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## World Cancer Day 2026 – February 4

- World Cancer Day (WCD) is observed annually across the globe on **4th February** to raise awareness about cancer prevention, early detection, and equitable access to treatment.
- 4 February 2026 marks the **27th observance** of WCD.
- **2026 Theme: “United by Unique”** is the second year of the three-year global campaign 2025-2027.

### Background:

- **Adoption:** On **February 4, 1999**, the Charter of Paris comprising 10 articles was adopted at the World Summit Against Cancer for the New Millennium held in Paris, France.
- **First Observance:** The first observance of WCD held on **February 4, 2000**.
- **Lead Initiative:** WCD is an initiative led by the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC), established in 2000 to unite and support the global cancer community.
- **Related Observance:** India observes National Cancer Awareness Day annually on 7 November to raise awareness about cancer prevention, early detection, and treatment.

### Symbol:

- **Ribbon Symbol:** The **lavender ribbon** is universally recognized as a symbol of support for individuals affected by all forms of cancer.
- **Awareness Colors:** **Blue and orange** are the official WCD colors, representing hope, solidarity, and collective action against cancer.



## AP CM N. Chandrababu Naidu Launches 'Pilloo AI', Voice-Based Billing Platform

- In February 2026, N. Chandrababu Naidu, Chief Minister (CM) of Andhra Pradesh (AP), launched 'Pilloo AI (Artificial intelligence)', a voice-enabled billing and accounting agent, at the Andhra Pradesh Secretariat in Amaravati, AP.

### About Pilloo AI:

- It is a voice-based digital accounting assistant that enables users to create invoices, record financial transactions, generate accounting reports, and manage business accounts in native languages without requiring accounting expertise or complex software.
- The platform is designed for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) that rely on handwritten records or expensive accounting systems, offering speed and ease of use.
- It is currently available in **five Indian languages** and plans to expand to more than 50 languages globally.



## First Woman to Hold AAI Board Member Post

- Nivedita Dubey's appointment as Director (HR) marks a milestone for the Airports Authority of India.
- For the first time, a woman has joined the AAI Board in charge of human resources.
- This move reflects the organisation's focus on inclusive leadership and modern governance.
- As Member (HR), she will oversee personnel policies, industrial relations, and commercial management functions, playing a central role in strengthening the workforce that supports India's rapidly expanding aviation infrastructure.
- Dubey joined AAI in 1995 as an Airport Manager and has handled core airport operations at IGI Airport, New Delhi.
- Over the years, she gained extensive experience in airport operations, HR management, and economic regulation.
- In 2023, she became the first woman Regional Executive Director (Eastern Region), managing 12 airports.
- Her career spans over 30 years and includes handling critical emergency situations, large teams, and complex operational challenges across India's aviation network.
- Nivedita Dubey studied science at Allahabad University and later completed her postgraduate management degree from Motilal Nehru Institute of Research and Business Administration (MONIRBA).
- She is an ICAO-accredited International Airport Professional and a certified trainer.
- She has also served as faculty at the Indian Aviation Academy, contributing to the training of future aviation professionals and sharing her operational and HR expertise with the next generation.



## **Assam will host the 13th India–Kyrgyzstan Joint Military Exercise KHANJAR-XIII**

- From February 4 to 17, 2026, the 13th edition of the joint military exercise KHANJAR will be conducted at Misamari, Assam.
- The exercise brings together elite Special Forces of both countries to train for modern combat challenges such as counter-terrorism and urban warfare.
- This annual drill reflects the growing strategic partnership between India and Kyrgyzstan and highlights their shared commitment to regional and global security.
- Misamari is a major military training location in Northeast India, offering terrain suitable for realistic combat training.
- Conducting the exercise in Assam also highlights India's strategic focus on its eastern region and its ability to host international military engagements in diverse operational environments.
- Exercise KHANJAR is an annual joint Special Forces military exercise between India and Kyrgyzstan, started in 2011.
- The exercise aims to strengthen interoperability and mutual understanding between the armed forces of both nations.
- Over the years, it has evolved into a key platform for sharing best practices in special operations, particularly in counter-terrorism and high-risk combat environments.
- The venue alternates between the two countries, symbolising equality and trust in their defence partnership.



## **Central Bank of India Partners with HSBC Asset Management to Offer Mutual Fund Products to Customers**

- Central Bank of India (CBI), one of the major Public Sector Banks (PSBs), has entered into a distribution partnership with HSBC Asset Management (India) Private Limited to make mutual fund products available to its customers.
- The tie-up is aimed at strengthening and widening CBI's wealth management services for its growing customer base.
- As per the agreement, CBI will offer a range of HSBC AMC's mutual fund schemes—covering equity, debt, and hybrid categories—through its extensive branch network as well as digital channels.
- HSBC Asset Management (India) will support the initiative by providing professionally managed mutual fund investment solutions to CBI's customers.
- This collaboration is expected to enable customers to maximise the potential of their savings by investing in diversified products aligned with their long-term financial objectives.

### **About Central Bank of India:**

- Founded: 21 December 1911
- Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
- MD & CEO: Kalyan Kumar



## Yantra India Limited Granted Miniratna Category-I Status by Ministry of Defense



- The Defence Minister approved Miniratna Category-I status for Yantra India Limited on February 2, 2026.
- Established after the corporatisation of the Ordnance Factory Board, the defence PSU has achieved profitability within four years, supported by strong domestic sales and exports.
- The decision is expected to accelerate India's push for self-reliance in defence production.
- Yantra India Limited is one of the seven Defense Public Sector Undertakings formed after the corporatization of the Ordnance Factory Board in October 2021.
- Operating under the Department of Defense Production, YIL focuses on high-end defense manufacturing.
- Its key products include carbon fibre composites, artillery gun assemblies, ammunition components, armoured vehicle systems and materials used in main battle tanks.
- The company plays a crucial role in strengthening India's defense supply chain and reducing import dependence.
- Miniratna Category-I status gives Yantra India Limited greater financial and operational autonomy.

- With this status, the company's Board can approve capital expenditure up to ₹500 crore for new projects, modernization and equipment purchase without seeking government approval.
- This flexibility allows faster decision-making, quicker technology upgrades and improved competitiveness.
- For defense manufacturing, such autonomy is critical as it helps PSUs respond swiftly to military requirements and global export opportunities.

### **Yantra India Limited**

- Established: 1 October 2021
- Ownership: Government of India
- Industry: Defense Production
- Headquarters: Ordnance Factory Ambajhari, Nagpur, Maharashtra, India

## Haryana Thunders Win Pro Wrestling League (PWL) 2026 Title



- Haryana Thunders won the Pro Wrestling League (PWL) 2026 title by narrowly defeating Delhi Dangal Warriors 5–4 in an exciting final at the Noida Indoor Stadium.
- The match remained tense till the very end, with the winner decided in the final bout, making it one of the most thrilling finals in PWL history.
- After eight bouts, both teams were level at 4–4, which led to a decisive last women’s match.
- The championship was decided in the women’s 62 kg category, where Haryana Thunders’ wrestler Iryna Koliadenko secured the crucial victory.
- Paris Olympics silver medallist Iryna Koliadenko displayed excellent technique and calmness under pressure to win the final point.
- Her win ensured a 5–4 victory for Haryana Thunders and proved to be the turning point of the final.

- The closely fought contest showed the strong competition and rising popularity of league wrestling in India, with both teams winning bouts alternately throughout the match.

### **Individual Performances in PWL 2026:**

- **Turan Bayramov** (Delhi Dangal Warriors) was named **Player of the Tournament**, winning **all seven bouts** in the **men's 57 kg category** and scoring **59 points**.
- **Chandermohan** (Punjab Royals) emerged as the **highest point scorer** of the tournament.

### **Awards from the Grand Final:**

- **Player of the Match: Neha Sangwan** (Haryana Thunders)
- **Fighter of the Match: Ronak** (Delhi Dangal Warriors, men's 125 kg)
- **Impact Player of the Match: Akshay Dhere** (men's 57 kg)

## **Paradip Port Authority has emerged as India's cleanest-performing major port, earning the First Prize at the Swachhata Pakhwada Awards 2025**



- For a India's cleanliness and sustainability drive, Paradip Port Authority has emerged as the cleanest-performing major port, winning the First Prize at the Swachhata Pakhwada Awards 2025.
- This recognition reflects sustained efforts in sanitation, environmental management, and inclusive participation rather than one-time cleanliness drives.
- The port adopted a holistic approach by combining infrastructure hygiene with behavioral change, green initiatives, and worker welfare.
- Large-scale cleanliness campaigns, strict waste management, elimination of single-use plastics, and community-led activities transformed port and nearby public spaces.
- The award was presented in New Delhi on 3 February 2026 by Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, in the presence of Minister of State Shantanu Thakur and MoPSW Secretary Vijay Kumar (IAS).
- The honour was received by P. L. Haranadh, Chairman of Paradip Port Authority, on behalf of the port's workforce.

➤ The recognition places Paradip Port at the forefront of sustainable port operations in India.

### **About Swachhata Pakhwada**

- Swachhata Pakhwada is a flagship cleanliness campaign under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, focusing on behavioural change, waste management and community involvement.
- Ports and maritime institutions are evaluated on citizen engagement, green practices and Safai Mitra welfare.
- Winning this award signals not just operational hygiene, but leadership in environmental stewardship and social responsibility.

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# **IHMCL Signs MoU with National Forensic Sciences University to Strengthen Cyber Security in Highway Operations**

- Indian Highways Management Company Limited (IHMCL) signed a key agreement with the National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU) to enhance cyber security and data protection in national highway operations.
- The move reflects the government's focus on safeguarding digital infrastructure as highways increasingly rely on technologies like Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) tolling and advanced traffic management systems.
- The MoU was signed by A.R. Chitranshi, Chief Operating Officer(COO) of IHMCL, and Dr. S.O. Junare, Campus Director of NFSU, Gandhinagar(Gujarat), in the presence of Santosh Kumar Yadav, Chairman of NHAI and Vishal Chauhan, Chairman and Managing Director(CMD) of IHMCL.
- The Memorandum of Understanding emphasizes cooperation in areas such as cyber forensics, safeguarding digital evidence, research initiatives, training programs, and consultancy services.
- Its objective is to secure critical highway-related data against cyber risks and to ensure the safe and reliable operation of digital systems used in national highway management.
- The agreement will remain in force for three years, facilitating sustained collaboration between experts in infrastructure management and forensic sciences.



## PNB Launches 'LUXURA Metal Credit Card' on Visa Infinite Platform



- Punjab National Bank (PNB), one of India's leading public sector banks, launched 'LUXURA Metal Credit Card' on the Visa Infinite platform, expanding its premium credit offerings for high-net-worth and lifestyle-driven customers.

### Fee Details:

- The card comes with a one-time joining fee of ₹4,999 plus applicable GST, while the annual renewal fee is ₹1,999 plus GST.

### Reward Benefits:

- Cardholders earn accelerated reward points on their spends, with higher rewards on travel and lifestyle purchases. It also offers welcome bonus points and additional reward points on achieving annual spending milestones.

### Travel and Premium Privileges:

- The card offers zero foreign exchange mark-up on international transactions, unlimited free access to airport lounges in India and overseas, and 24×7 Visa Concierge Services for personalised support.

### **Hotel and Dining Offers:**

- Users can enjoy premium hotel benefits such as room upgrades, complimentary breakfast, free Wi-Fi, and late checkout, along with dining discounts in India and internationally.

### **Travel and Lifestyle Savings:**

- Special discounts are available on flight bookings through partner platforms. Additional lifestyle benefits include fuel surcharge waivers, savings on grocery purchases, and movie offers.

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