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# National Events

The **SARAS Festival** is a 10-day national fair organized in different parts of India to promote rural products and self-help groups. It is supported by the Ministry of Rural Development under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana–National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM).

The festival provides a platform for rural women

and artisans to sell handmade products like handicrafts, handlooms, food items, and traditional goods. Self-Help Groups (SHGs) from various states participate and showcase their talents.



Indian Coast Guard Day is celebrated every year on **1st February**. It marks the raising day of the Indian Coast Guard, which was established in 1977 to protect India's maritime interests.

The Coast Guard plays an important role in safeguarding India's coastline, preventing smuggling, and conducting search and rescue operations at sea. It also helps in

protecting the marine environment and assisting fishermen during emergencies.





The **Adampur Airport** in Punjab, which serves the Jalandhar region, has been officially renamed **Sri Guru Ravidas Ji Airport, Adampur**. The renaming honors **Guru Ravidas**, a revered spiritual leader and social reformer, known for his teachings on equality and human dignity.

The airport plays an important role in improving connectivity in Punjab and supporting regional economic growth. The renaming also reflects India's practice of commemorating historical and cultural figures through infrastructure and public institutions.

**Thaipusam 2026** observed on **Sunday, February 1**. It is celebrated on the full moon day in the Tamil month of **Thai** when the **Poosam Nakshatra** (star) is aligned.

Thaipusam is a significant Hindu festival dedicated to **Lord Murugan**, the son of Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati. Devotees observe



fasting, offer prayers, and perform acts of devotion, including carrying **kavadi** or piercing rituals, as a mark of penance and gratitude.



**Yumnam Khemchand Singh** is the new Chief Minister of Manipur. He took charge of the state government on **4 February 2026** after a long period of President's rule ended.

He belongs to the **Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)** and was chosen to lead the state government with support from other allies.

# Sports

The **2026 Australian Open**, the first Grand Slam tournament of the year, was held in Melbourne, Australia. The tournament concluded with Carlos Alcaraz winning the men's singles title and Elena Rybakina winning the women's singles title.

The Australian Open is one of the four Grand Slam tournaments in tennis and is played on hard courts.

Alcaraz's victory strengthened his position as one of the top players in men's tennis. Rybakina's win highlighted her consistent performance at the international level.



Devika Sihag made headlines by winning her maiden **BWF World Tour Super 300** title at the **Thailand Masters 2026** badminton tournament. This event is part of the **BWF World Tour Super 300** series, which offers important ranking points and global

exposure for players.

The 20-year-old Indian shuttler from Haryana secured the women's singles crown after her Malaysian opponent, Goh Jin Wei, retired due to a hamstring injury while Devika was leading comfortably.

# International Events

India has officially submitted the nomination of Meghalaya's Living Root Bridges, locally known as Living Root Bridges, for inclusion in the UNESCO World Heritage List for the 2026–27 cycle.

These unique bridges are made by guiding the roots of rubber trees across rivers over many years. They are mainly found in

the state of Meghalaya and are carefully maintained by local tribal communities.

The living root bridges are special because they show harmony between humans and nature. If selected, they will receive global recognition for their cultural and environmental importance. This step also highlights India's rich natural and cultural heritage.



# Science and Technology



Hansja Sharma has made history by becoming the first woman to fly the HAL Rudra in the Indian Army. The Rudra is a strong and powerful helicopter used for the country's safety.

Captain Hansja Sharma worked very hard and completed special training to become a pilot. Flying

this helicopter is a big responsibility because it is used in important missions. Her success shows that women can do brave and difficult jobs just like men. She is an inspiration for many young girls who dream of serving the nation. This achievement is a proud moment for India.

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**Vast Space**, a private aerospace company, is developing **Haven-1**, which is set to become the **world's first commercial private space station**.

Haven-1 is planned to **launch in early 2027** aboard a **SpaceX Falcon 9**

rocket. The station will provide private astronauts and researchers with the ability to live and work in orbit, opening new opportunities for commercial space activities.

