

2nd September

INTERNATIONAL

1) 'Hindu Heritage Month'

- Governor Brian Kemp of the U.S. state of Georgia has officially declared that the month of October will be celebrated as 'Hindu Heritage Month' within the state.
- Georgia joins a growing list of states that have recognized the importance of Hindu heritage and culture.
- The choice of October for this celebration holds special meaning. It is the birth month of Mahatma Gandhi, an iconic figure known for his principles of peace, non-violence, and civil rights.

2) The ISA conducted its 5th regional meeting in Kigali

- The International Solar Alliance conducted its 5th regional meeting in Kigali, Rwanda.
- ISA grants have facilitated the implementation of nine solar power demonstration projects in Uganda, Comoros, and Mali.

NATIONAL

1) Bhoramdeo Wildlife Sanctuary

- Recently, Chhattisgarh High Court has dismissed a plea that aimed to designate Bhoramdeo Wildlife Sanctuary as a tiger reserve.
- The Sanctuary is situated in Kawardha district of Chhattisgarh and shares its border with Kanha National Park in Madhya Pradesh.



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2) R Ravi Kannan - Ramon Magsaysay Award for 2023

- R Ravi Kannan, a surgical oncologist from Assam, has been honoured with the Ramon Magsaysay Award for 2023.
- He received this prestigious award for his remarkable contributions to transforming cancer treatment in Assam.
- The award was established in 1957 and is Asia's prestigious honor named after Ramon Magsaysay, the Philippines' third president.

3) NCERT has been granted the status of a Deemed-to-be-University

- Union Minister for Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, announced that the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has been granted the status of a Deemed-to-be-University.
- It will allow NCERT to engage in global collaborations and make contributions to the global education landscape.

4) "Adopt a Heritage 2.0"

- The Archaeological Survey of India is set to launch the "Adopt a Heritage 2.0" programme on September 4, 2023, at the Samvet Auditorium, IGNCA, New Delhi.
- It's aim is to ensure the preservation and enhancement of India' rich cultural heritage and its invaluable cultural legacy.
- The "Adopt a Heritage 2.0" programme is a revamped and dynamic initiative building on the foundation laid by its predecessor launched in 2017.
- The goal is to enhance the overall visitor experience while preserving and showcasing India's cultural treasures.



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5) Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers

- The Department of Public Enterprise conferred 'Navratna Status' upon Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers.
- Navratnas constitute a group of public sector firms endowed with the financial independence to invest up to Rs 1000 crore without necessitating approval from the central government.
- Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers Ltd. is an Indian government-owned enterprise headquartered in Mumbai.

STATE NEWS

1) Sukapaika river

- The Odisha government has decided to rejuvenate the Sukapaika river. It is a distributary of Mahanadi River.
- Mahanadi originates from Sihawa Mountain in Chhattisgarh.

2) Pulikali (Tiger Dance)

- Pulikali is a folk dance of Kerala
- During the Onam festival, artists paint their bodies like tigers with stripes of yellow, red and black.
- Main theme of the dance is tiger hunting with participants playing the role of tiger and hunter.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) Air India - Vistara Merger

• The Competition Commission of India recently approved the merger of Tata SIA Airlines, which operates under the Vistara brand, with Air India, a subsidiary of Tata Sons Pvt. Ltd.





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• TSAL (Tata SIA Airlines Limited) is a joint venture between the Tata Group and the Singapore Airlines with the former holding 51% and the latter 49%.

APPOINTMENTS

1) Tharman Shanmugaratnam

- Indian-origin economist Tharman Shanmugaratnam has emerged victorious in Singapore's presidential election.
- Tharman Shanmugaratnam secured a substantial majority in the presidential elections, receiving a resounding 70.4 percent of the votes.

2) R Madhavan

• Actor R Madhavan has been nominated as the new President of the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII), Pune.

3) Manish Desai

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- The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting appointed Manish Desai, to lead the Press Information Bureau.
- Press Information Bureau (PIB), which serves as the primary agency for disseminating information on behalf of the Indian government. It was established in Shimla in June 1919 as the Central Publicity Board

