Aryan Summit 2025 in New Delhi will be participated in by the PM.
- On 31st October, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will participate in the International Aryan Summit 2025 in Rohini, New Delhi.
- The event is part of the Jyāna Jyoti Festival, commemorating the 200th birth anniversary of Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati Ji and 150 years of Arya Samaj's service to society.
- The summit reflects the universal relevance of Maharshi Dayanand's reformist ideals and the organisation's global outreach.
- An exhibition titled "150 Golden Years of Service" will be showcased at the event.
- The exhibition highlights Arya Samaj's contributions in education, reform, and spiritual upliftment.
- The summit aims to honour Dayanand Saraswati's educational and reformist legacy.
- It focuses on spreading Vedic values, Swadeshi philosophy, and national development ideals.

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Punjab's Namitbir Singh Walia Becomes an International Master in Chess

- Namitbir Singh Walia of Punjab became an International Master in Chess.
- Punjab's Namitbir Singh Walia from Jalandhar has become an International Master (IM) in chess.
- He secured fourth position at the 3rd Annemasse International Masters Tournament in France.
- In 2012, at the age of seven, he began coaching and also played in the 7th grade.
- He trained under coach Kanwarjit Singh till 2020 before advancing further.
- He has also won the Senior State FIDE Rating Open Chess Championship this year.
- Namitbir is the second person from Punjab to achieve this accomplishment.
- He follows Dushyant Sharma, who became Punjab's first International Master in February 2022.



India Exports GI-Tagged Indi and Puliyanakudi Limes to the UK for the First Time

- India exported GI-tagged Indi and Puliyanakudi limes to the UK for the first time.
- The first-ever air shipment of GI-tagged Indi and Puliyanakudi limes from Karnataka and Tamil Nadu to the United Kingdom has been facilitated by the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA).
- A total of 500 kg of limes were sent 350 kg of Indi Lime from Vijayapura (Karnataka) and 150 kg of Puliyanakudi Lime from Tenkasi (Tamil Nadu).
- The export marks a major step in promoting India's unique horticultural products globally.
- Indi Lime is known for its superior quality, zesty aroma, high juice yield and balanced acidity.
- The Puliyanakudi lime, particularly the Kadayam variety, is characterised by its thin peel, strong acidity, high ascorbic acid content and juice percentage of around 55%.
- The Puliyanakudi lime officially received its GI tag in April 2025.



Union Minister Piyush Goyal Emphasizes Development of Indigenous Technologies to Boost India's Deeptech Growth

- Union Minister Piyush Goyal underscored the importance of developing indigenous technologies.
- He said this would help minimize India's reliance on specific foreign sources for crucial inputs.
- Speaking at the TiEcon conference in New Delhi, he described India as a rising global hub for innovation.
- He was addressing TiEcon Delhi-NCR (The IndUS Entrepreneurs) conference on the theme 'India's Deeptech Moment: From Digital Leadership to Technological Sovereignty'.
- This will support innovation and promote local technology ownership.
- He also talked about the ₹1 lakh crore Anusandhan Fund (equivalent to approximately USD 12 billion).
- The fund aims to foster research, innovation, and long-term funding for transformative technological projects.
- The IndUS Entrepreneurs (TiE) is a non-profit organization.
- Its mission is to foster entrepreneurship through mentoring, networking, education, funding and incubation.



Government Launches 'Model Youth Gram Sabha' Initiative to Strengthen Youth Participation in Local Governance

- The government launched the Model Youth Gram Sabha initiative in New Delhi.
- The Model Youth Gram Sabha initiative aims to encourage youth participation in grassroots governance.
- A Training Module on the Model Youth Gram Sabha was also introduced during the launch event.
- An online Model Youth Gram Sabha Portal was also launched.
- According to the Panchayati Raj Ministry, the program aims to strengthen citizen involvement.
- It seeks to promote participatory governance by involving students in mock Gram Sabha activities.
- Government will implement the initiative in more than one thousand schools across the country.
- Union Minister of State for Panchayati Raj Prof. Satya Pal Singh Baghel attended the launch event.
- The Model Youth Gram Sabha initiative represents a collaborative effort between the Ministries of Panchayati Raj, Education, and Tribal Affairs.



Russia Successfully Tests Nuclear-Powered Underwater Drone “Poseidon”

- Russia has carried out a successful test of its nuclear-powered and nuclear-capable underwater drone, Poseidon.
- Russia has declared that the drone cannot be intercepted.
- President Vladimir Putin announced the test shortly after revealing a similar success with the Burevestnik nuclear-powered cruise missile.
- Putin said that Poseidon operated on nuclear power for the first time.
- He said that the drone surpasses all current technologies in both speed and operational depth.
- He also said that Poseidon’s compact nuclear reactor is about 100 times smaller than those used in submarines.
- Its warhead is far more powerful than the Sarmat intercontinental ballistic missile.
- As per Russian media, Poseidon drone is engineered to detonate near coastlines. It is designed to trigger a massive radioactive tsunami.



President Droupadi Murmu Becomes First Indian President to Fly in Two IAF Fighter Jets

- President Droupadi Murmu flew a Rafale fighter jet at Ambala Air Force Station.
- With this, she became the first Indian President to have flown in two IAF fighter aircraft.
- She had previously taken a sortie (short flight made by a military aircraft) in a Sukhoi-30 MKI in 2023.
- Ambala Air Force Station was the first base in India to receive Rafale jets from France's Dassault Aviation.
- The President flew for around 30-minutes, covering around 200 kilometres.
- Group Captain Amit Gehani of the 17 Squadron piloted the sortie.
- The aircraft reached a speed of about 700 kilometres per hour and an altitude of approximately 15,000 feet.
- President is the Supreme Commander of the Indian Armed Forces.



3rd National Conference on NeVA Successfully Held in New Delhi

- The third National Conference on NeVA held in New Delhi.
- On 30th October, the 3rd National Conference on National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA) held in New Delhi.
- The conference was organized by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.
- Union Minister Kiren Rijiju and MoS Dr. L. Murugan attended the event.
- The conference was attended by more than 100 participants, including Secretaries of Legislatures and Secretaries of Nodal Departments of the respective State Governments.
- NeVA is one of the 44 Mission Mode Projects (MMPs) under the Digital India programme of the Government of India.
- It aims to make the functioning of all State Legislatures paperless, convert them into 'Digital Houses' and integrate all 37 Legislatures on a single digital platform under the vision of 'One Nation, One Application'.
- The conference provides an important platform to review the progress of NeVA implementation in States and UT, share best practices and resolve operational and technical issues to expedite onboarding of all remaining Legislatures on the NeVA platform.
- Use of AI and emerging technologies to strengthen legislative efficiency was explored during the conference.
- The initiative supports transparency, good governance, and digital legislative transformation.



Uttarakhand to Impose Green Tax on Out-of-State Vehicles from December 1

- **Uttarakhand government** will implement a **green tax on vehicles** entering from other states starting December 1, 2025, aimed at reducing pollution, protecting the Himalayan ecosystem, and promoting environmental sustainability.
- The tax rates will vary by vehicle type ₹80 for small passenger vehicles, ₹250 for small goods carriers, ₹140 for buses, and ₹120–₹700 for trucks, depending on their load capacity, as per the state transport department.
- To ensure strict enforcement, Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras are being installed at border checkpoints 16 are already operational, and the number will be increased to 37 entry points across the state.
- The initiative aligns with the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways guidelines on green taxation, aiming to discourage use of old, polluting vehicles, promote cleaner alternatives, and generate revenue for anti-pollution measures a system already in place in states like Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, and Jharkhand.

