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Nation celebrates National Unity day on Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's birth anniversary

Every year on 31st October the country commemorates the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel who is a pivotal figure in India's struggle for independence and the first Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister of the country. National Unity Day serves as a reminder of his efforts to unite the diverse princely states into a single nation and fosters a spirit of solidarity among the people of the country. Renowned for his exceptional leadership and unyielding commitment to national integration, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel is fondly remembered as the Iron Man of India.

Central govt to begin census from 2025

India's long-postponed decadal census exercise and the National Population Register (NPR) update are likely to begin in early 2025, with data expected by 2026, potentially altering the nation's

census schedule from a 10-year to a 2025-2035 cycle. Since the 2021 census was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The first census of India after independence was conducted from February 9-28, 1951. It was the seventh in the census country's continuous series, and the ninth in a series of censuses held every decade since 1872. The 1951 census was also the first to be conducted under the 1948 Census of India Act.

The 1951 census counted India's population at 361,088,090, which was a 13.31% increase from the 1941 census. At the time, only 18% of Indians were literate and the life expectancy was 32 years.

New planet. It's five times larger than Earth: Discover by Indian scientists

This is the fourth exoplanet discovery by Researchers from the Physical Research Laboratory (PRL) scientists, showcasing India's growing contributions to global space exploration.





Using the advanced PARAS-2 spectrograph, scientists have identified TOI-6651b, a dense, Saturn-sized exoplanet orbiting a Sun-like star. TOI-6651b is a unique exoplanet, weighing around 60 times the mass of Earth and having a radius approximately five times larger than Earth's.

The three-day conference, that is running from October 29-31, aims to address the urgent need to tackle the detrimental health impacts of climate change on health and wellbeing in Africa, where the burden of climate-sensitive diseases is disproportionately high, and adaptive capacities are limited.

The Climate and Health Africa Conference (CHAC) 2024

The Climate and Health Africa Conference (CHAC) 2024 will take place from October 29-31, 2024 at Cresta Lodge Hotel in Harare, Zimbabwe.





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