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<p>Important Days: World Tourism Day 2024</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recently, World Tourism Day 2024 was celebrated on September 27. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This day is observed annually to emphasize the importance of tourism in promoting economic growth, fostering social connections, and celebrating cultural exchanges. In 2024, Georgia will serve as the host country for World Tourism Day. Theme for 2024: "Tourism and Peace".
<p>Places in news: Thimamma Marrima</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the context of World Tourism Day, the forest and tourism departments have reviewed unfriendly conditions in this place. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 660-year-old Banyan tree, known as 'Thimamma Marrimanu,' spans 3.24 hectares and is located in Edurudona panchayat, Kadiri mandal, Sri Sathya Sai district, serving as a source of pride for the region. The botanical marvel had been recorded in the Guinness Book of World Records way back in 1989. Thimamma Marrimanu' got its name from a legend of Thimamma couple, who was known to be pious.
<p>SIT</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Andhra government has established a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to investigate ghee adulteration. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SIT stands for Special Investigation Team. It is specially appointed under court order during urgent emergency situations. SIT can be brought by special order from Parliament to cooperate with existing state police and investigate a case Suo Moto. This special investigation can be done by the Station House Officer or any police officer, not below the rank of inspector.
<p>Coastal Development with Environmental Protection</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "The State government fast-tracked coastal development



while protecting the environment,” stated Municipal Administration and Urban Development Minister Dr. Ponguru Narayana.

Key Points:

- The two-day conference on **‘Techno-Traditional Knowledge for Eco-Sensitive Coastal Settlement Planning’** drew experts, architects, and planners from across the country to address climate challenges affecting the coastal region.
- It is also home to major cities like **Visakhapatnam and Kakinada, forming part of the Visakhapatnam–Chennai Industrial Corridor**, which drives economic growth.

Places in news: Gandikota

Why in news?

- Elaborate arrangements have been made at Gandikota for the World Tourism Day celebrations.

Key Points:

- Known as the **“Indian Grand Canyon”** due to its striking **resemblance to the Grand Canyon in the U.S.**, Gandikota is one of the most notable tourist destinations in the district.
- Visitors are drawn to its many historical landmarks, including the **Charminar, Madhavaraya Swamy Temple, Jumma Masjid, Rani Mahal, and the stunning Pennar Gorge.**
- The site boasts a **5-acre fort complex with temples, palaces, and reservoirs**, yet its international potential remains untapped.



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