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Pink Shirt Day

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- Fighting against racism, bullying, hate crimes and discrimination, Sikhs across the United Kingdom and Canada observed ‘Pink Shirt Day’ coming out in pink shirts and turbans to give message of kindness and tolerance.
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- This Pink Shirt Day movement basically started from Nova Scotia where two school children were bullied for wearing pink shirts on day one of their school.
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- Since then, pink shirt has become a symbol against racism, bullying and discrimination.
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- As Sikhs too have been facing these issues and have been victims of hate crimes due to turbans and beard, we decided to observe Pink Shirt Day for cause of Sikhs too.
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MR-SAM

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- India has approved a deal to develop jointly a medium range surface-to-air missile (MR-SAM) system for the Army in a Rs. 17,000-crore deal with Israel.
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- This is the latest in a series of other variants of SAM systems for the Navy and the Air Force being jointly developed with Israeli.
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- The deal is to be executed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Israel Aircraft Industries (IAI).
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- The deal is for five regiments of the missile, which consists of 40 units and 200 missiles. It has a range of 50-70 km.
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- The systems will be manufactured in India and would have an 80% indigenous content.
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- The DRDO would play a crucial role in developing the target homing system.
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- The two countries are also in an advanced stage of negotiations for the purchase of two more long-range Phalcon Airborne Warning And Control System (AWACS).
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Andromeda

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- The Andromeda Galaxy also known as Messier 31, is a spiral galaxy approximately 2.5 million light-years from Earth.
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- It is the nearest major galaxy to the Milky.
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- It received its name from the area of the sky in which it appears i.e the constellation of Andromeda.
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- It is the largest galaxy of the Local Group, which also contains the Milky Way, the Triangulum Galaxy, and other smaller galaxies.
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- Despite earlier findings that suggested that the Milky Way contains more
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- It is visible to the naked eye on moonless nights.
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