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World Coconut Day 2023

Every year, World Coconut Day is celebrated on September 2. The day is celebrated to understand the benefits of this fruit and promote awareness. In India, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala, West Bengal and Andhra Pradesh are the main states that grow coconuts.

“NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL NEWS”

Tharman Shanmugaratnam Wins Singapore Presidential Election

In a significant political development, Indian-origin economist Tharman Shanmugaratnam has emerged victorious in Singapore’s presidential election. This victory is especially noteworthy as it comes after a gap of ten years, marking the country’s first contested presidential polls since 2011.

Georgia Declares October as ‘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.

R Madhavan Nominated as President of FTII Pune

Renowned actor R Madhavan has been nominated as the new President of the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII), Pune. Additionally, he will serve as the Chairman of the governing council of FTII. Madhavan’s nomination follows the recent success of his film, ‘Rocketry: The Nambi Effect,’ which earned national recognition. The film secured the prestigious Best Feature Film award during the 69th National Film Awards.

Manish Desai Takes Charge of Press Information Bureau (PIB)

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has made significant appointments, including the transfer of Manish Desai, the Central Bureau of Communications (CBC) chief, to lead the Press Information Bureau (PIB).

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. The other two nominees in the category were Fernando Padula Novaes, Municipal Minister of Education of Sao Paulo in Brazil and Saif Al-Hiddabi, Undersecretary of Research and Innovation at Ministry of Higher Education, Research, and Innovation in Oman.

Tripura to set up pink toilets for women

The Tripura government has initiated efforts to install pink toilets for women in urban areas. The number of self-help groups (SHGs) has risen from over 4,000 in 2018 to 50,000 in 2022. We will set up pink toilets for women in urban areas and an outlay (for it) has been earmarked in the budget. The government has also thirty-three percent reservation for women in government jobs. 50 percent reservation for them to operate shops in government shopping complexes are some of the steps taken toward women empowerment. The state government has adopted a zero-tolerance policy on drug trafficking and infiltration.

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Umesh Revankar appointed as chairman of FIDC

The Finance Industry Development Council (FIDC) has appointed Umesh Revankar as its new chairman. FIDC is the representative body for asset and loan financing of Non-Banking Finance Companies (NBFCs). The managing committee elected Revankar unanimously during a meeting held in Mumbai. He currently holds the position of executive vice chairman for Shriram Finance and has decades of experience and expertise in the financial services industry. He played a pivotal role in making Shriram Transport Finance Company the largest commercial vehicle financier in India.

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