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International Data Privacy Day 2026

- International Data Privacy Day 2026 is being marked at a time when India's digital platforms operate at population scale. The Government has highlighted recent legal reforms, including the DPDP Act, 2023, new DPDP Rules, 2025, and a ₹782 crore cybersecurity allocation in the Union Budget 2025-26.
- International Data Privacy Day began in 2006, initiated by the Council of Europe to mark the signing of Convention 108, the world's first binding data protection treaty. The day focuses on awareness about protecting personal information in a digital world.
- For citizens, it reinforces digital rights. For governments, it emphasises responsible data governance.
- India today is the world's third-largest digitalised economy. Over 101.7 crore broadband users spend nearly 1,000 minutes online daily, supported by some of the world's cheapest data rates.
- Platforms like Aadhaar, UPI, MyGov, and e Sanjeevani have transformed governance and service delivery. However, this scale also increases risks of data misuse, cyber fraud, and breaches.



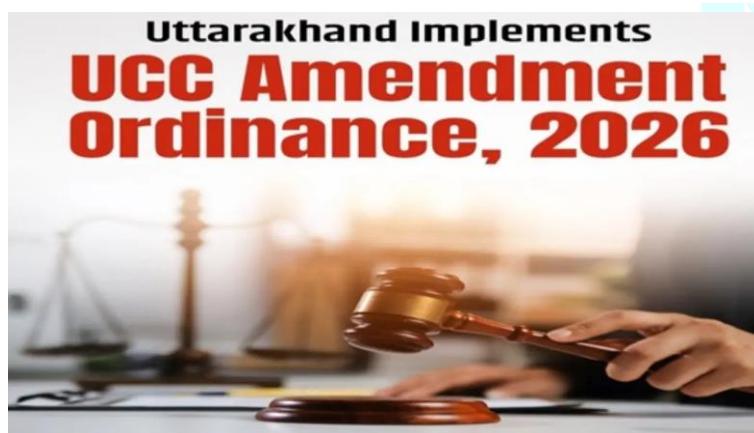
France Moves Bill to Ban Social Media

- France's National Assembly has voted to approve a bill banning children below 15 years from social media platforms, with the government aiming to implement the law before the next academic year.
- Bans under-15s from social media and embedded social networking features
- Applies to platforms such as Meta Platforms Inc (Facebook, Instagram), Alphabet Inc (YouTube), TikTok and Snapchat
- Requires age-verification systems compliant with EU laws
- Extends existing smartphone bans in schools to include high schools
- The bill was passed by 116 votes to 23 and now moves to the Senate.



Uttarakhand Implements Uniform Civil Code

- The Uttarakhand government has implemented the Uniform Civil Code (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026, following approval by the Governor, introducing reforms to improve the effectiveness and clarity of the UCC.
- The Uniform Civil Code (UCC) was implemented in Uttarakhand on January 27, 2025, marking a landmark moment in India's legal history.
- It simplified and digitised procedures related to marriage, divorce and live-in relationships, ensuring uniform civil laws across communities.
- The UCC (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026 has been promulgated by the Governor under Article 213 of the Constitution of India, giving it immediate legal effect.
- The ordinance introduces procedural, administrative and penal reforms to the existing UCC Act, 2024.
- The ordinance focuses on women's empowerment, protection of children's rights and equality in civil laws.
- A major emphasis is placed on simplifying procedures to reduce delays and increase transparency.



ASI Launches Excavation at Iron Age Burial Site in Kodaikanal

- The Archaeological Survey of India's Excavation Branch–VI, Mysuru, has launched an excavation at an Iron Age burial site at Kamanur near Kodaikanal on the lower Palani hills in Dindigul district in Tamil Nadu.

- The excavation is part of a three-year project that would cover a few other sites too in the Palani hills.
- “Cists, dolmens, urn burials and pit burials have been identified in the region. During vegetation clearance, a burial complex was discovered, following which the excavation was proposed,” said R .N. Kumaran, Superintending Archaeologist, Excavation Branch–VI, Mysuru, and the Excavation Director.
- The region had been explored since the colonial period and several Iron Age sites have been identified. “We excavated one such site at Thandikudi with good results.
- Kamanur is a promising site and the current excavation taken up by ASI here and other sites would bring out a clearer picture of the cultural practices of the people who had settled there in the region over 3000 years ago,” Mr.. Rajan.



Lorenzo Musetti Retires

- In a truly remarkable turn of events at the Australian Open 2026, Novak Djokovic advanced to his 13th semi-final in Melbourne after Lorenzo Musetti was forced to retire during their quarter-final clash.
- Musetti had been putting on a masterclass, leading the match 6-4, 6-3, and seemingly on the verge of a historic upset by outplaying the 10-time champion. However, the physical toll of the tournament caught up with the 23-year-old Italian in the third set.



Devine at No. 1 on WPL 2026 Purple Cap

- Two Mumbai Indians (MI) batters are right at the top of the Orange Cap table, but we have a new Purple Cap holder at the end of the WPL 2026 match between Gujarat Giants (GG) and Delhi Capitals (DC) in Vadodara on Tuesday.
- DC's Nandani Sharma has been pushed to second spot despite her 1 for 26 against GG in the three-run defeat, and going past her to the top is Sophie Devine, GG's star allrounder, who now has 15 wickets to Nandani's 14 after returning 4 for 37, which also won her the Player-of-the-Match award.
- It was Devine's second haul of three or more wickets in the WPL this season. She hasn't gone a single match without picking up at least a wicket.
- Nandani has the same record, of not going a game without at least a wicket, and her 5 for 33 early in the tournament remains one of two five-wicket hauls this season; Shreyanka Patil of Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) has the other one.
- Nat Sciver-Brunt, last season's Orange Cap winner, went to the top of the run-scorers' table after hitting the first century of the season, 100 not out off 57 balls against RCB. She now has 319 runs - the only one to go past the 300-run mark - and is followed by team-mate Harmanpreet Kaur, who has 260 runs.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. International Data Privacy Day is observed to commemorate the signing of which treaty?

- A. GDPR
- B. Convention 105
- C. Convention 108
- D. Digital Privacy Accord

Answer: C. Convention 108

2. International Data Privacy Day has been observed globally since which year?

- A. 2000
- B. 2004
- C. 2006
- D. 2010

Answer: C. 2006

3. Which Indian law provides the legal framework for personal data protection?

- A. IT Act, 2000
- B. DPDP Act, 2023
- C. Cyber Security Act, 2022
- D. Digital India Act, 2024

Answer: B. DPDP Act, 2023

4. According to recent data, India ranks among the top digital economies globally. What is India's position?

- A. First
- B. Second
- C. Third
- D. Fourth

Answer: C. Third

5. France's proposed social media ban restricts access for children below which age?

- A. 13 years
- B. 14 years
- C. 15 years
- D. 16 years

Answer: C. 15 years

6. The French social media ban bill requires which of the following?

- A. Biometric verification
- B. Aadhaar-based verification
- C. Age-verification systems compliant with EU laws
- D. School-issued digital IDs

Answer: C. Age-verification systems compliant with EU laws

7. Uttarakhand implemented India's first Uniform Civil Code on which date?

- A. January 26, 2024
- B. January 27, 2025
- C. February 1, 2025
- D. March 15, 2026

Answer: B. January 27, 2025

8. Under which Article of the Indian Constitution was the UCC (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026 promulgated?

- A. Article 123
- B. Article 213
- C. Article 368
- D. Article 356

Answer: B. Article 213

9. The ASI excavation at Kamanur near Kodaikanal is related to which historical period?

- A. Neolithic Age
- B. Chalcolithic Age
- C. Iron Age
- D. Early Medieval Period

Answer: C. Iron Age

10. Who holds the Purple Cap in WPL 2026 after the Gujarat Giants vs Delhi Capitals match?

- A. Nandani Sharma
- B. Shreyanka Patil
- C. Nat Sciver-Brunt
- D. Sophie Devine

Answer: D. Sophie Devine