

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – SEPTEMBER 2, 2023

INTERNATIONAL

➤ Hindu Heritage Month

- ✓ In a significant move, 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.



- ✓ This proclamation aligns Georgia with several other states across the United States that have taken similar steps to honor and commemorate Hindu heritage, culture, values, and traditions.
- ✓ Georgia joins a growing list of states that have recognized the importance of Hindu heritage and culture.

ECONOMY

➤ Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Gets Navratna Status

- ✓ The Department of Public Enterprise (DPE) conferred 'Navratna Status' upon Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers (RCF).



- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Prior to this, the company had attained 'Miniratna Status' from the Department of Public Enterprise.
- ✓ Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers Ltd. (RCF) is an Indian government-owned enterprise headquartered in Mumbai, primarily engaged in the production of chemicals and fertilizers.

➤ **India's August GST Collection Surges to 1.59 Trillion**

- ✓ In August, India witnessed a notable surge in Goods and Services Tax (GST) collection, amounting to 1.59 trillion, signifying an 11% increase compared to the same period last year.



- ✓ This impressive growth can be attributed to enhanced compliance and anti-evasion measures put in place.
- ✓ The moderation in collection is primarily attributed to subdued growth in integrated GST (IGST) and the cess on imports, which increased by only 3% in August.
- ✓ Importantly, both imports and IGST collections have experienced fluctuations in recent months.

APPOINTMENT

- **Tharman Shanmugaratnam**

- ✓ Tharman Shanmugaratnam, an economist of Indian origin, emerged victorious in Singapore's recent Presidential election, marking the country's first competitive presidential race since 2011.



- ✓ In this election, Tharman Shanmugaratnam secured a significant mandate with 70.4% of the votes, defeating his two Chinese-origin opponents, Ng Kok Song and Tan Kin Lian, who garnered 15.7% and 13.88% of the votes, respectively.

AWARDS

- **World Innovation Award**
- ✓ Shanta Thoutam honoured with World Innovation Award at BRICS Innovation Forum



- ✓ Telangana's Chief Innovation Officer (CIO) Shanta Thoutam has been presented with the World Innovation Award at the first BRICS Innovation Forum hosted at Moscow from August 27 to 29.
- ✓ The award is given for outstanding contribution to the Sustainable Development Goal-4 that ensures inclusive and equitable quality education and promotes lifelong opportunities for all.
- ✓ There were representations from more than 30 countries at the forum.

PERSONALITIES

- **Mrs. Universe India 2023**

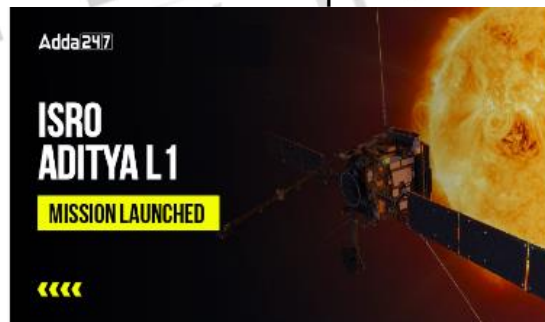
- ✓ The 8th Edition of Mrs India She is India 2023 was co-powered by Zulfeyn and held in New Delhi from 27th to 30th August 2023.



- ✓ Madhuri Patle from Nagpur, Maharashtra won the title and will represent India at the forthcoming Mrs Universe pageant in Manila, Philippines.
- ✓ Shivani Bagadia was the 1st Runner Up and Aishwarya Deshmukh was the 2nd Runner Up.

SCIENCE, ENVIRONMENT & TECHNOLOGY

- **ISRO Aditya L1 Mission Launched**
- ✓ ISRO Aditya L1 mission was launched successfully on September 2, 2023 at 11:50 AM IST from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, India.



- ✓ The mission is India's first dedicated solar mission and will study the Sun's atmosphere, including the chromosphere and corona.
- ✓ The Aditya L1 spacecraft is a **1.5-ton satellite** that is equipped with seven payloads.
- ✓ The spacecraft will be placed in a halo orbit around the Sun-Earth Lagrange Point 1 (L1), which is located about **1.5 million kilometers from Earth**.
- ✓ The Aditya L1 mission is expected to last for five years. During this time, it will collect valuable data about the Sun that will help scientists to better understand its behavior and its impact on Earth.

SPORTS

➤ **Danielle McGahey**

- ✓ Danielle McGahey of Canada will become the first transgender to participate in an international match.



- ✓ She will play the match during a regional qualifying tournament for the 2024 Women's T20 World Cup in Bangladesh.
- ✓ She has been selected in Canada's women's team for the qualifying tournament. She has fulfilled the eligibility criteria of the International Cricket Council (ICC) for male-to-female transgender players.
- ✓ According to the rules of ICC, trans women wishing to play women's international cricket must have the concentration of testosterone in their serum less than 5 nmol/l (nanomole per litre) continuously for least 12 months.

IMPORTANT DAY

➤ **World Coconut Day: September 02**

- ✓ World Coconut Day is celebrated every year on September 2 to promote the importance of coconuts in various aspects of life.



- ✓ The day also aims to raise awareness about the benefits of coconut cultivation and consumption.
- ✓ The day was first celebrated in 2009 by the Asian and Pacific Coconut Community (APCC).
- ✓ The theme for World Coconut Day 2023 is 'Coconuts: Transforming Lives'.

