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World Braille Day

World Braille Day is on 4 January and celebrates awareness of the importance of braille as a means of communication in the full realization of the human rights for blind and visually impaired people.

The day is marked remembering the birth anniversary of Louis Braille, the inventor of Braille – for people with visual disabilities. Louis Braille was born on 4th January 1809 in the town of Coupvray in northern France.

WHO designated 2020 as International Year of the Nurse and Midwife

The World Health Assembly has designated 2020 the International Year of the Nurse and the Midwife in honour of the 200th birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale. Nurses and midwives play a vital role in providing health services.

These are the people who devote their lives to caring for mothers and children; giving lifesaving immunizations and health advice; looking after older people and generally meeting everyday essential health needs.

Gujarat CM unveils world's 2nd tallest statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani unveiled the second tallest statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in the world at Ahmedabad.

50 feet tall bronze statue with the weight of 70 thousand kilograms has been unveiled at the Sardardham campus near Vaishnodevi circle in Ahmedabad.

It was built at a cost of Rs 3.25 crores.

It has become the second highest statue of India's first home minister after the Statue of Unity of the legendary leader situated at Kevadiya in Narmada district of Central Gujarat.

The 50 feet tall statue of Sardar Patel has also been designed by Padma Bhusan Ram V.

Sutar, the same sculptor who had designed the Statue of Unity.

KVIC opens first silk processing plant in Gujarat

Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) inaugurated the first silk processing plant at Surendranagar in

This would help cut down the cost of production of silk yarn drastically and increase the sale and availability of raw material for Gujarati 'Patola' sarees locally.

The plant has been set up by a khadi institution at a cost of Rs 75 lakh, in which KVIC has contributed Rs 60 lakh.

Patola, the trademark saree of Gujarat, is considered to be very costly and worn only by royals or aristocrats. The reason high cost of Patola sarees is that the silk yarn used to make them is purchased from Karnataka or West Bengal, where silk processing units are situated. This increases the cost of the fabric manifolds.

About KVIC

The Khadi and Village Industries Commission is a statutory body formed by the Government of India, under the Act of Parliament, 'Khadi and Village Industries Commission Act of 1956'

Founded: 1956

Headquarters: Mumbai

Chairman: VK Saxena



HRD Minister to inaugurate 28th edition of World Book Fair

Union Minister for Human Resources Development Ramesh Pokhriyal will inaugurate the 28th edition of annual New Delhi World Book Fair at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi.

The book fair organized by National Book Trust will be held till 12th of this month in the national capital.

As part of Mahatma Gandhiji's 150th Birth Anniversary celebrations, the theme of this fair is Gandhi: The Writers' Writer.

Theme Pavilion, Authors' Corner, Seminars, Braille Books, Children's Pavilion and Foreign Countries' Pavilion.

Manav Thakkar becomes world no.1 in latest International Table Tennis Federation rankings

Young Indian paddler Manav Thakkar became world no.1 in the latest International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) rankings in the Under-21 men's singles category.

Thakkar became the fourth Indian to achieve the feat after Harmeet Desai, G Sathiyam and Soumyajit Ghosh.

in February 2018. He was part of the Indian men's team which won a bronze medal in the 2018 Asian Games in Jakarta.

Qassem Soleimani, top Iranian military commander passes away

Qassem Soleimani, the head of Iran's elite Quds military force and one of the most powerful figures in the Islamic Republic, was killed in a US airstrike in Baghdad.

At least 8 people were killed in the attack.